

NOTICE

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

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SUBJ: OpSpec/MSpec/LOA D485, Aging Airplane Inspection and Records Review

1. Purpose of This Notice. This notice provides revised guidance for Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) certificate-holding district offices (CHDO), certificate management offices (CMO), and principal inspectors (PI) assigned to operators conducting operations under Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) parts 121, 135, 121/135, 129, and § 129.14. This notice cancels all Operations Specification (OpSpec) D485 templates for operators conducting airplane operations under parts 121, 135, 121/135, 129, and § 129.14. This is a mandatory change to OpSpec D485.

2. Audience. The primary audience for this notice is FAA CHDOs and PIs assigned to operators conducting airplane operations under parts 121, 135, 121/135, 129, and § 129.14. 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 purpose of the Aging Airplane data collection OpSpec D485 was to track initial compliance to the Aging Airplane inspections and records review rules, and furnish reports to Congress. Initial compliance of the oldest airplanes have been completed and Congress no longer requires OpSpec D485 information. The continued requirement to comply with this data collection OpSpec utilizes FAA and industry resources with no added value. Therefore, it has been determined to cancel all associated OpSpec D485 templates, associated Order 8900.1 guidance, and associated advisory circular (AC) guidance. Order 8900.1, Volume 3, Chapter 18, Section 6, OpSpec D485, Aging Airplane Inspection and Records Review, is no longer necessary and will be cancelled. Order 8900.1, Volume 6, Chapter 11, Section 14, Conducting Records Reviews and Aircraft Inspections Mandated by the Aging Airplane Rules for Parts 121, 129 and 135, has been revised to delete paragraph 6-2494 and its reference to OpSpec D485. The update of AC 120-84, Aging Aircraft Inspections and Record Reviews, deletes subparagraph 6f(2), Air Carrier's Operations Specifications (OpSpecs).

5. Guidance. This notice announces the decommissioning of the following OpSpec templates:

- OpSpec D485 as it applies to part 121.
- OpSpec D485 as it applies to part 135.
- OpSpec D485 as it applies to part 121/135.
- OpSpec D485 as it applies to part 129.
- OpSpec D485 as it applies to § 129.14.

6. Action. PIs should provide this notice to the operators for whom they are responsible, alerting them to updated operating procedures. PIs should archive any issued D485 OpSpecs in Web-based Operations Safety System (WebOPSS), effective immediately.

7. Disposition. We will incorporate the information in this notice into FAA Order 8900.1, Flight Standards Information Management System (FSIMS), before this notice expires. Direct questions concerning the information in this notice to the Aircraft Maintenance Division (AFS-300) at 202-267-1675.

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