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*An InFO contains valuable information for operators that should help them meet certain administrative, regulatory, or operational requirements with relatively low urgency or impact on safety.*

**Subject:** 14 CFR Part 135 Extended Operational (ETOPS) Guidance

**Purpose:** This InFO provides guidance to part 135 operators who are attempting to determine ETOPS applicability.

**Background:** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) published the final Extended Operations (ETOPS) final rule on January 16, 2007, with a mandatory compliance date of August 13, 2008. This rule established regulations governing the design, operation, and maintenance of certain airplanes operated in flights over 180 minutes from an adequate airport.

**Guidance:** To assist operators in determining ETOPS applicability, an InFO supplement has been added to the part 135 Air Carrier Operations Branch Web site located at the following link:

[http://www.faa.gov/other\\_visit/aviation\\_industry/airline\\_operators/airline\\_safety/info/all\\_infos/media/2008/135ETOPS.pdf](http://www.faa.gov/other_visit/aviation_industry/airline_operators/airline_safety/info/all_infos/media/2008/135ETOPS.pdf)

Should an operator determine that ETOPS is applicable to their operation, an Advisory Circular, to be published within the next 60 days, will provide additional steps on gaining such authority.

**Recommended Action:** Directors of Operations, Chief Pilots, Training Centers, Check Airmen, and pilots involved in the training, checking and/or conduct of part 135 operations should be familiar with the contents of this InFO. They should work together to ensure that the content of this InFO is provided to pilots during ground training and evaluated in all flight training and checking events.