

NOTICE

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SUBJ: Revised Procedures for Implementing Changes to the BASA/MIP with France, Germany, and Ireland

1. Purpose of This Notice. This notice supersedes Flight Standards Handbook Bulletin for Airworthiness (HBAW) 05-10A, dated January 9, 2006, which included the Interim Bilateral Aviation Safety Agreement (BASA)/Maintenance Implementation Procedures (MIP) Guidance (IBMG). The IBMG provides interim guidance limited to aviation safety inspectors (ASI) assigned to the Frankfurt International Field Office (IFO), European Industry, and National Aviation Authorities (NAA) of France, Germany, and Ireland on changes to the BASA agreement and associated MIP procedures. The changes reflect revisions to the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) and European Community (EC) Regulation No. 2042/2003 Annex 2, part 145, as well as changes to Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 145.

2. Audience. The primary audience for this notice is Frankfurt IFO ASIs, the NAA in France, Germany, and Ireland. The secondary audience includes EASA, Flight Standards branches and divisions in the regions and in headquarters, and also the Regulatory Standards Division at the Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center.

3. Where You Can Find This Notice. Inspectors can access this notice through the Flight Standards Information Management System (FSIMS) at <http://fsims.avs.faa.gov>. Airmen and the public can find this notice at <http://fsims.faa.gov/>.

4. Background.

a. Concurrence. The U.S. Department of State and the European Parliament with concurrence from the FAA, EASA, and the NAA's of France, Germany, and Ireland originally agreed that each party would continue to abide by the existing agreements until a revised MIP could be developed and agreed to between the United States and the EC.

b. Tentative Agreement. The FAA and representatives of EASA and the NAAs discussed a revision to the MIP special conditions. The discussions were successful and led to a tentative agreement between the FAA and the NAAs. The FAA and EASA agreed that the development and implementation of the revised special conditions in France, Germany, and Ireland will serve as the benchmark for a new agreement with the EC, thereby reducing the frequency of industry manual revisions as well as NAA procedural revisions, while continuing to negotiate a new agreement with the EC.

c. Compliance. The guidance provided in HBAW 05-10A aided the European industry and the NAAs in complying with the new 14 CFR part 145, implemented in January 2004. France, Germany, and Ireland completed implementations of the new IBMG as of November 1, 2006, in accordance with HBAW 05-10A. This process also prevented unintended noncompliance with EASA and FAA regulations. The FAA and NAAs determined that this will aid the country's industry by moving them forward while a new agreement is negotiated.

5. Guidance. For additional background information consult the IBMG (http://fsims.avs.faa.gov/WDocs/Other/Interim-BASA_MIP-Guidance.htm). The IBMG is a substitute for Advisory Circular (AC) 145-7A, Issuance of Repair Station Certificates to Foreign Approved maintenance Organizations under the Maintenance Implementation Procedures of a Bilateral Aviation Safety Agreement. The IBMG details the application of the BASA/MIP between the United States and France, Germany, and Ireland. The IBMG provides the IFO inspectors, European industry and NAAs of France, Germany, and Ireland with the revised requirements and procedures. Once a new agreement between the United States and the EC, is adopted the FAA will issue a revision to the AC.

Note: Reference corrections needed in the Interim BASA/MIP Guidance document are as follows:

- Par 4c(2). Order 8300.10 is canceled. The current reference is Order 8900.1.
- Par 6aa. Unapproved Part. Reference to AC-21 29B is canceled. The current edition is AC 21-29C.
- Par 9a(14). Reference to Order 8300.10 is canceled. The current reference is Order 8900.1.
- Par 10e(2). Reference to Order 8300.10, volume 2, chapter 163 is canceled. The current reference is Order 8900.1, volume 2, chapter 11, section 3.
- Par 10e(2) (a). Reference to Order 8300.10, volume 2, chapter 163 is canceled. The current reference is Order 8900.1, volume 2, chapter 11, section 3.
- Par 13e. Reference to Order 8300.10, volume 3, chapter 99 is canceled. The current reference is Order 8900.1, volume 12, chapter 10, section 1.

6. Action. ASIs located in the FRA-IFO with repair station certificate responsibilities in a BASA/MIP country (France, Germany, and Ireland) will continue to use the IBMG for continued compliance with the BASA/MIP with France, Germany, and Ireland. This notice replaces HBAW 05-10A until the Agreement between the United States and the European Community is entered into force. This information is also referenced in FAA Order 8900.1, volume 2, chapter 11, section 7 and volume 12, chapter 7, section 1.

7. Disposition. We will permanently incorporate the information in this notice into FSIMS before the notice expires. Direct any questions or comments concerning this notice to AFS-340 at (202)-385-6400.

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