

**VOLUME 3 GENERAL TECHNICAL ADMINISTRATION****CHAPTER 18 OPERATIONS SPECIFICATIONS****Section 3 Part A Operations Specifications—General****3-736 DISCUSSION.**

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**OPSPEC/MSPEC A010, APPROVED SOURCES OF AVIATION WEATHER INFORMATION.**

**A. General.** Title 14 CFR contains general regulatory requirements for certificate holders and program managers who conduct operations in accordance with 14 CFR parts 91 subpart K (part 91K), 121, and 135 to use an approved source of obtaining weather reports and forecasts for the purpose of controlling flight movements (operations). Part 121, §121.101(d) requires certificate holders who conduct part 121 domestic and flag operations to have an approved system of obtaining reports and forecasts of adverse weather phenomena. OpSpec/MSpec A010 is the method whereby the Administrator approves a certificate holder or program manager to use a particular source of aviation weather reports and forecasts, including those involving adverse weather phenomena.

**B. A010 Template Difference for 14 CFR Part 125 Operations.** Part 125 does not contain requirements for approved sources of aviation weather information. Therefore, the automated Operations Safety System (OPSS) (Web-based Operations Safety System (WebOPSS)) templates (OpSpec and Letter of Deviation Authority (LODA)) for part 125 are optional and are simply titled “Aviation Weather Information.” If a certificate holder conducting part 125 operations, or its principal operations inspector (POI), wishes to exercise the option of listing sources of aviation weather information in OpSpec/LODA A010, either may do so by listing each weather source into the text box provided in the template. Additional guidance regarding the weather requirements of part 125 can be found in Volume 3, Chapter 26, Section 1.

**C. Additional Guidance.** Guidance regarding the specific regulatory requirements for aviation weather for parts 91K, 121, 125, and 135 can be found in Volume 3, Chapter 26, Sections 1 thru 4. POIs with oversight responsibility of these certificate holders and program managers must review this additional guidance prior to issuing or amending OpSpec/MSpec A010.

**D. Approval for Adverse Weather Phenomena Reporting and Forecast Systems.**

**1) Part 121.** Certificate holders conducting part 121 operations must have an approved system of obtaining reports and forecast of adverse weather phenomena. POIs will list each weather source (provider) that the certificate holder is approved to use in its adverse weather phenomena reporting and forecast system in the first column of OpSpec A010 Table 1. POIs will enter the name of the certificate holder’s manual containing the approved adverse weather phenomena reporting and forecast system along with the date of initial approval and the date of the latest revision (when issued) into the remaining columns of Table 1. More detailed

information on adverse weather phenomena reporting and forecast systems is located in Volume 3, Chapter 26, Section 3. POIs must review this guidance prior to approving an adverse weather phenomena reporting and forecast system.

**2) Part 121 Certificate Holders with an Enhanced Weather Information System (EWINS).** If the certificate holder is approved to use an EWINS in OpSpec A010 Table 2, select “See Table 2” in all four columns provided in A010 Table 1.

**3) Parts 91K, 125, and 135.** There is no adverse weather phenomena reporting and forecast system table in OpSpec/MSpec A010 for part 91K, 125, or 135 operations.

**E. Approval to Use EWINS.** If a part 91K program manager, or part 121 or 125 certificate holder is approved to use an EWINS, POIs will list each weather source (provider) that the certificate holder is approved to use in its EWINS in the first column of the EWINS table (Table 1 for parts 91K, 125, and 135; Table 2 for part 121) contained in OpSpec/MSpec A010. POIs will enter the name of the manual containing the EWINS, the date of initial approval of the EWINS, and the date of the latest revision of the EWINS (when issued) in the remaining columns of the EWINS table. If EWINS is not authorized, POIs will enter “N/A” in all four columns of the EWINS table. More detailed information on EWINS is available in Volume 3, Chapter 26, Section 4. POIs must review this guidance prior to approving an EWINS or EWINS source (provider). The A010 OpSpec/LODA templates for part 125 do not contain an EWINS table.

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**RESERVED.** Paragraphs 3-738 through 3-751.