UNAPPROVED PARTS NOTIFICATION
Aircraft Certification Service

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AFFECTED PRODUCTS:

PURPOSE:
This notification advises all aircraft owners, operators, maintenance organizations, and parts distributors, of unapproved parts that were advertised on the internet under the caption: “65,000 military and commercial aircraft parts for sale.”

BACKGROUND:
Information discovered during a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) suspected unapproved parts (SUP) investigation indicated that these parts were manufactured by Western Metals Products under licensing agreement with Boeing as a direct supplier to Boeing. The contract between the two (2) companies was terminated in 2007. These parts were production over runs left at Western Metals Products at the termination of the contract and were auctioned by King County Washington authorities when Western Metal Products closed. Western Metals Products did not possess an FAA approval for production of these parts as listed in the advertisement.

RECOMMENDATIONS:
Title 14 CFR § 21.9 states in part, that no person may produce a replacement or modification part for sale for installation on a type certificated product unless it is produced pursuant to a Parts Manufacturer Approval (PMA).

FURTHER INFORMATION:
You can obtain further information concerning this investigation, and guidance regarding the above-referenced SUP from the FAA Manufacturing Inspection District Office (MIDO) listed below.

This notification originated from the FAA Seattle MIDO, 1601 Lind Ave SW, Renton, WA 98057, telephone (425) 917-6661, fax (425) 917-6686

1 attachment:
List of items (by Boeing part number) produced by Western Metals without FAA PMA