

AIR TOUR & PART 135 OPERATORS

SMS

IS NO LONGER OPTIONAL.

**Every Part 135 certificate holder and §91.147 LOA holder
must have a fully implemented SMS and a Declaration of
Compliance filed by**

MAY 28, 2027

That is less than 11 months away.

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THE MANDATE

On April 26, 2024, the FAA expanded 14 CFR Part 5 — Safety Management Systems — to ALL Part 135 certificate holders and commercial air tour operators under §91.147.

WHAT THE RULE REQUIRES:

Whether you fly under a Part 135 certificate or a §91.147 LOA: build an SMS on the four components of Part 5 and AC 120-92D — and file your Declaration of Compliance by May 28, 2027.

SMS DOESN'T MEAN SOS.

Wenmar has you covered — you run the operation and generate the revenue. We handle the compliance.

FOUR FOUNDATIONAL COMPONENTS

Your SMS must be built around the four pillars defined by
14 CFR Part 5 and AC 120-92D:

1 • SAFETY POLICY

2 • SAFETY RISK MANAGEMENT

3 • SAFETY ASSURANCE

4 • SAFETY PROMOTION

1

SAFETY POLICY

Your documented commitment to safety — signed by the Accountable Executive.

Safety objectives and accountabilities defined at the top

A code of ethics: safety is the highest priority

A confidential employee reporting system — no reprisal

Resources committed to make the SMS work

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2

SAFETY RISK MANAGEMENT

A structured, repeatable process to identify hazards before they become accidents.

Analyze your systems, routes, and operations

Identify hazards specific to air tour flying

Assess and rank the risk of each hazard

Develop controls — and verify they actually work

3

SAFETY ASSURANCE

Continuous monitoring that proves your risk controls are performing.

Collect and analyze safety performance data

Audit and evaluate your own operation

Investigate incidents and non-conformance

Take corrective action — and track it to closure

4

SAFETY PROMOTION

A safety culture built through training and communication.

Train every employee to their SMS role

Communicate hazards, lessons, and outcomes

Encourage reporting at every level

Keep safety visible — from ramp to front office

THE DECLARATION OF COMPLIANCE

The DOC is a formal legal statement to the FAA that your SMS is fully developed, implemented, and operating.

Before you sign it, your organization must show:

Documented, operational SMS processes

Safety data being collected and analyzed

Corrective actions implemented and tracked

Employees trained and engaged in the SMS

After submission, your FSDO validates your SMS through routine surveillance.

WHY ACT NOW

An effective SMS takes months to build, document, and operate before you can legally declare compliance.

Thousands of Part 135 and §91.147 operators share the same deadline — FAA and consultant capacity will tighten as May 2027 approaches.

Adding an aircraft or amending your LOA? New LOA applications require an SMS in place BEFORE approval — growth can move your deadline from 2027 to TODAY.

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