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## Memorandum

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To: To all Directorate and ACO Managers

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Subject: Revised Policy on Focal Point ACOs For Restricted Category/Military Surplus Aircraft

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The Design, Manufacturing and Airworthiness Division (AIR-100), is revising its policy on Focal Point Aircraft Certification Offices (ACO) for restricted category/military surplus aircraft, contained in Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Order 8110.56A, *Restricted Category Type Certification*. Effective immediately, the focal point ACOs are now responsible for coordinating certification activity (TCs and STCs) of a more-general applicability, rather than for a specific military model Mission-Design-Series (MDS). For example, a focal point ACO is now assigned for all C-130 models, rather than the C-130A specifically.

Accordingly, the list of Focal Point ACOs for military aircraft with no standard category civil counterpart in paragraph 4-5, becomes:

- Atlanta ACO for (Lockheed) C-130 airplanes
- Los Angeles ACO for (Lockheed) P-2 airplanes
- New York ACO for (Fairchild) C-123 airplanes
- Boston ACO for (Sikorsky) CH-53 and (Sikorsky) UH-60/S70 rotorcraft

Note: ACOs must coordinate with the appropriate Focal Point ACO when working on restricted category certification projects for military model aircraft.

For military aircraft with standard category civil counterparts, the default Focal Point ACO continues to be the ACO with primary certificate management responsibility for the civil counterpart. This memo recognizes:

- Seattle ACO for (Vertol/Columbia) CH-47 models (based on Columbia Helicopters holding the TC for the Model 234 civil counterpart)

This policy will be incorporated into the next revision of Order 8110.56A.

If you have any questions on this, please contact Graham Long, AIR-111, at 202-267-1575.