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SUBJ: FLIGHT STANDARDS SERVICE ORGANIZATIONAL HANDBOOK

- 1. PURPOSE.** This change transmits revised pages to Chapter 3, Air Transportation Division, AFS-200, and to Chapter 9, General Aviation and Commercial Division, AFS-800.
- 2. DISTRIBUTION.** This change is distributed to the branch level in Washington headquarters Flight Standards Service; to all regional Flight Standards divisions; and to all supervisors in the Flight Standards field offices.
- 3. EXPLANATION OF CHANGES.**
 - a.** The Commuter, On Demand, and Training Center Branch, AFS-250, is established. This branch is a new organizational element, which will develop, implement, and manage all aspects of part 142 training centers and part 135 operations and training (excluding subpart J).
 - b.** The General Aviation and Commercial Division, AFS-800, roles and responsibilities have been realigned to incorporate part 91, subpart K (fractional ownership) and public use operations. Part 142 training center responsibilities have been transferred to AFS-200, and light sport pilot policy and support will be the responsibility of the Regulatory Support Division, AFS-600.
- 4. DISPOSITION OF TRANSMITTAL.** This transmittal is to be **RETAINED AND FILED IN THE BACK OF THIS HANDBOOK** until it is superseded by a new basic order.

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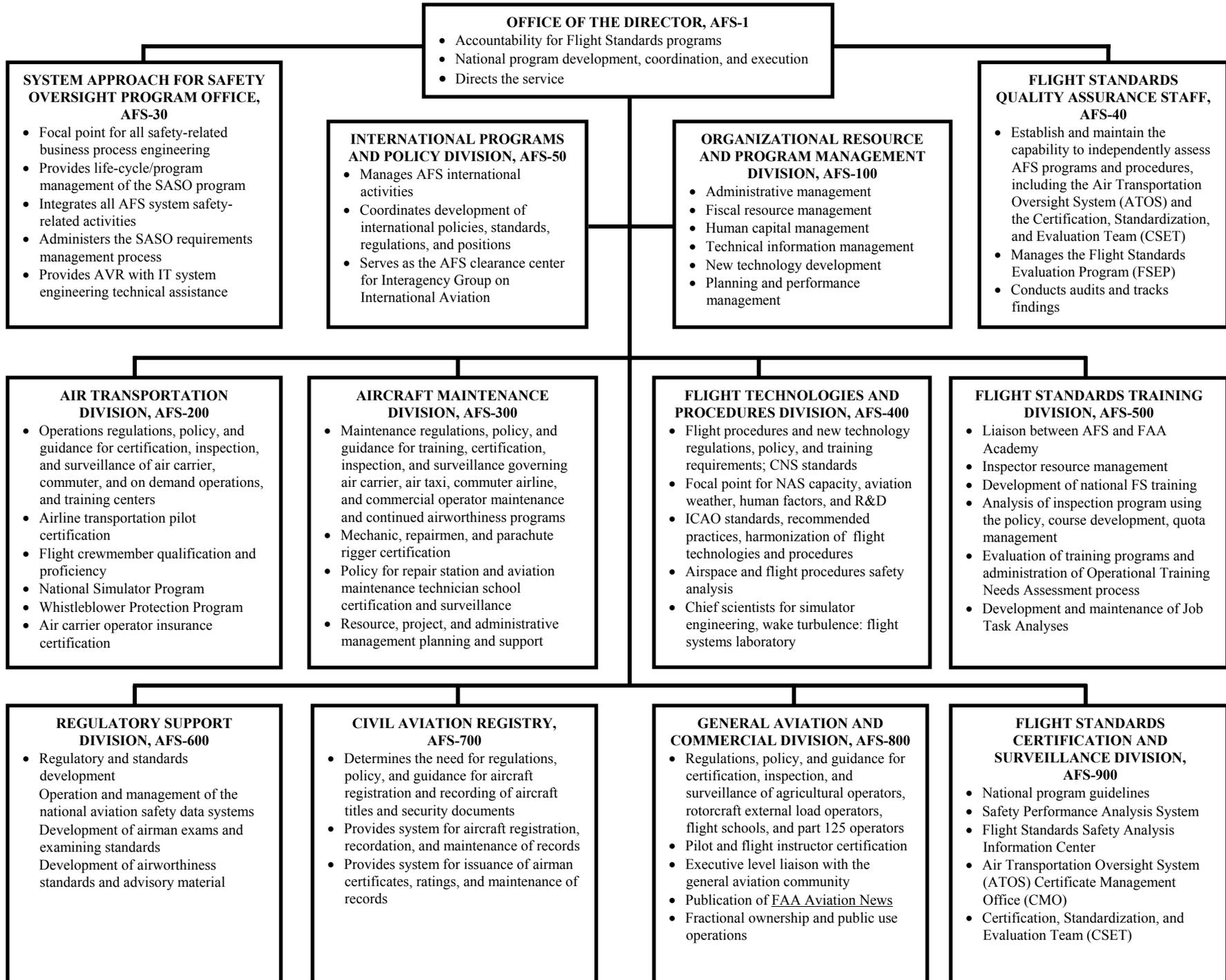
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FIGURE 1-1. FLIGHT STANDARDS SERVICE FUNCTIONAL ORGANIZATION CHART



CHAPTER 3. AIR TRANSPORTATION DIVISION, AFS-200

300. AIR TRANSPORTATION DIVISION. The Air Transportation Division:

a. Is responsible for regulations and policy recommendations governing certification and operations aspects of air carriers and commercial operators of large aircraft (private carriers operating for compensation or hire); air agencies (aircraft dispatcher, flight engineer, and flight navigator-approved schools); and air carrier airmen (airline transport pilots, aircraft dispatchers, flight engineers, and flight navigators). This division is also responsible for management and oversight of the National Simulator Program (NSP) and air carrier insurance certification function.

b. With respect to the foregoing, the division:

(1) Develops and recommends national policies, standards, systems, procedures, and program plans.

(2) Determines the need for, justifies, and formulates new or amended CFR's, supplementary regulatory material and grants or denials of exemption petitions; participates in regulatory review programs; and develops operations specifications.

(3) Advises the Director, the Associate Administrator, and other principal officials, and serves as a point of contact for the aviation community on matters in related program areas which are appropriate to the national level.

(4) Participates in the analysis and evaluation of the field execution of programs.

(5) Determines the need for and recommends research and development projects.

(6) Guides and assists the other divisions, the regions, and other elements of the agency in the conduct of the related programs; provides guidance on applying agency policies, standards, and procedures pertaining to current safety issues.

(7) Develops, coordinates, and issues national directives to provide technical guidance on policies and procedures.

(8) Develops operating requirements and technical standards.

(9) Initiates, recommends, and coordinates actions to resolve safety problems resulting from accidents, incidents.

c. Assigns projects (other than rulemaking) with recommended priorities and provides technical and policy guidance to ensure the technical adequacy of related program activities performed by the Regulatory Support Division.

d. Develops, coordinates, and recommends career development programs to ensure organizational competency for employees in the division.

e. Oversees development and maintenance of aircraft simulator and flight training device qualification standards and criteria.

301. NATIONAL SIMULATOR PROGRAM. The National Simulator Program is under the direct line authority of the Air Transportation Division. The Southern Region Flight Standards Division is the principal domicile for the NSP. The NSP is responsible for setting criteria and standards for qualification and the conduct of evaluations for aircraft simulators. The NSP is also responsible for initial and recurrent evaluations of flight training devices (FTD) at the more complex levels. The NSP also designates simulator evaluation specialists to serve as operations members and active participants on FSB and the FOEB. The NSP manager:

- a. Plans, directs, and controls the activities of the NSP.
- b. Reports to the Manager, Air Transportation Division and serves as the national focal point for all matters pertaining to the functions and responsibilities of the NSP.
- c. Develops and administers all policy matters, directives, and advisory material relating to aircraft simulator and flight training device standards for evaluation and qualification.
- d. Recommends and initiates rulemaking projects related to simulators and FTD's.

302. WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION PROGRAM (WBPP). The Whistleblower Protection Program, AFS-200W, is under the direct line authority of the Air Transportation Division. The program manager is responsible for developing national policy, interagency procedures between FAA and the Department of Labor/Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), and providing guidance for investigations of air carrier whistleblower safety and security complaints. These procedures will set forth a process for coordinating and supporting enforcement of 49 U.S.C. section 42121. The WBPP manager:

- a. Is the agency's liaison to the Department of Labor and OSHA on all matters concerning the FAA Air Carrier WBPP and the joint FAA/OSHA Aviation Safety and Health Program.
- b. Reviews, coordinates, and assigns whistleblower safety complaints received from employees of air carriers, air carrier contractors, and air carrier subcontractors.
- c. Manages the FAA's WBPP Hotline.
- d. Is responsible for implementation of memorandums of understandings with OSHA.
- e. Is jointly responsible for directing the activities of the FAA/OSHA Aviation Safety and Health Program and its team, producing joint agency reports, implementing the requirements of the FAA/OSHA Memorandum of Understanding, making recommendations concerning aviation safety and health issues to the heads of each agency, and the development of interagency procedures for resolving jurisdictional issues between the two agencies involving aviation industry employees.

303. AIR CARRIER TRAINING BRANCH. The Air Carrier Training Branch is the principal element of the Air Transportation Division with respect to managing, directing, planning, organizing, coordinating, developing, and evaluating national standards, national policies and procedures, relating to 14 CFR parts 121 and 135 training and qualification for crewmembers, aircraft dispatchers, and certain other operations personnel, in addition to evaluating current regulations, and assisting with the development of new regulations and amendments, thereto,

- a.** Develops and recommends national policies related to the voluntary safety programs listed above and the associated training, qualification, and certification requirements for crewmembers, aircraft dispatchers, and certain other operations personnel. Writes advisory circulars, handbook chapters, and related guidance materials as required to promulgate current information to the field and the public on assigned programs. Maintains the content of FAA web sites for assigned programs.
- b.** Serves as the office of primary responsibility for the development of new regulations or amendments to existing regulations pertaining to assigned programs.
- c.** Plans, directs, controls, and evaluates these programs, as well as other programs as assigned.
- d.** Develops, coordinates, and implements guidance materials for innovations in applicable training and safety programs.
- e.** Designs, develops, implements, and operates electronic data acquisition systems pertinent to the collection, analysis, distribution of safety related data obtained by participants in assigned programs.
- f.** Receives data from both ground based training/checking activities and airborne line operations. Conducts analysis of such data to validate air operations personnel proficiency requirements, training and qualification program effectiveness, and associated regulatory provisions. Establishes data driven quality control procedures for the qualification and certification of crewmembers, dispatchers and certain other operations personnel. Distributes data and reports to FAA field offices and program participants.
- g.** Identifies pilot training and air transportation human factors research requirements, prepares necessary initiating documentation, coordinates project implementation, and provides technical oversight of in-house studies, contracts, and grants for pilot training and air transportation human factors research. Interfaces directly with FAA and other research and development organizations, as required to perform such functions.
- h.** Recommends and evaluates new technology for use in aviation training and voluntary safety programs.
- i.** Develops and evaluates new performance measurement methodologies for the proficiency assessment of crewmembers, dispatchers and certain other operations personnel.
- j.** Provides technical assistance to FAA field offices and airlines for the implementation of assigned safety programs and air carrier training and qualification program policies, standards, procedures, and regulations.
- k.** Interfaces, as required, with AFS field organizations having direct oversight responsibilities for program participants, in order to coordinate and monitor compliance with program requirements.
- l.** Conducts liaison activities with airline industry and labor representatives as required for the effective implementation of assigned programs.

m. Sponsors and conducts periodic conferences and seminars to educate industry, labor, and the public on current developments in assigned programs.

306. COMMUTER, ON DEMAND, AND TRAINING CENTER BRANCH. This branch, AFS-250, is the principal element of the Air Transportation Division with respect to managing, directing, planning, organizing, coordinating, developing, evaluating national standards and national policies, and processing or amending rules or exemptions related to part 142 training centers and part 135 operations and training (excluding subpart J). The branch is responsible for the following:

a. Determines the need for, proves justification, and assists in developing new regulations and amendments within the functional areas described above.

b. Provides technical guidance and policies on part 142 training center matters.

c. Provides policy guidance concerning use of foreign aeronautical information publications by part 135 operators and air carriers.

d. Functions as the division focal point for ICAO operational and training issues related to parts 135 and 142.

e. Develops standard operations specifications (OpSpecs) for part 119 and part 135 operators, and training specifications for part 142 training centers.

f. Develops guidelines within its assigned program areas.

g. Analyzes and evaluates the effectiveness of division policy in assigned program areas.

h. Meets and coordinates with the aviation community on matters within its areas of responsibility.

i. Provides operational guidance support for the implementation of certification, operations, and surveillance policy, and regulations pertaining to part 135 operators and part 142 training centers.

j. Provides project specialists to participate as team leaders in developing and processing the division's rulemaking projects, and as team members for other FAA regulatory elements.

k. Conducts technical evaluations for exemptions, OpSpecs, and training specifications in response to petitions by industry, the public, and certificated persons.

l. Monitors division activities so proper operational considerations are included in new and amended rules and exemption projects.

m. Prioritizes division regulatory activities for timely completion of division and FAA commitments and industry needs.

n. Participates in the development of ACs, bulletins, notices, safety alerts for operators, and orders pertaining to part 135 air transportation functions and part 142 training functions.

o. Consults with and advises district offices and regions concerning the operational aspects of new or amended rules and exemptions related to assigned program areas.

p. Serves as the coordination point for all branch regulatory activities with the Office of Rulemaking (ARM), AGC, and other FAA elements.

q. Represents the division in international meetings to further U.S. interests and to develop international standards and recommended practices pertaining to part 135 and part 142 concerns.

r. Develops part 135 training and qualification policy for crewmembers and other operations personnel.

s. Determines the need for and justification of the development of new Commercial Pilot and Airline Transport Pilot certificates, and ratings pertaining to part 135 operations.

t. Determines the need for and justification of the development of new ground instructor and flight instructor certification regulations pertaining to part 142 training.

u. Develops policy for part 135 air carrier and air operator flight simulation device applications and for the use of Air Agency training assets under contractual arrangement.

v. Analyzes and evaluates the effectiveness of division policy in assigned program areas.

307. PROGRAM MANAGEMENT BRANCH. The Program Management branch is the principal element of the Air Transportation Division with respect to the management of division automation and the project management program. It is responsible for the following functions:

a. Flight Operations Evaluation Policy Board (FOEPB). Administers the board's functions in developing policy for the minimum equipment list (MEL) program.

b. Master Minimum Equipment List (MMEL). Administers the program for the development of lists of equipment and instruments that may be inoperative on U.S.-registered airplanes and helicopters. Develops policy for the MMEL program by coordinating with the AEG, operators, maintenance personnel, and industry group.

c. MEL. Provides direction through handbooks/manuals on approval of MEL's and the administration of the MEL program. Administers the program for the development of lists of equipment and instruments that may be inoperative on U.S.-registered airplanes and helicopters.

d. FSB. Establishes policy and administers the program for the FSB in developing training requirements for new aircraft to be operated by U.S. operators.

e. FOEB. Establishes policy for the FOEB in the development of MEL's for aircraft.

f. Extended Range Operations With Two-Engine Airplanes (ETOPS). Establishes policy and gives direction on administering the ETOP's program as the AFS focal point for all ETOPS approval. Develops policy related to ETOPS, and coordinates with industry through Air Transport Association of America (ATA) ETOPS subcommittee. Provides support to Joint Aviation Authorities (JAA) ETOPS working group on identified harmonization issues.

g. Early Extended Range Operations With Two-Engine Airplanes (E-ETOPS). Serves as the division representative on Reliability Assessment Board to assess and approve E-ETOPS operational approval.

h. Joint Aviation Authorities. Serves as FAA coordinator for AFS on Harmonization Management Team (HMT) and Operations Harmonization Group (OHG). Serves as FAA coordinator on harmonization issues concerning flightcrew licensing.

i. Safety and Compliance Program. Coordinates and advises DOT concerning the safety and compliance disposition of air carrier operators, commuters, and domestic air carriers with regard to gaining initial economic authority to serve in air transportation. Advises on safety and compliance matters concerning foreign air carriers who operate in the United States.

j. National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB). Analyzes recommendations and prepares required response to the NTSB concerning their findings following an accident investigation.

k. FAA Safety Recommendation. Responds to field office's recommendations and takes appropriate action.

l. Airman Certification And Rating Application (ACRA). The development of the automated ACRA to provide an automated means of collecting and validating information results in the issuance of an airman certificate.

m. Automated Operations Specifications Subsystem (OPSS). The re-engineering and modernization of the automated OPSS for development and issuance of an air carrier's OpSpecs as the final step in the certification process.

(1) Functions as the Flight Standards' focal point for all OpSpecs issues.

(2) Develops policy related to OpSpecs, coordinates with industry through appropriate working group and policy divisions, and facilitates the dissemination of changes and reference materials.

(3) Provides support to OpSpecs working group on identified harmonization issues. Coordinates with regional division managers, district office managers, principal inspectors, and industry to ensure standardization, compatibility, adequacy, and operational acceptability for standard and nonstandard paragraph policy issues.

(4) Analyzes, coordinates, and responds to all nonstandard paragraph issues. Provides written and oral recommendations for conversion of a nonstandard paragraph to a standard paragraph.

(5) Provides support to inspectors, divisions, and branches in the area of the automated OPSS.

n. Information Bulletin Board System (BBS). Maintains and ensures current information is available on the computer bulletin board and on the above programs with regards to policy and regulatory matters for air carrier operations, commuter, and general aviation.

308. thru 311. RESERVED

CHAPTER 9. GENERAL AVIATION AND COMMERCIAL DIVISION, AFS-800

900. GENERAL AVIATION AND COMMERCIAL DIVISION. The General Aviation and Commercial Division is:

a. Responsible for regulations and policy recommendations governing the certification, inspection, and surveillance of general aviation airmen (pilots and flight instructors), general aviation air agencies (pilot schools), commercial operations (rotorcraft external load, agricultural, corporate, and industrial operators), part 125 operators (including travel clubs), part 91, subpart K (fractional ownership), and public use operations. The division is the focal point for the aviation community at the national level on matters pertaining to general aviation affairs and sport aviation (excluding light sport pilot).

b. With respect to the foregoing, the division:

(1) Develops and recommends national policies, standards, systems, procedures, and program plans.

(2) Determines the need for, justifies, and formulates new or amended regulations and supplementary regulatory material; participates in regulatory review programs; recommends grants or denials of exemptions; and develops operations specifications.

(3) Advises the Director, Associate Administrator, and other principal officials, and serves as a central point of contact for the public and the aviation community on matters appropriate to the national level.

(4) Participates in the analysis and evaluation of field execution of programs.

(5) Determines the need for, and recommends research and development projects.

(6) Guides and assists the other divisions, the regions, and other elements of the agency in the implementation and conduct of related programs, and provides guidance on applying agency policies, standards, and procedures pertaining to safety issues.

(7) Develops, coordinates, and issues national directives to provide technical guidance on policies and procedures.

(8) Recommends, initiates, and coordinates regulatory and policy actions to resolve safety problems resulting from accidents, incidents, or other sources.

c. WITHDRAWN—CHG 22.

d. WITHDRAWN—CHG 22.

e. Provides liaison between FAA and other offices for general aviation issues regarding airspace rules, air carrier interface, pilot certification, human factors, and other vital topics.

f. Facilitates and coordinates concerns of the aviation community to assure general aviation views are considered in air traffic rules and aviation safety regulatory actions.

g. Develops, coordinates, and recommends career development programs to ensure organizational competence for employees of this division.

901. PLANS AND PROGRAMS BRANCH. This branch, AFS-805, is the principal element responsible for strategic and tactical planning, fiscal and human resource management, program management and analysis, information management, and general administrative management of the division. The branch:

a. Provides advice, counsel, and program support to the Division Manager and other members of the division's management team on management systems, processes, procedures, principles, and methodologies; strategic and tactical planning; matrix and participative management; and program analysis, evaluation, success metrics, and quality assurance measures.

b. Develops and implements division policies, programs, processes, and procedures governing administrative, fiscal, and human resource management.

c. In accordance with established FAA administrative policies and procedures, provides administrative management support for the division's management team for correspondence control and general paperwork management, contract management, general office services, and logistical support.

d. Monitors and reports on the progress of responses for White House Report, Congressional requests for action, requests under the Freedom of Information Act, and the Government Performance and Results Act.

e. Monitors the Cost Accounting System/Labor Distribution Reporting activities for the division.

f. Manages the production of all division publications. This includes *FAA Aviation News*, Order 8700.1, General Aviation Operations Inspector's Handbook, safety pamphlets, advisory circulars, and bulletins/notices. The branch responds to requests from the Director, Flight Standards Service, to provide design and photographic support for various publications.

g. Acts as the division focal point for matters pertaining to ISO 9000 issues.

902. CERTIFICATION AND GENERAL AVIATION OPERATIONS BRANCH. This branch, AFS-810, is the principal element of the division concerning the certification and training of airmen (pilots, ground, and flight instructors) under part 61 and the operational aspects of part 91 (except for air traffic and aircraft maintenance rules) as pertaining to sport/recreational/personal operations (excluding light sport aircraft), and operations under parts 101, 103, and 105. With respect to this, the branch:

a. Ensures the initiation of appropriate corrective actions concerning FAA's regulations/policies, procedures, standards, and operating practices as a result of reviewing investigations and hearings resulting from general aviation accidents, incidents, and violations.

b. Advises the Director, Associate Administrator, and other officials on advanced flight training, general aviation management systems, and flight training standards. The branch is responsible for the development and implementation of standards, policies, and procedures.

c. Participates on the Flight Operations Evaluation Board (FOEB) and Flight Standardization Board (FSB).

d. Provides technical advice and oversight of airshows and other aviation events.

- e. Provides technical advice, support, and recommendations on the training needs and development of training programs for field inspectors.
- f. Ensures inclusion of Flight Standards' programs, goals, and objectives in the development, review, and recommendation of policy and procedures with respect to Designated Pilot Examiners (DPE) and Knowledge Test Examiners who serve the general aviation community.
- g. Reviews airmen examinations, knowledge and practical test standards, and other educational materials prepared by the Regulatory Support Division, AFS-600.
- h. Develops program requirements, technical guidance, and policies for Flight Instructor Refresher Clinics (FIRC), including the monitoring of these clinics by FAA personnel.
- i. Develops program requirements, technical guidance, policies, standards, and approvals for Aviation Training Device (ATD) levels 1 through 3, Personal Computer-Based ATDs (PCATD) and new and emerging advanced technology digital simulation devices used in general aviation in both parts 61 and 141 pilot schools.
- j. Analyzes NTSB Safety Recommendations and prepares required responses on its findings following an accident investigation.
- k. Responds to FAA Safety Recommendations from field offices and takes proper action.
- l. Advises the Associate Administrator for Aviation Safety, the Director, Flight Standards Service, and AFS-800 management on matters pertaining to the National Airshow Program and aviation events. In addition to advisement responsibilities, the branch is responsible for establishing rules, technical guidance, policies, and approvals on national airshow matters and aviation events.
- m. Provides program management for the development and deployment of the Airman Certificate and/or Rating Application (ACRA)/Integrated ACRA (IACRA) automated airman application program.
- n. Provides program management oversight and is responsible for developing policy for the National Designated Pilot Examiner Registry (NDPER) program.
- o. Serves as the chairperson of the National Examiner Board (NEB).
- p. Drafts and reviews applicable chapters of Order 8700.1, General Aviation Operations Inspector's Handbook, for the training and certification of airmen (pilots, ground and flight instructors, and pilot schools).
- q. Drafts and reviews changes to Order 8710.3, Designated Pilot and Flight Engineer Examiner's Handbook.
- r. Develops standards, policies, and procedures examining and appointing private persons to be representatives of the Administrator under the provisions of 49 U.S.C., section 44702 with respect to the certification of airmen (excluding medical and ATC operators), and manages the NEB.

903. COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS BRANCH. This branch, AFS-820, is the principal element of the division with respect to the operational aspects of part 91 (except for air traffic and aircraft maintenance rules) as pertains to commercial operations, part 91, subpart K (fractional ownership) and public use operations, parts 125, 133, and 137. With respect to this, the branch:

- a. Ensures the initiation of appropriate corrective actions concerning FAA policies, procedures, standards, and operating practices, as a result of reviewing investigations and hearings resulting from general aviation accidents, incidents, and violations.
- b. Participates on the Flight Operations Evaluation Board (FOEB) and Flight Standardization Board (FSB).
- c. WITHDRAWN—CHG 23.
- d. Analyzes NTSB Safety Recommendations and prepares required responses on its findings following an accident investigation.
- e. Responds to FAA Safety Recommendations from field offices and takes proper action.
- f. Develops and carries out division policy pertaining to the Master Minimum Equipment List (MMEL) program for parts 91 and 125 operators.
- g. Evaluates training for general aviation operations inspectors.
- h. Leads the Rotorcraft Task Force and Vertical Flight Committee.
- i. Drafts and reviews applicable chapters of Order 8700.1, General Aviation Operations Inspector's Handbook, for operations under part 91 (except for air traffic and aircraft maintenance rules), part 91 subpart K, 101, 103, 105, 125, 133, and 137.
- j. Reviews airmen examinations, knowledge and practical test standards, and other educational material prepared by the Regulatory Support Division, AFS-600.

904. thru 909. RESERVED