

NOTICE

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SUBJ: Utilization and Maintenance of OpSpec/MSpec/LOA B450

- 1. Purpose of This Notice.** This notice provides guidance to principal operations inspectors (POI) on the importance of properly maintaining their Operations Specification (OpSpec)/Management Specification (MSpec)/Letter of Authorization (LOA) B450, Sensitive International Areas.
- 2. Audience.** The primary audience for this notice is Flight Standards District Office (FSDO) and certificate management office (CMO) POIs. The secondary audience includes Flight Standards branches and divisions in the regions and in headquarters (HQ).
- 3. Where You Can Find This Notice.** This notice can be found 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>. Operators can find this notice on the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Web site at <http://fsims.faa.gov>. This notice is available to the public at http://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/orders_notices.
- 4. Background.** In consideration of world events, it is important that the FAA be aware of each operator's intent to conduct operations in sensitive areas. Unfortunately, operators have not always maintained their OpSpec/MSpec/LOA B450, and therefore some of the needed information is neither current nor complete.
- 5. Discussion.** To be useful, OpSpec/MSpec/LOA B450 must be accurate for two reasons:
 - So that operators can receive time-critical warnings, flight prohibitions, or Notices to Airmen (NOTAM) which may affect them; and
 - To facilitate informed decisionmaking at HQ regarding the potential for flight prohibitions or limitations.
- 6. Action.**
 - a. Reference.** The current edition of FAA Order 8900.1, Volume 3, Chapter 18, Section 4, Part B Operations Specifications, OpSpec/MSpec/LOA B450, Sensitive International Areas, recommends that program managers and operators consult their schedule every 3 months, and compare it with the FAA's Prohibitions, Restrictions, and Notices list of countries, and whenever

OpSpec/MSpec B050, Authorized Areas of En Route Operations, Limitations, and Provisions, is modified, in order to ensure that B450 is accurate. This notice is a reminder to POIs to ensure that B450 fully reflects their operator's flight activity.

b. Review of B450. POIs must review OpSpec/MSpec/LOA B450 guidance to help ensure that their operator's B450 is properly completed. Automatic notification of changes to the list of countries is available by subscribing to GovDelivery updates at:
https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USAFAA/subscriber/new?topic_id=USAFAA_467.

7. Disposition. We will not incorporate the information in this notice into Order 8900.1. Direct questions regarding OpSpec/MSpec/LOA B450 and/or operations in sensitive areas to the Part 121 Air Carrier Operations Branch (AFS-220) at (202) 267-8166.

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