An InFO contains valuable information for operators that should help them meet certain administrative, regulatory, or operational requirements with relatively low urgency or impact on safety.

Subject: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Aircraft Certification Service (AIR) and Flight Standards Service (AFS) Regulatory Consistency Communication Board (RCCB)

Purpose: This InFO notifies external stakeholders about the deployment of the RCCB.

Background: On February 14, 2012, the President signed the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 (the Act), Public Law 112-95. Pursuant to section 313 of the Act, the FAA chartered the Consistency of Regulatory Interpretation Aviation Rulemaking Committee (ARC). The ARC created a forum for the U.S. aviation community to assess, determine the root causes of, and provide recommendations to reduce inconsistent interpretation and application of regulations. One of the ARC’s recommendations was that the FAA should establish an RCCB comprised of representatives from AFS, AIR, and the Office of the Chief Counsel (AGC) to provide clarification to internal and external stakeholders on questions related to the application of regulations.

Discussion: The RCCB was established to address the ARC recommendation and to provide a collaborative environment where representatives from AFS, AIR, and AGC can discuss, clarify, and resolve certain complex issues brought forward by external and internal stakeholders. Issues brought to the RCCB must:
1) Outline an inconsistency in how regulatory requirements are described or applied; and
2) Involve regulations or policies within AIR and/or AFS.

Recommended Action: External stakeholders, such as operators, manufacturers, trade organizations, maintenance providers and individuals can submit issues meeting the definition above. Submission to the RCCB will only be accepted via the online form available at https://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/faq_regulations/rccb/. The form supports anonymous submission. Additional details on the RCCB can be found in FAA Order 8000.70, Regulatory Consistency Communication Board which can be accessed at: https://www.faa.gov/documentlibrary/media/order/faa_order_8000.70.pdf.

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