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**Subject:** Removal of Transonic Aviation Consultants from Advisory Circular (AC) 00-56B, Voluntary Industry Distributor Accreditation Program.

**Purpose:** This InFO serves to inform the aircraft parts distribution industry of the removal of Transonic Aviation Consultants (Transonic) as an accreditation organization and removal of their quality system standard from the AC.

**Background:** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is required by AC 00-56B to monitor the effectiveness of the program. To ensure success of the participating organizations, the FAA participates in, or conducts periodic assessments of the accreditation organizations, quality system standards, and distributors.

Between January 17-19, 2024, the FAA observed Transonic performing two audits. The FAA also evaluated Transonic's TAC-2000 quality system standard, records, and procedures. The FAA noted that processes and procedures described in AC 00-56B were not followed in their entirety, and determined Transonic was not in compliance with this program.

On January 23, 2024, Transonic notified the FAA they would no longer be able to comply with the requirements of AC 00-56B and paused all company activities. On January 29, 2024, Transonic notified the FAA they were terminating their participation in the Voluntary Industry Distributor Accreditation Program.

**Discussion:** The FAA has determined all existing accreditations issued by Transonic will expire on the expiration date indicated on their certificate, or on January 24, 2025, whichever is sooner.

- Accreditations will expire on January 24, 2025 even if the expiration date in the program's database is after January 24, 2025. This is due to the inability to perform "surveillance audits" using the TAC-2000 Quality Assurance Standard since it is no longer included in the AC as acceptable to the FAA. (See AC 00-56B, paragraph 8.f.)
- The accreditation database manager, Aviation Suppliers Association (ASA), has been directed to notify the FAA if a request is received to add TAC-2000-accredited distributors to the program's

database, with an accreditation date after January 23, 2024. The FAA will review these requests and if acceptable, will allow ASA to add the distributor to the database.

- The FAA has directed ASA to remove all Transonic accredited distributors when their accreditation expires or on January 24, 2025, whichever is sooner.

**Recommended Action:** Participants in this voluntary program need to be aware of their responsibilities. Distributors seeking initial or renewal accreditation should consult the current version of AC 00-56. Additionally, all stakeholders should refer to the list of accredited distributors accessed through the link contained in the AC ([www.aviationsuppliers.org/FAA-AC-00-56B](http://www.aviationsuppliers.org/FAA-AC-00-56B)).

At this time, no action is recommended for owners of parts obtained from distributors who were previously accredited by Transonic.

In all cases, participation in this voluntary program does not absolve persons from the performance rule requirements contained in Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR).

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