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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 8120.23

FAA Order 8120.23, Certificate Management of Production Approval Holders provides specific requirements for supplier control audit hand-offs and notifications. To test the viability of a permanent Virtual International Oversight Team (VIOT) and to demonstrate the purposes described the VOIT's charter, the team must plan, schedule, conduct, and provide reports for all assigned international supplier control audits. To accomplish the planning and scheduling of these tasks, the team requests a deviation to the requirements of FAA Order 8120.23 listed below:

- (1) Requirement: Paragraph 3-3 (b) and (b) (1), requires the principal inspector will notify the responsible civil aviation authority through a formal letter signed by the directorate manufacturing inspection office manager, or delegated signatory.
- (2) Requirement: Paragraph 3-63 (a), requires MIO managers that received a hand-off for a supplier control audit to add to their directorate supplier control audit lists and scheduled.
- (3) Requirement: Paragraph 3-64, provide hand-off procedures for suppliers located in the United States.
- (4) Requirement: Paragraph 3-65, requires the PI to prepare and send the notification letter to the production approval holder (PAH) no later than 30 days before the audit.

This will allow the team to conduct hand-offs, enter schedules into CMIS, and provide notifications to CAAs and PAHs according to the prototype plan and timeline. AIR-200 hereby grants a deviation to the VOIT for the Order 8120.23 requirements listed above. This deviation only applies to those supplier control audits that have been or will be handed-off to the VOIT. No permanent changes to Order 8120.23 will be made at this time.

If you have any questions, please contact the Production Certification Branch, AIR-220, at (202) 385-6346.