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Memorandum

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To: Manufacturing Inspection Offices (MIO)

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Subject: Deviation to Order 8120.23, Change 3, *Certificate Management of Production Approval Holders* (PAHs), for offices participating in phased implementation of Order 8120.23 Revision A

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AIR-100 expects to issue Order 8120.23 Revision A to adopt significant changes to the certificate management process. The changes affect multiple components of the process and includes revised risk model by which a production approval holders (PAH) exposure, organizational risk, and oversight selection is determined.

AIR-100 and the Manufacturing Inspection Management Team (MIMT) have elected a phased approach for implementation with twenty-three PAHs. These PAHs are listed along with their managing offices in attachment A of this memorandum.

Accordingly, this memorandum deviates from the certificate management (CM) policy established within the following areas of Order 8120.23, Change 3.

- Figure 3-1, CM Responsibilities (Ongoing) Minimum Requirements
- Section 2. Risk-Based Resource Targeting, paragraphs 3-7 through 3-12
- Paragraph 3-61 a through g. Supplier Selection
- Appendix B. Category Parts List

The revised risk model in the certificate management process will include the following:

- Exposure within the National Airspace System (NAS):
 - Level Determination
 - Category Parts List

- Organizational Risk Assessment:
 - Revised Risk-Based Resource Targeting
- Level of Oversight:
 - Audit Number and Frequency
 - Facility Audit Selection

The managing office for the 23 PAHs listed in attachment A are allowed to deviate from the current CM policy described previously and use the requirements described in the following attachments to this memorandum for those 23 PAHs only.

- Attachment A, 8120.23A Process Overview
- Attachment B, Risk Level Determination Document
- Attachment C, CM RBRT PAH Assessment Sheet
- Attachment D, Facility Selection Tool
- Attachment E, AIR-100 Feedback Form

This deviation will expire when the 8120.23 Revision “A” is released and implemented.

Please note that the AIR-100 Feedback Form is located as attachment E to this memorandum for documenting comments to assist in the implementation of 8120.23A.

If you have any questions, please contact the Surveillance and Oversight Policy Section, AIR143, at (202) 267-1575.

Attachments