



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

**NOTICE
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SUBJ: SPECIAL PROVISIONS ON WAIVERS FOR AVIATION EVENTS

1. PURPOSE. This notice provides Flight Standards District Offices (FSDO) with updated guidance regarding special provisions for waivers not listed on the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) employees' air show Web site.

2. DISTRIBUTION. This notice is distributed to the division level in the Flight Standards Service in Washington headquarters; to the branch level in the regional Flight Standards divisions; to the FSDOs; and to the Regulatory Standards Division at the Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center. This notice is also distributed electronically to the division level in the Flight Standards Service in Washington headquarters and to all regional Flight Standards divisions and district offices. This information is also available on the FAA's Web site at http://www.faa.gov/library/manuals/examiners_inspectors/8700/notices/.

3. BACKGROUND. Change 31 to FAA Order 8700.1, General Aviation Operations Inspector's Handbook, included revisions to Volume 2, Chapter 49, Issue a Certificate of Waiver or Authorization for an Aviation Event. Some of those changes included new considerations concerning energy toward the crowd and the publication of a list of special provisions for aviation events approved by the FAA National Air Show Coordinator on the FAA employee air show Web site, <http://employees.faa.gov/org/linebusiness/avs/afs/afs800/airshows/>. The special provisions are designed to standardize waivers for aviation events nationally. However, some FSDOs have modified or drafted their own special waiver provisions rather than use those special provisions published in Change 31 to the maximum extent possible. These nonstandard special provisions may conflict with the approved special provisions or cause confusion in the waiver process without adding significantly to the safety of the event. This lack of standardization has created problems for event inspector-in-charge, event organizers, and performers.

4. ACTION. FSDO managers, due to a unique situation in their district, have the authority to add special provisions to waivers that are not on the list of special provisions provided by the FAA National Air Show Coordinator on the air show Web site. FSDO managers should continue to issue only pertinent special provisions and make minor adjustments to the listed special provisions for local conditions. However, effective immediately, other than ATC coordination instructions, FSDOs must get the concurrence of the Regional Air Show Coordinator or National Air Show Coordinator to add any special provision not listed on the air show Web site.

5. DISPOSITION. The guidance in this notice will be incorporated in a future change to Order 8700.1. Direct any questions concerning this notice to the General Aviation and Commercial Division, AFS-800, at (202) 267-8212.

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