

NOTICE

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SUBJ: LOA B046 – Operations in Reduced Vertical Separation Minimum (RVSM)
Airspace

1. Purpose of This Notice. This notice provides revised guidance for Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Flight Standards District Offices (FSDO) and aviation safety inspectors (ASI) assigned to operators conducting airplane operations under Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 91. This notice amends the letter of authorization (LOA) B046 template.

2. Audience. The primary audience for this notice is FAA FSDO and International Field Offices (IFO) ASIs. 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 and the public can find this notice on the FAA's Web site at <http://fsims.faa.gov>. This notice is available to the public at http://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/orders_notices.

4. Background. Efforts to streamline the process for issuing RVSM LOA B046 have led to changes in FAA Order 8900.1, and related changes to the part 91 LOA B046 template. New guidance was developed to better address varying aircraft management agreements and to ensure that appropriate persons are identified in paragraph 4 and new paragraph 5 of the LOA. FAA Order 8900.1, Volume 4, Chapter 10, Section 1, Evaluate an Operator's Application to Conduct Flight in Reduced Vertical Separation Minimum Airspace has been rewritten with paragraph 4-1236E providing updated guidance for LOA template paragraph 4, Responsible Person, and the newly added paragraph 5, RVSM Point of Contact (POC). The changes identified in this notice are for the part 91 LOA B046 template only.

5. Guidance. Inspector guidance for LOA B046 can be found in Volume 3, Chapter 18, Section 4, Part B Operations Specifications—En Route Authorizations and Limitations, and Volume 4, Chapter 10, Section 1. The Flight Technologies and Procedures Division (AFS-400) in conjunction with the Aircraft Maintenance Division (AFS-300) and the General Aviation and Commercial Division (AFS-800) developed this notice in conjunction with Industry and Flight Standards Safety Inspector Field Office input. This notice contains the following:

- The sample LOA B046 template in Appendix A applies to part 91.

6. Action. Compliance with this notice is mandatory for new issuance and revisions to current holders of LOA B046. Existing authorizations do not need to be changed. ASIs responsible for operators affected by the policy in this notice should review the revised guidance for the issuance of LOAs contained in this notice. Principal inspectors (PI) should provide this notice to the operators for whom they are responsible. The primary changes to the part 91 LOA B046 template are in Table 2, Responsible Person, identifying the responsible person and Table 3, RVSM Point of Contact, identifying the RVSM POC. Note: If a separate RVSM POC is not identified both tables should list the appropriate information for the responsible person. Also, the RVSM POC should never sign the LOA unless also being identified as the responsible person. See Volume 4, Chapter 10, Section 1, paragraph 4-1236E for further explanation.

7. Disposition. We will incorporate the information in this notice into FAA Order 8900.1, before this notice expires. Direct your questions concerning this notice to Madison Walton, Performance Based Flight System Branch (AFS-470) at 202-385-4596.

ORIGINAL SIGNED by

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Appendix A. Sample LOA B046, Operations in Reduced Vertical Separation Minimum (RVSM) Airspace: 14 CFR Part 91
Letter of Authorization

Operations in Reduced Vertical Separation Minimum (RVSM) Airspace: 14 CFR Part 91

1. Authorization. The Operator [*Insert Operator Name*] is authorized to conduct operations within airspace designated as Reduced Vertical Separation Minimum (RVSM) airspace in accordance with the limitations and provisions of this letter of authorization (LOA) and is subject to the conditions that all operations conducted within RVSM Airspace are in accordance with:

- a. Title 14 CFR part 91, § 91.703, and the flight rules contained in International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Annex 2, and
- b. Section 91.180, Operations within airspace designated as RVSM, and
- c. Title 14 CFR part 91 Appendix G.

2. Authorized Airplanes. The operator is authorized to use the airplanes listed below for operations in designated RVSM airspace when the required altitude-keeping equipment is approved and maintained in accordance with an approved RVSM maintenance program:

Table 1 – Airplanes Approved for RVSM

Serial Number	Registration Number	Airplane M/M/S	Remarks
Drop Down List ▼	Drop Down List ▼	Drop Down List ▼	Text Box

3. Crew Training. Crew training conducted by . In accordance with part 91, §§ 91.3 and 91.703(a)(1)(2) and ICAO Annex 2 (Rules of the Air), paragraph 2.3.2 (Pre-flight action) crews are responsible for policies and procedures in areas of operations where flights are conducted.

4. Responsible Person. This person should be the individual person who will be the operator, or if the operator is a legal entity, then an officer, employee, or person who that entity has contracted with in order to act on behalf of the legal entity with respect to the RVSM authorization. This person must be a U.S. citizen, or a person who holds a U.S. pilot certificate and who accepts responsibility for complying with the stated regulations.

- a. If the Responsible Person named on this LOA relinquishes responsibility, this LOA becomes invalid.
- b. Enter the name, email address, and telephone number of the Responsible Person in Table 2:

Table 2 – Responsible Person

Name	E-mail Address	Telephone Number
[LOAD Operator Data]	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

5. RVSM Point of Contact (POC). If the operator has decided to use a separate individual other than the Responsible Person to fulfill this role, then the POC will be listed in Table 3, otherwise the Responsible Person will be listed in Tables 2 and 3.

- a. The POC is the individual the FAA should first contact with respect to the operator's RVSM-Compliant Aircraft operations and maintenance status.
- b. If the POC is other than the Responsible Person that individual is not authorized to sign the LOA.
- c. Enter the name, email address, and telephone number of the RVSM Point of Contact in Table 3:

Table 3 – RVSM Point of Contact

Name	E-mail Address	Telephone Number
[LOAD Operator Data]	Text Box	Text Box

- 6. Deviation from RVSM Requirements. In accordance with § 91.180 the Administrator may authorize an operator to deviate from RVSM requirements for a specific individual flight in RVSM airspace if:
 - a. The operator submits an appropriate request with the air traffic control (ATC) center controlling the airspace in advance of the operation.
 - b. At the time of filing the flight plan for the flight, ATC determines that the airplanes may be provided appropriate separation and the flight will not interfere with, or impose a burden on other operators.
- 7. A copy of this LOA must be kept on the applicable aircraft while operating in RVSM airspace.