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SUBJ: Requirements and Guidance Regarding Proper Use of FAA Form 8110-3

1. PURPOSE. This notice stops the improper use of Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Form 8110-3, Statement of Compliance with the Federal Aviation Regulations, and reminds Airworthiness aviation safety inspectors (ASI) that they are to conduct their activities in accordance with Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR), and FAA advisory circulars (AC), orders, policies, and procedures. Failure to do so is in direct conflict with the requirements of FAA Order 8300.10, Airworthiness Inspector's Handbook, Volume 1, Chapter 10, Inspector Ethics and Conduct.

2. DISTRIBUTION. We will distribute this notice to the division level in the Flight Standards Service in Washington headquarters, including the Regulatory Standards Division at the Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center; to the branch level in the regional Flight Standards divisions; and to all Flight Standards District Offices. Inspectors can access this notice through the Flight Standards Information Management System (FSIMS) at <http://fsims.avr.faa.gov>. Operators may find this information on the FAA's Web site at: http://www.faa.gov/library/manuals/examiners_inspectors/8000/.

3. BACKGROUND.

a. It has come to the attention of the Aircraft Maintenance Division, AFS-300, that there are ASIs requiring air carriers and repair stations to obtain approved data using Form 8110-3 for all repairs or alterations regardless of whether they are major or minor. In some cases the air carriers and repair stations have been required to revise their procedures to include Form 8110-3 for all repairs and alterations.

b. This action is not consistent with the regulatory requirements of 14 CFR part 43, § 43.13 and it places the air carriers and the repair stations in conflict with guidance contained in current editions of Order 8300.10, AC 43.9, Maintenance Records, and AC 43.210, Standardized Procedures for Requesting Field Approval of Data, Major Alterations and Repairs. It also places Designated Engineering Representatives (DER) in conflict with the current edition of FAA Order 8110.37, Designated Engineering Representatives (DER) Guidance Handbook. DER approval of minor repair and minor alteration data is not appropriate since there is no requirement for FAA approval. Insisting on DER approval for minor repairs and minor alterations places an unnecessary burden on the designee system and sets a needless expectation of FAA-approved data when it is not required.

NOTE: The list of regulations and guidance material above is not all inclusive.

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Initiated By: AFS-350

4. ACTION. The following corrective actions need to be implemented upon receipt of this notice:

a. ASIs will cease requiring air carriers and repair stations to implement procedures that are outside the regulations, guidance and policies.

b. ASIs will notify air carriers and repair stations that have been required to have Form 8110-3 for minor repairs and minor alterations that Form 8110-3 will no longer be obtained for minor repairs and minor alterations.

c. Air carriers and repair stations that have revised procedures to require Form 8110-3 for minor repairs and minor alterations will remove these requirements from their procedures.

5. DISPOSITION. The notice is provided for re-emphasis and awareness and will not be incorporated into FSIMS. Questions should be directed to the General Aviation and Avionics Branch, AFS-350, at (202) 493-4922.

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