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Subject: Deviation to FAA Order 8900.1 for 14 CFR Part 145 Repair Stations

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This memorandum authorizes deviation to existing policy for management of 14 CFR Part 145 repair stations outside of the United States due to safety concerns associated with the coronavirus.

14 CFR Part 145.55 and FAA Order 8900.1, Volume 2, Chapter 11, Paragraph 2-1335 states that repair stations located outside the United States have a limited duration. Initial certification is limited to 12 months from the date the certificate is issued. Thereafter, the FAA may renew the certificate or rating for a 24 month period if the repair station has operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of part 145 within the preceding (12 month) period. In addition, the FAA must conduct annual surveillance of the facility.

Due to the unique dilemma surrounding the renewal of Air Agency Certificates outside of the United States that is beyond FAA control we have made the determination to deviate from FAA Order 8900.1, Volume 2, Chapter 11, Paragraph 2-1335 when certificates cannot be renewed due to travel restrictions associated with the Coronavirus. Specifically the note, which states; *“Although the regulation indicates a 24-month renewal period, inspectors must perform annual surveillance of repair stations, per current policy.”*

The intent of this policy deviation is to provide for extensions of Air Agency Certificate duration within the parameters addressed in 14 CFR Part 145.55. This policy deviation does not provide for extensions of certificate durations for newly certificated repair stations that are limited to an initial 12-month duration.