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Memorandum

Subject: **ACTION:** Restricted Category/Military Surplus
Program Management

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From: Deputy Director, Aircraft Certification Service

Reply to: Graham Long:
Attn. of: 202-267-3715

To: ACMT, ACOMT, SMT

In order to improve the standardization and quality of restricted category/military surplus projects, I have designated the Aircraft Engineering Division (AIR-100) as the focal point for restricted category/military surplus program management in the Aircraft Certification Service (AIR). Graham Long, Certification Procedures Branch (AIR-110), is the newly appointed restricted category/military surplus program manager.

Safety concerns prompted by recent accidents and incidents with restricted category aircraft and our evaluations of those incidents, along with information received from the United States Forest Service (USFS) Blue Ribbon panel and the National Transportation Safety Board, have convinced me that we need to raise the level of oversight for restricted category military surplus aircraft Service-wide.

This action is the initial step of an effort to conduct a comprehensive, Service-wide evaluation of ↓21.25(a)(2) restricted category certification and operation in FY2004. This will include a review of regulations, policy, and best practices. The primary goals are 1) improved safety through FAA-wide standardization, and 2) assurance that AIR has adequate, comprehensive, and standard guidance both for the industry and for our own FAA engineers.

Accordingly, effective immediately please coordinate all restricted category/military surplus projects, i.e., those being certificated under 14 CFR 21.25(a)(2), with the Aircraft Engineering Division Restricted Category/Military Surplus Program Manager, Graham Long. This coordination includes all relevant Certification Project Notifications (CPNs) and Type Certificate Data Sheets prior to issuance of the design approval. AIR-100 will provide further details about additional aspects of this program as they are developed.



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If you have any questions, please contact Graham Long, (202) 267-3715, or Nancy Lane, (202) 267-9557, in the Aircraft Engineering Division, Certification Procedures Branch.

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