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Memorandum

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Subject: Deviation from FAA Order 8110.37F, *DER Handbook*, Requirement for Certain Designated Engineering Representatives to Coordinate with Flight Standards Field Offices Prior to Approving Data for a Repair Specification (RS)

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Purpose

This memorandum provides a deviation to Order 8110.37F, *Designated Engineering Representative (DER) Handbook*. It applies to DERs who have the special delegation to manage and approve repair specifications (RS-DERs).

Background

FAA Order 8110.37F, chapter 4, paragraph 13.e.(1) states:

Coordinating Project Activity and Resolving Issues. Before any data is approved, the RS-DER must coordinate with the managing FSDO, Certificate Management Office (CMO), or International Field Office (IFO) and confirm the proposed RS is within the capability of the applicant or that their rating will be adjusted to allow its use. The coordination must be retained with the project folder.

The purpose of this coordination is to prevent a repair station from obtaining an approved repair specification that did not fall within the repair station's capability. The FAA is removing the coordination requirement for DERs because it is the repair station's responsibility to ensure they operate within its capability, not the DER's. DERs are encouraged to inform the repair station that the use of an approved repair specification may require further action between the repair station and its managing office to ensure it is within the repair station's capability.

Deviation

This memorandum provides a deviation to FAA Order 8110.37F, chapter 4, paragraph 13.e.(1), removing the requirement for RS-DERs to coordinate with the pertinent Flight Standards field office prior to any data being approved for a repair specification.

The FAA will incorporate this deviation into the next revision of Order 8110.37.

A copy of this deviation memorandum will be available in the Dynamic Regulatory System.

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