

NOTICE

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SUBJ: OpSpecs C384 for Part 129

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 the Operations Specification (OpSpec) C384, RNP SAAAR—Area Navigation (RNAV) Required Navigation Performance (RNP) Instrument Approach Procedures with Special Aircraft and Aircrew Authorization Required (SAAAR), part 129 templates.

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 (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 Web site 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>. Air carriers (Operators) can find this notice on the FAA's Web site 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) have amended OpSpec C384 for part 129.

a. OpSpec C384. The OpSpec has been amended as follows:

(1) Harmonized terminology with International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). Deleted RNP SAAAR and inserted RNP AR (Area Navigation Required Navigation Performance Authorization Required).

(2) Inspector guidance was deleted.

(3) Deleted requirements covered by ICAO Annex 6, Part I to include 3.1.4, 4.2.1, 9.3.1, 9.4.3.5 a), 9.4.3.5 b), Attachment E (1.2, 3.3), and 10.3.

(4) The table has been revised as follows:

- Added an additional column (“Additional Aircraft Capabilities”) with dropdowns.
- Added two additional dropdowns for the Limitations column. (“Not authorized to use temperature compensation system.” “Not authorized procedures with missed approaches requiring RNP less than 1.0.”).
- Split the Navigation System column into two (one for make, model, and series (M/M/S) and one for Software Version).

b. FAA Order 8900.1. The inspector guidance for part 129 was amended as follows:

(1) Added:

- Regulatory basis.
- Acceptable criteria to the FAA.
- Radius to Fix (RF) leg capability requirement on all operators who want to conduct RNP AR in U.S. airspace.
- ICAO Annex 6 references to include those deleted from OpSpec.
- ICAO Doc 9613 paragraph 7.2 reference confidence in RNP AR approvals when issued by a foreign state.
- Clarification chart terminology. All U.S. RNP SAAAR charts are updated as they are amended to the new terminology of RNP AR.

(2) Harmonized terminology with ICAO. Specifically, deleted RNP SAAAR and inserted RNP AR (Area Navigation Required Navigation Performance Authorization Required).

- Amended FAA acceptance of aircraft qualification and operational documentation and added relevant ICAO references in ICAO Doc 9613 and 9905.
- HQ approval for FAA reorganization. (IFOs reporting directly to AFS-50.)

(3) Clarified requirements applicable to foreign operators operating in U.S. airspace.

(4) Deleted repetitions.

(5) Moved direction for populating the OpSpec into a job aid to be located under the guidance button in Web-based Operations Safety System (WebOPSS) for OpSpec C384.

5. Action. This is a mandatory change affecting principal inspectors (PI) with responsibility for the issuance, amendment, and oversight of OpSpecs for part 129. If previously issued, PIs must reissue OpSpec C384. This action must be accomplished within 180 calendar-days of the effective date of this notice.

6. Disposition. We will incorporate the information in this notice into FAA Order 8900.1 before this notice expires. Please direct any questions or comments concerning the information in this notice to the International Operations Branch (AFS-52) at 202-267-0962.

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**Appendix A. Sample OpSpec C384, RNP AR—Area Navigation (RNAV) Required
Navigation Performance (RNP) Authorization Required (AR): 14 CFR Part 129**

a. Authorization. The foreign air carrier is authorized to conduct operations using 14 CFR part 97 RNP AR using the aircraft and area navigation systems listed in Table 1.

Table 1 – Aircraft and Navigation Systems Eligible for RNP AR

Aircraft M/M/S	Navigation System		Limitations	Autopilot Coupled or Flight Director Required	Lowest RNP	Additional Aircraft Capabilities
	M/M/S	Software Version				