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Memorandum

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To: General Aviation Safety Assurance Office Managers
Aircraft Maintenance Division-AFS-300
All Flight Standards District Offices

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Subject: Deviation from FAA Order 8130.2J for the issuance of Special Flight Permits (SFP)

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This memorandum addresses FAA Order 8130.2J, Airworthiness Certification of Aircraft, Chapter 18, paragraph 18-3, items d. and e. **only**. Item d states: *Flying an aircraft whose annual inspection has expired to a base where an annual inspection can be accomplished*. Item e. states: *Flying an amateur-built aircraft whose condition inspection has expired to a base where the condition inspection can be accomplished*.

This memorandum authorizes a deviation from FAA Order 8130.2J, Airworthiness Certification of Aircraft, Paragraph 18-4, items c.(1) and d.(2)(b). These items require a designee to physically inspect the aircraft and issue the SFP. This deviation authorizes a Designated Airworthiness Representative—Maintenance (DAR-T) to issue a SFP in the same manner as an Aviation Safety Inspector (ASI). The DAR-T may issue a SFP without physically inspecting the aircraft and electronically transmit the completed, signed SFP to the applicant.

Before exercising the privileges of this deviation, for the first time, a DAR-T must coordinate this action with their Managing Specialist (MS). The MS must record this action in the Designee Management System (DMS) by making an entry for providing technical assistance to DAR-T in the Oversight Activities tab.

Additionally, this memorandum authorizes a deviation from FAA Order 8130.2J Paragraph 18-4, item c.(2)(a), *when the FAA requires the applicant to make the inspection, advise the applicant that such inspections must be – accomplished by an*

appropriately certificated mechanic or repair station familiar with the procedures and requirements of this chapter. For amateur-built aircraft only, the owner of the aircraft is authorized to perform the inspection to determine if the aircraft is safe for the intended flight. The inspection must be documented in the aircraft records. This deviation applies whether an ASI or designee issues the SFP.

We will consider incorporating the information in this memo into a forthcoming change and/or revision to FAA Order 8130.2 based upon an evaluation of lessons learned from this deviation. Please direct questions regarding this notice to the Airworthiness Certification Branch, AIR-6C3 at (202) 267-1575. For designee questions, please contact the Delegation Program Branch, AFS-650, by emailing Jim Williams at jim.williams@faa.gov.