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Memorandum

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To: All Manufacturing Inspection Offices
All Manufacturing Inspection District Offices/Satellite Offices
All Certificate Management Offices/Units

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Subject: INFORMATION: Deviation to FAA Order 8130.21, Regarding
Positioned Articles

This deviation is to current Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) policy regarding a production approval holder's (PAH) eligibility to preposition articles during a type certification or supplemental type certification project.

Field offices proposed that the following orders and advisory circular (AC) be revised to state that all PAHs are eligible to preposition articles during a type certification project (that is, before the issuance of the type certificate (TC) or supplemental type certificate (STC)):

1. FAA Order 8120.22, Production Approval Procedures;
2. FAA Order 8130.21, Procedures for Completion and Use of the Authorized Release Certificate, FAA Form 8130-3, Airworthiness Approval Tag; and
3. FAA AC 21-32, Control of Products and Parts Shipped Prior to Type Certificate Issuance.

AIR-200 hereby grants a deviation to FAA Order 8130.21H, paragraph 2-6b, making products and articles produced under an FAA production approval eligible for prepositioning. The prepositioned products and articles must remain under the control of the PAH's FAA-approved quality system until such time as the TC or STC is issued. This information will be incorporated into the next change or revision to FAA Order 8120.22, FAA Order 8130.21H, and AC 21-32.

If you have any questions, please contact the Aircraft Certification Service Production and Airworthiness Division, AIR-200, at 202-385-6346.