

# NOTICE

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**SUBJ:** Coordination with the Transportation Security Administration When  
Certificating Repair Stations

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**1. Purpose of This Notice.** This notice explains the revised procedures for Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) coordination with the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) when processing applications of foreign repair stations seeking certification under Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 145. Specifically, this notice advises FAA International Field Offices (IFO) on how to work with the TSA and how to maintain communication through the certification phases in order to manage FAA resources. In addition, this notice provides pending guidance for processing a new foreign repair station applicant under the new TSA rule Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (49 CFR) part 1554, Aircraft Repair Station Security.

**2. Audience.** The primary audience for this notice is aviation safety inspectors (ASI) located at Flight Standards Service (AFS) IFOs. The secondary audience includes Flight Standards branches and divisions in the regions and in headquarters (HQ).

**3. Where You Can Find This Notice.** You can find this notice on the MyFAA employee Web site at [https://employees.faa.gov/tools\\_resources/orders\\_notices](https://employees.faa.gov/tools_resources/orders_notices). Inspectors can access this notice through the Flight Standards Information Management System (FSIMS) at <http://fsims.avs.faa.gov>. Operators can find this notice on the FAA's Web site at [http://www.faa.gov/regulations\\_policies/orders\\_notices](http://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/orders_notices).

#### **4. Background.**

**a. Approval of Legislation and Updates to Regulations.** On December 12, 2003, Vision 100–Century of Aviation Reauthorization Act was signed into law. It was amended on August 3, 2007 by Public Law (PL) 110-53, Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007. As a result, Section 1616 of PL 110-53 updated Title 49 of the United States Code (49 U.S.C.) § 44924.

**b.** The TSA is issuing regulations to improve security at repair stations located within and outside the United States, as required by the Vision 100-Century of Aviation Reauthorization Act. Pub L. 108-176 (117 Stat. 2489, December 12, 2003), codified at 49 U.S.C. § 44924 (Vision 100). The regulations apply to repair stations certificated by the FAA under 14 CFR part 145.

**c. Suspension of Certifying Foreign Repair Stations.** PL 110-53 required that final regulations for repair stations be issued no later than August 2008 and required the TSA to complete audits of foreign repair stations within 6 months after publication of 49 CFR part 1554. The final regulations were not issued by the August 2008 deadline, and, consequently, the FAA Administrator was barred from certifying additional foreign repair stations.

**d. Resuming Certification of Foreign Repair Stations.** Due to the publication of 49 CFR part 1554, the FAA may now certificate new foreign repair station applicants. The FAA will notify the TSA when an FAA part 145 certification has concluded and an Air Agency Certificate is issued.

**e. Updates to FAA Order 8900.1.** The pending guidance in 8900.1 Volume 2, Chapter 11, Section 8 establishes procedures to facilitate FAA/TSA communication and coordination to ensure the TSA remains informed of foreign repair station applications early in the certification process. By using a five-phase certification process, the FAA can inform foreign repair station applicants of TSA interface.

## 5. Action.

**a. Communication with the TSA.** The FAA will notify the applicable TSA Regional Operations Centers (ROC) when it concludes an FAA part 145 certification and issues an Air Agency Certificate.

**b. Certification Service Oversight Process (CSOP) and ROC Locations.** The IFO manager (or delegate) may use the CSOP to update the applicant queue. For ROC locations and telephone numbers, see Table 1 below.

**Table 1. Locations and Telephone Numbers of Regional Operations Centers**

<b>Regional Operations Centers (ROC)</b>	<b>Phone Number</b>
Dallas, Texas (Mexico/Canada)	1-817-358-7802
Honolulu (Asia/Pacific)	1-605-484-0530
Frankfurt, Germany (Europe)	+11-49-69-7535-7601
Singapore (Asia)	+65-6476-9482
Virginia (Middle East)	+1-703-487-3130
Miami, Florida (Central/South America)	1-954-874-7110

**6. Disposition.** We will incorporate the information in this notice into FAA Order 8900.1 before this notice expires (see Volume 2, Chapter 11, Section 8). Direct questions concerning the information in this notice to the Repair Station Branch (AFS-340) at 202-385-4277.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Zenkovich", is positioned above the printed name.

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