

Safety Attribute Inspection (SAI) Data Collection Tool
7.1.5 Chief Pilot (OP)

ELEMENT SUMMARY INFORMATION

Purpose of this Element (certificate holder's responsibility):

- To ensure the certificate holder's system contains the qualifications, duties, responsibilities, and the authority necessary so that the individual serving as the Chief Pilot (or equivalent) may discharge those duties in a manner that ensures the highest degree of safety in the certificate holder's operations.

Objective (FAA oversight):

- To determine if the certificate holder's Chief Pilot position meets all applicable requirements of Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) and FAA policies.
- To determine if the certificate holder's Chief Pilot position incorporates the safety attributes.
- To identify any shortfalls in the certificate holder's Chief Pilot position.

Specific Instructions:

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Specific Regulatory Requirements (SRRs):

- SRRs:
 - 119.43(b)
 - 119.43(b)(1)
 - 119.43(b)(2)
 - 119.43(c)
 - 119.65(a)(3)
 - 119.65(b)
 - 119.65(c)
 - 119.65(d)(1)
 - 119.65(d)(2)
 - 119.65(d)(2)(i)
 - 119.65(d)(2)(ii)
 - 119.65(d)(2)(iii)
 - 119.65(d)(2)(iv)
 - 119.65(d)(2)(v)
 - 119.65(d)(3)
 - 119.65(e)(1)
 - 119.65(e)(2)
 - 119.65(e)(3)
 - 119.67(b)
 - 119.67(b)(1)
 - 119.67(b)(2)
 - 121.135(a)(1)
 - 121.135(b)(1)
 - 121.135(b)(3)

- SRRs:
A.006

Related CFRs & FAA Policy/Guidance:

- Related CFRs:
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- FAA Policy/Guidance:
FAA Order 8900.1, Volume 2, Chapter 3
FAA Order 8900.1, Volume 3, Chapter 18
FAA Order 8900.1, Volume 3, Chapter 28

SAI Section 1 - Procedures Attribute

Objective: Procedures, instructions, and information are documented methods for accomplishing a process. The certificate holder's policies should establish their compliance posture. Policies may be stand-alone statements, or they may be imbedded within procedures, instructions, or information regarding a particular regulatory requirement. The questions in this section of the data collection tool (DCT) are designed to assist the inspector in determining if the certificate holder has documented or prescribed methods of accomplishing the process requirements that provide answers to the associated questions regarding who, what, when, where, and how. This section contains policy questions, procedural questions, and instructional or informational questions pertaining to various types of certificate holder requirements such as actions, prohibitions, or resources (i.e., personnel, facilities, equipment, technical data, etc.).

Tasks

	To meet this objective, the inspector must accomplish the following tasks:
1.	Review the information listed in the Supplemental Information section of this DCT.
2.	Review the certificate holder's policies, duties, responsibilities, and the authority of the Chief Pilot (or equivalent) to ensure that they contain information on who, what, when, where, and how (as appropriate).

Questions

	To meet this objective, the inspector must answer the following questions:	
1.	Does the certificate holder's system state the qualifications, duties, responsibilities, and authority of the Chief Pilot (or equivalent):	
1.1.	<p>Does the certificate holder's manual contain a general policy on staffing the Chief Pilot (or equivalent) position that complies with the SRRs? SRRs: 119.65(a)(3); 119.65(c); 121.135(b)(1); 119.65(b); A.006</p> <p><i>Related Design JTIs:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Check that the Certificate Holder's manual contains general policy for a qualified person to serve full time in the position or equivalent position of Chief Pilot. <i>Sources:</i> 119.65(a)(3); 121.135(b)(1) <i>Interfaces:</i> 2.1.1(AW); 2.1.1(OP) 2. Check that the Certificate Holder's manual contains a general policy that requires that Chief Pilot be listed by title on paragraph A006 of the operations specifications. <i>Sources:</i> 119.65(c); 121.135(b)(1) <i>Interfaces:</i> 2.1.1(AW); 2.1.1(OP) 	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, Explain
1.2.	<p>Does the certificate holder's manual reference the appropriate Federal Aviation Regulations listed in the Supplemental Information section of this safety attribute inspection (SAI)? SRRs: 121.135(b)(3)</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, Explain
1.3.	<p>Does the certificate holder's manual state, in its general policy provisions, the duties, responsibilities, and authority of the Chief Pilot (or equivalent) position? SRRs: 119.65(e)(1)</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, Explain

1.4.	Does the certificate holder's manual include instructions and information for personnel to meet the requirements of this element? SRRs: 121.135(a)(1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, Explain
1.5.	Does the certificate holder's system provide that the individual who serves as the Chief Pilot (or equivalent) must be qualified through training, experience, and expertise? SRRs: 119.65(d)(1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, Explain
1.6.	Do the qualifications contained in the certificate holder's system require the Chief Pilot (or equivalent) to:	
1.6.1	Hold an airline transport pilot certificate? SRRs: 119.67(b) <i>Related Design JTIs:</i> 1. Check that the Certificate Holder's manual includes instructions and information that the Chief Pilot must hold an Airline Transport Pilot certificate with appropriate ratings for at least one of the airplanes used in the Certificate Holder's operation <i>Sources:</i> 119.67(b); 121.135(a)(1) <i>Interfaces:</i> 2.1.1(AW); 2.1.1(OP)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, Explain
1.6.2	In the case of a person becoming a Chief Pilot for the first time ever, have at least three years experience, within the past six years, as pilot in command (PIC) of a large airplane operated under 14 CFR part 121 or part 135? SRRs: 119.67(b)(1) <i>Related Design JTIs:</i> 1. Check that the Certificate Holder's manual includes instructions and information that, in the case of a person becoming a Chief Pilot for the first time ever, have at least 3 years experience, within the past 6 years, as pilot in command of a large airplane operated under part 121 or part 135 of this chapter, if the certificate holder operates large airplanes. If the certificate holder uses only small airplanes in its operation, the experience may be obtained in either large or small airplanes. <i>Sources:</i> 119.67(b)(1); 121.135(a)(1) <i>Interfaces:</i> 2.1.1(AW); 2.1.1(OP)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, Explain <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable
1.6.3	In the case of a person with previous experience as a Chief Pilot, have at least three years experience as PIC of a large aircraft operated under 14 CFR part 121 or part 135? SRRs: 119.67(b)(2) <i>Related Design JTIs:</i> 1. Check that the Certificate Holder's manual includes instructions and information that, in the case of a person with previous experience as a Chief Pilot, have at least 3 years experience, as pilot in command of a large airplane operated under part 121 or part 135 of this chapter, if the certificate holder operates large airplanes. If the certificate holder uses only small airplanes in its operation, the experience may be obtained in either large or small airplanes. <i>Sources:</i> 119.67(b)(2); 121.135(a)(1) <i>Interfaces:</i> 2.1.1(AW); 2.1.1(OP)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, Explain <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable

1.7.	Does the certificate holder's system provide that the individual who serves in the Chief Pilot (or equivalent) position must, to the extent of his or her responsibilities, have a full understanding of the following materials with respect to the certificate holder's operation: SRRs: 119.65(d)(2)	
1.7.1	Aviation safety standards and safe operating practices? SRRs: 119.65(d)(2)(i)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, Explain
1.7.2	14 CFR, chapter 1 (Federal Aviation Regulations)? SRRs: 119.65(d)(2)(ii)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, Explain
1.7.3	The certificate holder's operations specifications? SRRs: 119.65(d)(2)(iii)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, Explain
1.7.4	All appropriate maintenance and airworthiness requirements of 14 CFR (e.g., parts 1, 21, 23, 25, 43, 45, 47, 65, 91, and 121)? SRRs: 119.65(d)(2)(iv)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, Explain
1.7.5	The certificate holder's manual required by 14 CFR part 121, section 121.133? SRRs: 119.65(d)(2)(v)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, Explain
1.8.	Does the certificate holder's system provide that the Chief Pilot (or equivalent) must discharge his or her duties to meet the applicable legal requirements and to maintain safe operations? SRRs: 119.65(d)(3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, Explain
1.9.	Does the certificate holder's manual contain the name and business address for the Chief Pilot (or equivalent)? SRRs: 119.65(e)(2); A.006	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, Explain
1.10.	Does the certificate holder's system direct the appropriate management personnel to notify the certificate-holding district office within 10 days of any change to or the vacancy of the Chief Pilot (or equivalent) position? SRRs: 119.65(e)(3) <i>Related Design JTIs:</i> 1. Check that the Certificate Holder's manual includes information and instructions specifying how to notify the certificate holding district office within 10 days of a change in personnel or a vacancy in the Chief Pilot position. <i>Sources:</i> 119.65(e)(3); 121.135(a)(1) <i>Interfaces:</i> 2.1.1(AW); 2.1.1(OP)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, Explain
1.11.	Does the certificate holder s manual contain the required references to, or excerpts from, the operations specifications listed in the Supplemental Information section of this safety attribute inspection (SAI)? SRRs: 119.43(b)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, Explain
1.12.	If the certificate holder's manual includes excerpts from its operations specifications, are the excerpts clearly identified as part of the operations specifications? SRRs: 119.43(b)(1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, Explain <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable
1.13.	Does the certificate holder s manual require compliance with operations specifications listed in the Supplemental Information section of this safety attribute inspection (SAI)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, Explain

	SRRs: 119.43(b)(2)	
1.14.	Does the certificate holder s system contain a method for keeping all persons engaged in its operations informed of the provisions of the operations specifications listed in the Supplemental Information section of this safety attribute inspection (SAI)? SRRs: 119.43(c)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, Explain
1.15.	Does the certificate holder's system address the guidance contained in FAA Order 8900.1, Volume 2, Chapter 3?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, Explain
1.16.	Does the certificate holder's system address the guidance contained in FAA Order 8900.1, Volume 3, Chapter 18, Section 3?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, Explain

SAI Section 1 - Procedures Attribute Drop-Down Menu	
1.	No procedures, policy, instructions or information specified.
2.	Procedures or instructions and information do not identify (who, what, when, where, how).
3.	Procedures, policy or instructions and information do not comply with CFR.
4.	Procedures, policy or instructions and information do not comply with FAA policy and guidance.
5.	Procedures, policy or instructions and information do not comply with other documentation (e.g., manufacturer's data, Jeppesen's Charts, etc.).
6.	Procedures, policy or instructions and information unclear or incomplete.
7.	Documentation quality (e.g., unreadable or illegible).
8.	Procedures, policy or instructions and information inconsistent across Certificate Holder manuals (FOM - Flight Operations Manual to GMM - General Maintenance Manual, etc.).
9.	Procedures, policy or instructions and information inconsistent across media (e.g., paper, microfiche, electronic).
10.	Resource requirements incomplete (personnel, facilities, equipment, technical data).
11.	Other.

SAI Section 2 - Controls Attribute

Objective: Controls are checks and restraints designed into a process to ensure a desired result. The questions in this section of the DCT are designed to assist the inspector in determining if checks and restraints are designed into the process to ensure the desired result is achieved. Controls should be written into the system to ensure that the most important policies, procedures, or instructions and information will be followed.

Controls may be in the form of administrative controls, which are secondary or supplemental written procedures. Like written procedures, administrative controls also need to provide answers to questions regarding who, what, when, where, and how. Controls may also be in the form of engineered controls, such as automated features or mechanical actions or devices (i.e., safety devices, warning devices, etc.).

Tasks

To meet this objective, the inspector must accomplish the following tasks:

1. Review the control questions below.
2. Review the certificate holder's policies, duties, responsibilities, and the authority of the Chief Pilot (or equivalent) position.

Questions

	To meet this objective, the inspector must answer the following questions:	
1.	Are the following controls established for the Chief Pilot (or equivalent):	
1.1.	Is there a control in place to ensure that the Chief Pilot (or equivalent) position is occupied?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, Explain
1.2.	Is there a control in place to ensure that the Chief Pilot (or equivalent) meets the qualifications as stated in 14 CFR part 119, sections 119.65 and 119.67, and in the certificate holder's manual?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, Explain
1.3.	Is there a control in place to ensure the Chief Pilot (or equivalent) performs the duties of the position full time?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, Explain
2.	Does the certificate holder have a documented method for assessing the impact of any change made to the controls for the Chief Pilot (or equivalent) position?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, Explain

SAI Section 2 - Controls Attribute Drop-Down Menu	
1.	No controls specified.
2.	Documentation for the controls do not identify (who, what, when, where, how).
3.	Controls incomplete.
4.	Controls could be circumvented.
5.	Controls could be unenforceable.
6.	Resource requirements incomplete (personnel, facilities, equipment, technical data).
7.	Other.

SAI Section 3 - Process Measurement Attribute

Objective: Process measurements are used by the certificate holder to measure and assess its processes, to identify and correct problems or potential problems, and to make improvements to the processes. The questions in this section of the DCT are designed to assist the inspector in determining if the certificate holder measures or assesses information to identify, analyze, and document potential problems with the process. Process measurements are a certificate holder's internal evaluation or auditing of the most important policies, procedures, or instructions and information associated with an element.

To prevent the duplication of work, process measurements are most commonly addressed through a combination of auditing features contained in both the certificate holder's safety program/internal evaluation program (for operations and cabin safety-related issues) and the auditing function of the Continuous Analysis and Surveillance System (for airworthiness or maintenance/inspection-related issues). The director of safety and the quality assurance department often work together to accomplish this function for the certificate holder. This approach requires amendment of the safety program/internal evaluation program audit forms or checklists and the Continuous Analysis and Surveillance System audit forms or checklists to include the specific process measurements for each element.

Tasks

	To meet this objective, the inspector must accomplish the following tasks:
1.	Review the process measurement questions below.
2.	Review the certificate holder's policies, duties, responsibilities, and the authority of the Chief Pilot (or equivalent) position.

Questions

	To meet this objective, the inspector must answer the following questions:	
1.	Does the certificate holder's system include the following process measurements for the Chief Pilot (or equivalent):	
1.1.	Process measurements that would reveal if the certificate holder does not fill the Chief Pilot (or equivalent) position?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, Explain
1.2.	Process measurements that would reveal if the certificate holder assigned an individual as the Chief Pilot (or equivalent) who did not meet the qualifications as stated in 14 CFR part 119, sections 119.65 and 119.67, and the certificate holder's manual?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, Explain
1.3.	Process measurements that would reveal if the certificate holder failed to ensure that the Chief Pilot (or equivalent) satisfactorily fulfilled the duties of the position full time?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, Explain

SAI Section 3 - Process Measurement Attribute Drop-Down Menu
1. No process measurements specified.
2. Documentation for the process measurements does not identify (who, what, when, where, how).
3. Inability to identify negative findings.
4. No provisions for implementing corrective actions.
5. Ineffective follow-up to determine effectiveness of corrective actions.
6. Resources requirements (personnel, facilities, equipment, technical data).
7. Other.

SAI Section 4 - Interfaces Attribute

Objective: Interfaces are used by the certificate holder to identify and manage the interactions between processes. The questions in this section of the DCT are designed to assist the inspector in determining whether or not interactions between the policies, procedures, or instructions and information associated with other independent processes within the certificate holder's organization are documented. Written policies, procedures, or instructions and information that are interrelated and located in different areas within the certificate holder's system must be consistent and complement each other. For the interfaces to be effectively managed, the certificate holder's system should identify and document the interfaces.

Tasks

	To meet this objective, the inspector must accomplish the following tasks:
1.	Review the interfaces associated with the Chief Pilot (or equivalent) that have been identified along with the questions in section 1, Procedures, of this DCT.
2.	Review the certificate holder's policies, duties, responsibilities, and the authority of the Chief Pilot (or equivalent) position.

Questions

	To meet this objective, the inspector must answer the following questions:	
	NOTE: The design job task items (JTIs) displayed with the questions in section 1, Procedures, of this DCT identify potential interfaces (by element number) for this element.	
1.	Does the certificate holder's system properly address the interfaces that are identified along with the individual questions in the section 1, Procedures, of this DCT?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, Explain
2.	Does the certificate holder's manual document a method for assessing the impact of any changes to the associated interfaces within the Chief Pilot (or equivalent) process?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, Explain

SAI Section 4 - Interfaces Attribute Drop-Down Menu	
1.	No interfaces specified.
2.	The following interfaces not identified within the Certificate Holder's manual system:
3.	Interfaces listed are inaccurate.
4.	Specific location of interfaces not identified within the manual system.
5.	Other

SAI Section 5 - Management Responsibility & Authority Attributes

Objective: The questions in this section of the DCT address the responsibility and authority of the process. They are designed to assist the inspector in determining if there is a clearly identifiable, qualified, and knowledgeable person who is responsible for the process, is answerable for the quality of the process, and has the authority to establish and modify the process. (The person with the authority may or may not be the person with the responsibility.)

Tasks

	To meet this objective, the inspector must accomplish the following tasks:
1.	Review the appropriate organizational chart.
2.	Record the name and title of the individual serving as the Chief Pilot (or equivalent).
3.	Review the duties and responsibilities for the Chief Pilot (or equivalent).

Questions

	To meet this objective, the inspector must answer the following questions:	
1.	Is there a clearly identifiable person performing the duties and responsibilities of the Chief Pilot (or equivalent) position?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, Explain Name/Title:
2.	Is there a clearly identifiable person who has the authority of the Chief Pilot (or equivalent) position?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, Explain Name/Title:
3.	Are the certificate holder's procedures for delegation of authority for the Chief Pilot (or equivalent) clearly and completely documented?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, Explain

SAI Section 5 - Management Responsibility & Authority Attributes Drop-Down Menu	
1.	Not documented.
2.	Documentation unclear.
3.	Documentation incomplete.
4.	Other.