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## Memorandum

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To: All Manufacturing Inspection Offices  
All Manufacturing Inspection District/Satellite Offices  
All Certificate Management Offices/Units  
All Flight Standards Divisions  
All Flight Standards District Offices

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Subject: REVISED: Restrictions on the Issuance of Experimental Airworthiness  
Certificates for Certain Former Military Aircraft

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This memorandum supersedes the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Aircraft Certification Service Production and Airworthiness Division (AIR-200) memorandum dated January 25, 2013, on the same subject. This memorandum applies to former-military aircraft that weigh more than 9,000 lbs maximum takeoff weight with turbine power greater than 3,000 lbs of total engine thrust of all engines or 1,000 shaft horsepower of one engine. It also applies to aircraft originally equipped with an ejection seat system. The airworthiness certificates for such aircraft would be experimental under Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations § 21.191, Experimental certificates.

Do not delegate the airworthiness certification of these aircraft to a designee. The Airworthiness Certification Branch (AIR-230) is evaluating the use of designees through prototypes. If you would like to request the use of a designee, contact AIR-230.

Process any application for experimental airworthiness certificates for these aircraft as experimental under § 21.191 per FAA Order 8130.2, Airworthiness Certification of Aircraft and Related Products. In addition, AIR-230 developed a research paper that lists potential safety issues and risk factors associated with the aircraft models listed in the enclosure. The information contained in the research paper may be considered as part of the certification process at the discretion of an Aviation Safety Inspector. This research paper is available at:

[http://www.faa.gov/aircraft/air\\_cert/airworthiness\\_certification/former\\_military/](http://www.faa.gov/aircraft/air_cert/airworthiness_certification/former_military/).

If you have any questions, please contact the Airworthiness Certification Branch, AIR-230, at (202) 385-6346.