

NOTICE

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SUBJ: OpSpec/MSpec/TSpec/LOA A447, Emergency Airworthiness Directive Notification

1. Purpose of This Notice. This notice provides revised guidance for Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) certificate-holding district offices (CHDO), International Field Offices (IFO), and principal inspectors (PI) assigned to owners, operators, and agencies conducting aircraft operations under Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) parts 91 subpart K (part 91K), 121, 121/135, 125, 125M, 129, 133, 135, 137, and 142. This notice amends and standardizes all A447, Emergency Airworthiness Directive Notification, templates for owners/operators/agencies conducting aircraft operations under parts 121, 121/135, 125, 125M, and 129 (both the part 129 and the part 129, § 129.14 set of the Web-based Operations Safety System (WebOPSS) templates). Templates for parts 91K, 133, 135, 137, and 142 will be decommissioned. This is a mandatory change to operations specification (OpSpec)/management specification (MSpec)/training specification (TSpec)/letter of authorization (LOA) A447.

2. Audience. The primary audience for this notice is FAA CHDOs, IFOs, and PIs assigned to owners/operators/agencies conducting aircraft operations under parts 91K, 121, 121/135, 125, 125M, 129, 133, 135, 137, and 142; and the FAA Aircraft Certification Service (AIR). The secondary audience includes Flight Standards Service (AFS) divisions and branches 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>. Operators can find this notice on the FAA's Web site at <http://fsims.faa.gov>. The public can find this notice at http://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/orders_notices.

4. Background. The Aircraft Certification Service, Continued Operational Safety Policy Section (AIR-141) uses OpSpec/MSpec/TSpec/LOA A447 to provide direct notification of emergency Airworthiness Directives (AD) to operators. For air carriers/operators of transport category aircraft conducting operations under parts 121, 121/135, 125, 125M, and 129, the FAA is changing the required method of notification from facsimile to email. The air carrier/operator will confirm receipt of an emergency AD by replying to the email message. OpSpec/MSpec/TSpec A447 will no longer be issued to owners, operators, and agencies conducting aircraft operations under parts 91K, 133, 135, 137, and 142. These certificate holders

will continue to receive emergency ADs via the United States Postal Service (USPS). A reply is not required.

5. Guidance. This notice contains the following:

- The sample OpSpec A447 template in Appendix A applies to part 121.
- The sample OpSpec A447 template in Appendix B applies to part 121/135.
- The sample OpSpec A447 template in Appendix C applies to part 125.
- The sample LOA A447 template in Appendix D applies to part 125M (certificate holders granted a Letter of Deviation Authority (A125 LODA) authorizing deviation from the requirement to hold a certificate and OpSpecs required by 14 CFR part 119, § 119.23 and part 125, § 125.5, and listed in the WebOPSS part 125M database).
- The sample OpSpec A447 template in Appendix E applies to part 129.
- The sample OpSpec A447 template in Appendix F applies to § 129.14.

6. Action. This is a mandatory amendment, with a compliance date of 180 days from the HQ Control Date of the templates in WebOPSS or the date indicated by the A447 expiration date in WebOPSS. PIs should:

a. Review the revised guidance and the most current WebOPSS User Manual for issuance of OpSpec/MSpec/TSpec/LOA A447 and provide this notice to the operators for whom they are responsible, alerting them to updated operating procedures.

b. Archive OpSpec/MSpec/TSpec A447 issued to an air carrier, operator, or agency conducting aircraft operations under parts 91K, 133, 135, 137, and 142.

c. Review the completeness and accuracy of the WebOPSS Maintain Operator Data > Airworthiness Directive Notification information for each assigned part 121, 121/135, 125, 125M, and 129 air carrier/operator. Select the row of the “Person/Organization” and click the “Edit” button to review/edit the AD notification form. This information will be used to populate OpSpec/LOA A447. An owner/operator may assign several people and/or organizations to receive ADs; however, only one may be assigned as the responsible party. Check the “International” box if the owner/operator is located outside the United States or its holdings. Populate and/or validate the required AD notification fields, including the “Responsible Party’s E-mail Address.” Emergency ADs will be sent to the responsible party’s email address.

d. Populate OpSpec/LOA A447 and issue it to each applicable part 121, 121/135, 125, 125M, and 129 air carrier/operator. The owner/operator is not required to sign A447.

7. Disposition. Direct questions concerning the AD notification process to AIR-141 at 405-954-4103 or rgl@faa.gov.

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**Appendix A. Sample OpSpec A447, Emergency Airworthiness Directive
Notification: 14 CFR Part 121**

- a. For each aircraft identified in paragraph D085 of these operations specifications, the certificate holder is primarily responsible for maintaining that aircraft in an Airworthy condition, as required by 14 CFR part 91, § 91.403(a). Operations specification A447 establishes the certificate holder’s emergency Airworthiness Directive (AD) notification and receipt requirements for transport category aircraft.
- b. The FAA Aircraft Certification Service (AIR) distributes emergency ADs that affect transport category aircraft by email. The following person/organization is designated as the certificate holder’s AD Notification Representative for notice of emergency ADs:

Table 1 – Designated Person/Organization for Emergency AD Notification

Person/Organization Name	Phone Number (24-hour when possible)	Emergency AD Email Address

- c. The certificate holder will confirm receipt of an emergency AD by replying to the email message.
- d. To maintain the currency of this operations specification, if any of the information contained in Table 1 above changes, the certificate holder must amend the operations specification in accordance with 14 CFR part 119, § 119.51(c).

**Appendix B. Sample OpSpec A447, Emergency Airworthiness Directive
Notification: 14 CFR Part 121/135**

- a. For each aircraft identified in paragraph D085 of these operations specifications, the certificate holder is primarily responsible for maintaining that aircraft in an Airworthy condition, as required by 14 CFR part 91, § 91.403(a). Operations specification A447 establishes the certificate holder’s emergency Airworthiness Directive (AD) notification and receipt requirements for transport category aircraft.
- b. The FAA Aircraft Certification Service (AIR) distributes emergency ADs that affect transport category aircraft by email. The following person/organization is designated as the certificate holder’s AD Notification Representative for notice of emergency ADs:

Table 1 – Designated Person/Organization for Emergency AD Notification

Person/Organization Name	Phone Number (24-hour when possible)	Emergency AD Email Address

- c. The certificate holder will confirm receipt of an emergency AD by replying to the email message.
- d. To maintain the currency of this operations specification, if any of the information contained in Table 1 above changes, the certificate holder must amend the operations specification in accordance with 14 CFR part 119, § 119.51(c).

**Appendix C. Sample OpSpec A447, Emergency Airworthiness Directive
Notification: 14 CFR Part 125**

- a. For each aircraft identified in paragraph D085 of these operations specifications, the certificate holder is primarily responsible for maintaining that aircraft in an Airworthy condition, as required by 14 CFR part 91, § 91.403(a). Operations specification A447 establishes the certificate holder’s emergency Airworthiness Directive (AD) notification and receipt requirements for transport category aircraft.
- b. The FAA Aircraft Certification Service (AIR) distributes emergency ADs that affect transport category aircraft by email. The following person/organization is designated as the certificate holder’s AD Notification Representative for notice of emergency ADs:

Table 1 – Designated Person/Organization for Emergency AD Notification

Person/Organization Name	Phone Number (24-hour when possible)	Emergency AD Email Address

- c. The certificate holder will confirm receipt of an emergency AD by replying to the email message.
- d. To maintain the currency of this operations specification, if any of the information contained in Table 1 above changes, the certificate holder must amend the operations specification in accordance with 14 CFR part 125, § 125.35(b).

**Appendix D. Sample LOA A447, Emergency Airworthiness Directive Notification:
14 CFR Part 125M**

Letter of Authorization

1. For each aircraft identified in the operator/company’s letter of authorization (LOA) D085, the operator/company is primarily responsible for maintaining that aircraft in an Airworthy condition, as required by 14 CFR part 91, § 91.403(a). LOA A447 establishes the operator/company’s emergency Airworthiness Directive (AD) notification and receipt requirements for transport category aircraft.
2. The FAA Aircraft Certification Service (AIR) distributes emergency ADs that affect transport category aircraft by email. The following person/organization is designated as the operator/company’s AD Notification Representative for notice of emergency ADs:

Table 1 – Designated Person/Organization for Emergency AD Notification

Person/Organization Name	Phone Number (24-hour when possible)	Emergency AD Email Address

3. The operator/company will confirm receipt of an emergency AD by replying to the email message.
4. To maintain the currency of this LOA, if any of the information contained in Table 1 above changes, the operator/company must amend the LOA in accordance with 14 CFR part 125, § 125.35(b).

**Appendix E. Sample OpSpec A447, Emergency Airworthiness Directive
Notification for U.S.-Registered Transport Category Aircraft: 14 CFR Part 129**

- a. For each U.S.-registered aircraft identified in paragraph D085 of these operations specifications, the foreign air carrier is primarily responsible for maintaining that aircraft in an Airworthy condition, as required by 14 CFR part 91, § 91.403(a). Operations specification A447 establishes the foreign air carrier’s emergency Airworthiness Directive (AD) notification and receipt requirements for transport category aircraft.
- b. The FAA Aircraft Certification Service (AIR) distributes emergency ADs that affect transport category aircraft by email. The following person/organization is designated as the foreign air carrier’s AD Notification Representative for notice of emergency ADs:

Table 1 – Designated Person/Organization for Emergency AD Notification

Person/Organization Name	Phone Number (24-hour when possible)	Emergency AD Email Address

- c. The foreign air carrier will confirm receipt of an emergency AD by replying to the email message.
- d. To maintain the currency of this operations specification, if any of the information contained in Table 1 above changes, the foreign air carrier must amend the operations specification in accordance with 14 CFR part 129, § 129.11(d).

**Appendix F. Sample OpSpec A447, Emergency Airworthiness Directive
Notification for U.S.-Registered Transport Category Aircraft: 14 CFR
Part 129, § 129.14**

- a. For each U.S.-registered aircraft identified in paragraph D085 of these operations specifications, the foreign air carrier or foreign person is primarily responsible for maintaining that aircraft in an Airworthy condition, as required by 14 CFR part 91, § 91.403(a). Operations specification A447 establishes the foreign air carrier or foreign person’s emergency Airworthiness Directive (AD) notification and receipt requirements for transport category aircraft.
- b. The FAA Aircraft Certification Service (AIR) distributes emergency ADs that affect transport category aircraft by email. The following person/organization is designated as the foreign air carrier or foreign person’s AD Notification Representative for notice of emergency ADs:

Table 1 – Designated Person/Organization for Emergency AD Notification

Person/Organization Name	Phone Number (24-hour when possible)	Emergency AD Email Address

- c. The foreign air carrier or foreign person will confirm receipt of an emergency AD by replying to the email message.
- d. To maintain the currency of this operations specification, if any of the information contained in Table 1 above changes, the foreign air carrier or foreign person must amend the operations specification in accordance with 14 CFR part 129, § 129.11(d).