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Subject: Deviation to FAA Order 8130.34D, *Airworthiness Certification of Unmanned Aircraft Systems and Optionally Piloted Aircraft*

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This memo allows for a deviation to the following policy:

1. FAA Order 8130.34D, *Airworthiness Certification of Unmanned Aircraft Systems and Optionally Piloted Aircraft*. Allow a UAS DAR who did not participate in Safety Evaluation to be briefed by the applicant prior to issuing an original airworthiness certificate.

Order 8130.34D, Sect. 2, para. 16. Safety Evaluations, b., page 3-8 states “If a manufacturing or airworthiness ASI or a UAS DAR did not attend the safety evaluation for the original certification but is needed for a recurrent certification, then the applicant must brief the safety checklist to these individuals prior to the onsite inspection.”

This deviation allows the manufacturing or airworthiness ASI or a UAS DAR to issue the airworthiness certificate if they did not attend the safety evaluation however, the applicant must brief the safety checklist prior to the onsite inspection.

2. Aviation Safety Knowledge Management Environment (ASKME) Airworthiness Certification (AWC) application. The mandatory use of AWC to process and issue airworthiness certificates was effective on June 30, 2020. In addition to the procedures in FAA Order 8130.2J, *Airworthiness Certification of Aircraft*, mandatory use also includes the airworthiness certification of UAS, OPA, and OPA/UAS that are covered by policy in FAA Order 8130.34D. Consult the AWC Internal User Guide for instructions pertinent to UAS and OPA.

3. A recent modification to the Privacy Act Statement (PAS) on FAA Form 8130-6, *Application for U.S. Airworthiness Certificate*, has changed the effective date of the form

from (09-2018) to (06/20) in the left-hand footer of the form. Because no other changes were made to the form and the expiration date of the current form remains the same as the previous form, it is permissible to accept and use FAA Form 8130-6 applications displaying the (06/20) version, as well as the (09-2018) date on the digital FAA Form 8130-6 generated by AWC. AWC will reflect the PAS and date change in the digitally produced FAA Form 8130-6 generated by the application in an upcoming patch/release.

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