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Memorandum

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To: Directorate and Regional Suspected Unapproved Parts Coordinators
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Subject: Suspected Unapproved Parts, Transition Project Management Plan Change

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In 2012, the Flight Standards Service, Aircraft Maintenance Division (AFS-300) and Aircraft Certification Service, Production, and Airworthiness Division, (AIR-200) agreed to transfer Office of Primary Responsibility (OPR) for the Suspected Unapproved Parts (SUP) program from AFS-300 to AIR-200 (AIR-200 is now merged with AIR-100). The Suspected Unapproved Parts Transition Project Management Plan was signed by both divisions in April 2013.

One element of the transition plan provided that AFS-300 would continue to manage/mentor the SUP training course at the Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center in Oklahoma until the SUP training course content was revised and then relinquish that function to AIR-200 (dependent on FAA Order 8120.16 revision).

Responsibility for the SUP course oversight as included in the transition plan has been reevaluated by AFS-300 and AIR-100. It has been decided that SUP course management/mentor responsibility should remain with AFS-300 because:

- The vast majority of SUP course attendees are Flight Standards Service personnel.

- A significant portion of the SUP course content addresses repair station, airline operator and aircraft maintenance concerns.
- Repair stations and airlines/operators submit over half of all SUP reports.
- At least half of all SUP reports are reclassified as improper maintenance cases.

All other elements of the transition plan remain in effect and OPR for FAA Order 8120.16 and AC 21-29 by AIR-100 is retained.

If you have any questions, please contact the Production Certification Section, AIR-112, at (202) 267-1575.