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Mr. Y.P. Tsang
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Dear Mr. Y.P. Tsang:

On October 1, 2015, the FAA amended Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR), part 21, Certification Procedures for Products and Articles. This amendment has two effective dates. The first effective date is January 4, 2016 for §§21.1(b)(1), 21.1(b)(5) through (9), 21.137(o), 21.142, 21.147 and 45.11(c). The second effective date is March 29, 2016 for the final rule.

The amendment to 14 CFR 21.137 Quality system, adds 21.137(o), Issuing authorized release documents, which allows procedures for issuing authorized release documents for aircraft engines, propellers, and articles if the production approval holder intends to issue those documents. It states:

“These procedures must provide for the selection, appointment, training, management, and removal of individuals authorized by the production approval holder to issue authorized release documents. Authorized release documents may be issued for new aircraft engines, propellers, and articles manufactured by the production approval holder; and for used aircraft engines, propellers, and articles when rebuilt, or altered, in accordance with §43.3(j) of this chapter. When a production approval holder issues an authorized release document for the purpose of export, the production approval holder must comply with the procedures applicable to the export of new and used aircraft engines, propellers, and articles specified in §21.331 and the responsibilities of exporters specified in §21.335.”

The above referenced authorized release document that production approval holders may issue is FAA Form 8130-3, Authorized Release Certificate.

The Final Rule, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM), Advisory Circulars, and Orders can be found at:

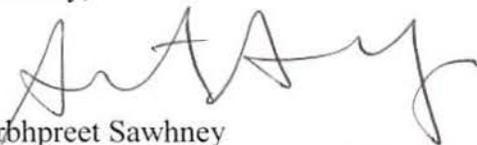
- <http://rgl.faa.gov>, or
- http://www.faa.gov/aircraft/air_cert/production_approvals/14cfr_amendments_2015/.

We invite your review as we assess the need to reflect these changes as a minor revision to our Working Procedures. If you wish to discuss these changes further, please contact a member of the

Aircraft Certification Service, International Division at (202) 267-0908 or email 9-AWA-AVS-AIR400@faa.gov.

We request your acknowledgement of this change to our regulations and look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sarbpreet Sawhney', written in a cursive style.

Sarbpreet Sawhney
Acting Manager, International Division
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