NOTICE

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SUBJ: OpSpec C381, Special Instrument and RNAV Visual Flight Procedures

1. Purpose of This Notice. This notice provides revised guidance for Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) offices and inspectors with oversight responsibility for operators conducting airplane operations under Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 129. This notice amends Operations Specification (OpSpec) C381, Special Instrument and RNAV Visual Flight Procedures.

2. Audience. The primary audience for this notice is International Field Offices (IFO), principal operations inspectors (POI), principal maintenance inspectors (PMI), and principal avionics inspectors (PAI) with oversight responsibility for operators issued OpSpecs under part 129. The secondary audience includes Flight Standards District Offices (FSDO) and Flight Standards (AFS) branches and divisions in the regions and in headquarters (HQ).

3. Where You Can Find This Notice. You can find this notice on the MyFAA employee website at https://employees.faa.gov/tools_resources/orders_notices. Inspectors can access this notice through the Flight Standards Information Management System (FSIMS) at http://fsims.avs.faa.gov. Operators can find this notice on the FAA's website at http://fsims.faa.gov. This notice is available to the public at http://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/orders_notices.

4. Explanation of Policy Changes. The International Programs and Policy Division (AFS-50), together with the Flight Technologies and Procedures Division (AFS-400), has amended OpSpec C381 and related inspector guidance for part 129 as follows:

a. OpSpec C381:

- Added Area Navigation (RNAV) Visual Flight Procedures (RVFP);
- Amended Table 1, Authorized Airports, Procedures, and Aircraft (see Appendix A, Sample OpSpec C381, Special Instrument and RNAV Visual Flight Procedures: 14 CFR Part 129, for details); and
- Added a subparagraph on additional authorizations that may be required.

Note: Instructions for populating Table 1 and a job aid for processing C381 request(s) have been added under the Guidance tab in the Web-based Operations Safety System (WebOPSS).

b. FAA Order 8900.1. Updated guidance for OpSpec amendment to include exceptions for when HQ concurrence is not required and a flowchart.

5. Guidance. This notice contains the sample OpSpec C381 template in Appendix A, which applies to part 129.

6. Action. This is a mandatory change affecting principal inspectors (PI) with responsibility for the issuance, amendment, and oversight of OpSpecs for part 129. PIs must reissue or issue OpSpec C381 for each of their part 129 operators within 1 year of the effective date of this notice if the PI has previously issued to the operator either:

- OpSpec C381, or
- A letter of authorization (LOA) for an RVFP.

7. Disposition. We will incorporate the information in this notice into Order 8900.1 before this notice expires. Direct questions concerning the information in this notice to the International Operations Branch (AFS-52) at 202-267-0962 and the Performance-Based Flight Systems Branch (AFS-470) at 202-267-8806.



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Appendix A. Sample OpSpec C381, Special Instrument and RNAV Visual Flight Procedures: 14 CFR Part 129

a. The foreign carrier is authorized to conduct special IAP, departure procedure (DP), Standard Terminal Arrival (STAR), and RNAV Visual Flight Procedure (RVFP) operations, provided the operation is conducted in accordance with the limitations and provisions in the procedures described in this operations specification.

b. The foreign air carrier is authorized to conduct special non-14 CFR part 97 instrument and RVFP operations on the listed procedures and airports, provided the operation is conducted in accordance with the limitations and provisions.

Table 1 – Authorized Airports, Procedures, and Aircraft

Airport Identifier Name, City, State	Procedure Name, ORIG or AMDT NO.	Airport State	Aircraft M/M/S	Limitations and Provisions

c. Additional Authorizations.

(1) The foreign operator should be authorized C052, Straight-In Nonprecision, APV, and Category I Precision Approach and Landing Minima—All Airports, to accomplish the same "type" of approach, other than RVFP and RNP Authorization Required (AR), authorized in C381.

(2) Unless FAA headquarters (HQ) concurrence was received to the contrary, the foreign operator must be issued C384 if an RNP AR-like special procedure, normally titled RNAV (RNP), is authorized in C381. The authorization in C384 must contain the "lowest RNP" and "additional aircraft capabilities" meeting the requirements of the special procedure.

(3) Operations Specifications C063, IFR RNAV 1 Departure Procedures (DP) and Standard Terminal Arrivals (STAR)—U.S. Airports; C077, Terminal Flight Rules Limitations and Provisions; and/or C080, Terminal Area IFR Operations in Class G Airspace and at Airports Without an Operating Control Tower, may be required.

d. Special Limitations or Provisions. The foreign air carrier shall not conduct any operation authorized by this operations specification paragraph, unless the foreign air carrier's training program provides training in the equipment and special procedures to be used, and the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) responsible for oversight of the carrier has approved or accepted the special procedures.