

## U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

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**National Policy** 

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**SUBJ:** Relocation of Guidance on Required Inspection Items (RII) in FAA Order 8900.1

- 1. Purpose of This Notice. This notice provides information and guidance regarding the relocation of guidance and policy within Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Order 8900.1. Specifically, content related to Required Inspection Items (RII) found in Order 8900.1, Volume 3, Chapter 43, Section 2, Evaluating the Required Inspection Program, has been revised and relocated to the new Volume 20, Chapter 6, Section 1, Evaluating Required Inspection Item (RII) Procedures.
- **2. Audience.** The primary audience for this notice is the Flight Standards (FS) Safety Assurance offices' aviation safety inspectors (ASI) with certificate management and oversight responsibility of air carriers and operators who currently have or will pursue authority to use a Continuous Airworthiness Maintenance Program (CAMP). The secondary audience includes the Safety Standards and Foundational Business offices.
- **3.** Where You Can Find This Notice. You can find this notice on the MyFAA employee website at https://employees.faa.gov/tools\_resources/orders\_notices, the Flight Standards Information Management System (FSIMS) at https://fsims.avs.faa.gov, and the Dynamic Regulatory System (DRS) at https://drs.faa.gov. Operators and the public can find this notice on the FAA's website at https://www.faa.gov/regulations\_policies/orders\_notices, FSIMS at https://fsims.faa.gov, and the DRS.
- **4. Background.** A CAMP contains 10 elements, one of which is the RII element. The FAA has issued this newly revised guidance regarding RII as part of a larger project involving the revision and incorporation of all guidance related to CAMPs into Volume 20 in accordance with the information previously published in Notice N 8900.516, Continuous Airworthiness Maintenance Program (CAMP) Guidance and Policy, dated July 8, 2019.

## 5. Discussion.

**a. Policy Changes.** Extensive reviews of existing CAMPs, which are authorized for use by Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) parts 121 and 135 (10 or more), found that the majority of the RII procedures in these CAMPs did not meet minimum regulatory requirements. Many of the disparities were found to be a direct result of inadequate guidance and policy for industry to use when developing RII procedures, and for FAA inspectors to use when

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evaluating these procedures. As a result, the FAA has undertaken an effort to revise all guidance related to CAMP, including guidance pertaining to RII. The FAA also will publish a new advisory circular (AC) on RII to incorporate this clarification of policy and guidance.

- **b.** Effect on Existing RII Programs. The revised guidance will likely affect most RII procedures that are currently authorized for use in the manual. If the information in the newly published guidance requires changes to an operator's existing RII procedures, the CAMP operator should be given time to revise those procedures, as necessary.
- **c.** Effect on Existing Guidance References. The guidance located in Volume 3, Chapter 43, Section 2 has been removed and the section will contain a note stating that the content has been moved to Volume 20, Chapter 6, Section 1.
- **6. Action.** After reviewing the newly revised guidance in Volume 20, Chapter 6, Section 1, FAA Principal Maintenance Inspectors (PMI) and Principal Avionics Inspectors (PAI) should collaborate with any assigned CAMP operators (14 CFR parts 91K, 121, or 135) that require a revision to their existing RII procedures to ensure those revisions are completed within 6 months from the effective date of this notice.
- 7. **Documentation.** One Safety Assurance System (SAS) Activity Recording (AR) record must be generated by either the PMI or the PAI for each CAMP operator to indicate completion with the requirements of this notice. The SAS AR record is to be created using activity code 3045 or 5045, as applicable, and the status should remain open ("In-Progress") until the notice requirements have been met ("AR End Date"). The "National Use" block in the SAS AR record must include the notice number ("N8900.608").
- **8. Disposition.** We will incorporate the information in this notice into FAA Order 8900.1 before this notice expires. Direct questions or comments concerning the information in this notice to the Aircraft Maintenance Division (AFS-300) at 202-267-1675.

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