NOTICE

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SUBJ: Inspector Requirements—Part 91 LOAs Based Solely Outside the U.S.

1. Purpose of This Notice. This notice announces the addition of a new section to guidance in Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Order 8900.1, Volume 12, International Aviation. The new section adds inspector requirements associated with the issuance of certain Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 91 Letters of Authorization (LOA) to General Aviation (GA) airmen/operators operating U.S-registered aircraft based solely outside the United States.

2. Audience. The primary audience for this notice is International Field Offices (IFO). The secondary audience includes the Safety Standards and Foundational Business offices.

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 https://fsims.avs.faa.gov. Operators can find this notice on the FAA's website at https://fsims.faa.gov. This notice is available to the public at https://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/orders_notices.

4. Explanation of Policy Changes. The International Program Division, together with the Flight Technologies and Procedures Division, has transitioned the approval of certain part 91 LOAs to the IFO PI level.

5. IFO Inspector Requirements.

a. General. All IFO PIs (i.e., Operations, Maintenance, and Avionics specialties) should take the Oceanic and International Operations Course 21000088 and participate in telecons and other remote meetings established to keep up with the current state, issues, and updates to those LOAs. IFO PIs in coordination with their Front Line Manager(s) (FLM) or manager will assist each other/share resources as needed. IFOs will incorporate the Flight Operations Group criteria tailored to the part 91 LOAs listed below for use by new PIs at a location accessible and visible to their PIs. If there are any questions, IFO managers may contact the International Operations Branch. Familiarization with this criteria will be recorded in the Program Tracking and Reporting Subsystem (PTRS) or any other system that supersedes it (e.g., Safety Assurance System (SAS)) using code 1024 (see subparagraph d below for details).

b. LOAs B036, B039, and B054. IFO PIs who have met the minimum criteria established by the International Program Division, together with the Flight Technologies and Procedures Division, to issue LOAs B036, Oceanic and Remote Continental Navigation Using Multiple Long-Range Navigation Systems (LRNS); B039, Operations in North Atlantic High Level Airspace (NAT HLA); and B054, Oceanic RNP 10 Operations Using a Single Long-Range Navigation System, at the PI level and have the knowledge and experience to conduct the review at the PI level, may issue those LOAs at the IFO PI level. See subparagraph d below for details. Each IFO will store this criteria at a location accessible and visible to IFO PIs. If there are any questions, IFO managers may contact the International Operations Branch.

c. LOA A056. IFO PIs who have met the minimum criteria established by the International Program Division, together with the Flight Technologies and Procedures Division, to issue LOA A056, Data Link Communications, at the IFO PI level and have received inspector approval via memo from International Program Division management may issue LOA A056 at the IFO PI level.

d. PTRS/SAS Activity Code 1024. In the Comment section of each record, the following items need to be identified:

(1) Name of the person conducting the familiarization.

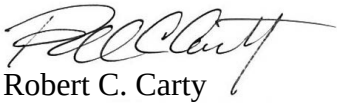
(2) LOA numbers.

(3) Familiarization stage completion (I, II, III). Stage III completion will mark that the PI who received the familiarization has the knowledge and experience to conduct the review at their level.

e. Area Washington (AWA) Next Generation Air Transportation System (NextGen) Tracker and Superseding Systems. IFO PIs who have satisfactorily completed familiarization training do not need to upload applications to the AWA NextGen tracker or any other system that supersedes it (e.g., the Operations Approval Portal System (OAPS)) if the upload would cause a delay in processing the application(s). IFO PIs whose operators have submitted application via OAPS or another system will need to process the application via OAPS or any superseding system. IFO must maintain records in accordance with record retention requirements. Once OAPS is available, IFOs should encourage their operators to submit applications via OAPS.

6. Action. All IFOs must follow this revised guidance.

7. Disposition. We will incorporate the information in this notice into Volume 12, Chapter 3, Section 8 before this notice expires. The Flight Technologies and Procedures Division will incorporate a reference to Volume 12 in Volume 4, Chapter 1, Section 2. Direct questions or comments concerning the information in this notice to the International Program Division, International Operations Branch at 202-267-0962.



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