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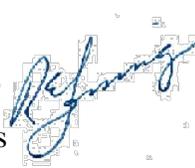
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# Memorandum

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All Manufacturing Inspection District Offices

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Subject: October 1, 2015 Amendments to the Issuance of Authorized Release Documents,  
Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) Part 21, Production  
Certificates and Approvals

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On October 1, 2015, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) published Amendment 21-98 to 14 CFR part 21, Changes to Production Certificates and Approvals, which permits a production approval holder (PAH) to issue authorized release documents (using FAA Form 8130-3) for new or used aircraft engines, propellers, or articles that are manufactured by that PAH provided that the PAH has an FAA-approved quality system with FAA-approved quality procedures in place. In accordance with this amendment, when a PAH completes FAA Form 8130-3, the document is referred to as an authorized release document.

Previously, a PAH could only obtain similar approval documents directly from the FAA, or through an Organization Designation Authorization (ODA) authority or the appropriately authorized individual designees. If a PAH elects to adopt the necessary FAA-approved quality system procedures for issuing authorized release documents, the FAA will no longer authorize the issuance of similar approval documents by either the PAH's ODA unit members or individual designees.

Please ensure that your PAHs are familiar with the changes affecting the issuance of authorized release documents, and make any necessary changes to ODA procedure manuals or individual designee function codes to reflect these changes.

This material will be incorporated into a future revision to FAA Order 8100.15, *Organization Designation Authorization Procedures*, and FAA Order 8000.95, *Designee Management Policy*.

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