INFORMATION TO AID IN THE REGISTRATION OF IMPORTED AIRCRAFT

1. AN AIRCRAFT LAST REGISTERED OR MANUFACTURED IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY MAY BE REGISTERED UPON RECEIPT OF THE FOLLOWING:

   a. A statement by the official having jurisdiction over the National Aircraft Registry of the foreign country that the registration has ended, was never registered, or is invalid, and showing that official’s name and title and describing the aircraft by make, model, serial number.

   If 90 days have elapsed since the date of deregistration from the foreign registry, the applicant may be asked to provide a statement to certify the aircraft has not been entered on another foreign register.

   b. Documentary evidence of ownership, signed in ink, from the foreign seller showing the signer’s appropriate title. Ink signed bills of sale, etc., should be submitted to complete the chain of ownership from the foreign seller, through all intervening owners, to the applicant.

   c. Completed Aircraft Registration Application, AC Form 8050-1. The block for U.S. Registration Number should be left BLANK until the Aircraft Registration Branch actually assigns the registration number.

   d. Registration fee of $5.

2. THE OWNER OF AN AIRCRAFT LAST REGISTERED IN THE UNITED STATES BUT DEREGISTERED PREMATURELY SHOULD SUBMIT:

   a. A statement from the foreign registry that the aircraft was never entered on their register.

   b. Affidavit (notarized) by the last United States owner of record certifying continuous ownership.

   c. Aircraft Registration Application, AC Form 8050-1.

   d. Registration fee of $5.

3. THE CIVIL AVIATION REGISTRY MAY NOT ASSIGN A REGISTRATION NUMBER UNTIL IT RECEIVES THE APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION/DOCUMENTS OR A REQUEST TO ASSIGN A NUMBER. ONE OF THE FOLLOWING MUST BE RECEIVED TO SUPPORT THE REQUEST FOR REGISTRATION NUMBER ASSIGNMENT:

   a. An acceptable statement from the foreign country which confirms nonregistration or deregistration.

   b. A notarized affidavit by the applicant describing the aircraft by manufacturer, model, and serial number. The affidavit should request the assignment of a U. S. registration number and STATE THAT THE NUMBER WILL NOT BE PLACED ON THE AIRCRAFT UNTIL FOREIGN REGISTRATION HAS ENDED.

   c. Registration fee of $5.

4. Assignment of registration number may expire 90 days after the date it is issued unless the applicant submits all necessary documentation/fees to complete registration within the 90-day period.

5. NEITHER THE PINK COPY OF THE APPLICATION NOR THE ASSIGNMENT OF A U.S. REGISTRATION NUMBER IS AUTHORITY TO OPERATE AN IMPORTED AIRCRAFT. THE AIRCRAFT REGISTRATION BRANCH ISSUES THE CERTIFICATE OF AIRCRAFT REGISTRATION, AC FORM 8050-3, AFTER THE DOCUMENTS REQUIRED BY 47.37 OF THE REGULATIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AND EXAMINED.

6. Confirmations in a foreign language must be translated into English. To avoid a (1-3 day) delay, during which time the confirmation is sent for translation, you may wish to have the confirmation translated before filing. The translation should be signed by the translator with a certification which states, “I certify this to be a true, complete, and correct translation of the attached document.” We may accept such translation in lieu of our translation and thereby register an imported aircraft sooner.

7. Imported aircraft may be registered under an FAA Dealer’s Aircraft Registration Certificate; however, a dealer’s certificate is subject to the limitations set out in subparts 47.61-47.71 of the Federal Aviation Regulations. In particular, the evidence of ownership must be sent and the aircraft registered prior to operation using the dealer’s certificate. The dealer’s certificate may not be used to ferry the aircraft to the United States from the foreign country.

8. IMPORTS ARE WORKED ON A PRIORITY BASIS. TO EXPEDITE PROCESSING, PLEASE INDICATE “IMPORT” IN RED INK ON THE REQUEST AND THE ENVELOPE.

Documents sent via a courier service should use the following address:

Federal Aviation Administration
Aircraft Registration Branch
ATTN: IMPORT EXAMINER
Registry Building, Room 118
6425 S. Denning Street
Oklahoma City, OK 73169

9. Contact your local Flight Service District Office to obtain information about airworthiness requirements for imported aircraft.

10. You may call our information line (405) 954-3116, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (CST) if you have any questions.