U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Aviation Administration

Memorandum

Subject: **INFORMATION:** Misinterpretation of Order 8130.29, Issuance of a Special Airworthiness Certification for Show Compliance Flight Testing, Paragraph 6e(2) Note

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From: Manager, Production and Airworthiness Division, AIR-200

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To: Directorate Managers
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It has come to the attention of this office that field offices are misinterpreting the intent of the last sentence of paragraph 6e(2) and the note below it. The intent of the paragraph is not to discontinue use of Order 8130.29 when a multipurpose experimental airworthiness certificate is to be issued. The guidance in Order 8130.29 will continue to be used regarding the suspension of the standard airworthiness certificate. Order 8130.2 should be used to supplement Order 8130.29, not replace it, for a show compliance operation when a multipurpose experimental airworthiness certificate is issued (for example, R&D/show compliance). The issuing FAA representative must ensure that adequate controls exist as specified in the operating limitations found in Order 8130.2 for all phases of the show compliance process.

Please insure that this letter is given the widest possible distribution throughout your directorate, this will help to ensure that misinterpretation at all levels is avoided/corrected.

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