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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: Supplemental Passenger Restraint Systems (SPRS) for “Doors-Off” Flight Operations Conducted for Compensation or Hire

Purpose: This InFO serves to inform Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) Part 91 and Part 135 operators of the procedure for obtaining a Letter of Authorization (LOA) for use of an SPRS for “Doors-Off” flight operations conducted for compensation or hire.

Discussion: On March 26, 2018, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) published the “Doors-off” and “Open-door” Flight Prohibition: Emergency Restriction/Prohibition Order, Docket No. FAA-2018-0243, 83 FR 12856 (“the Order”), which prohibits the use of SPRSs that cannot be released quickly in an emergency during flight operations for compensation or hire with the doors open or removed (Doors-Off flight operations). On March 23, 2018, the FAA issued notice N 8900.456, Emergency Order of Prohibition Pertaining to “Doors-Off” Flight Operations for Compensation or Hire. This notice has been canceled and is now superseded by notice N8900.457, Emergency Order of Prohibition Pertaining to “Doors-Off” Flight Operations for Compensation or Hire, effective 04/10/2018, which provides updated guidance for resumption of doors-off flights for compensation or hire. This notice is available to the public at: https://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/orders_notices/

Recommended Action: Part 91 and part 135 operators, should familiarize themselves with this InFO and notice N 8900.457.

Contact: Questions or comments regarding this InFO should be directed to the Air Transportation Division’s Policy Integration Branch, at (202) 267-8166.