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Ms. Sarah MacLeod
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RE: Multiple Part Numbering Issue

Dear Ms. MacLeod:

Thank you for your letter dated October 19, 2011. You recommended that the FAA issue guidance to address questions about part identification information when more than one part number has been applied during production or distribution.

As you know, under Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations, a manufacturer is given a minimum requirement for identifying a part. We share your concern that the presence of multiple part numbers may cause confusion when maintaining such parts and interfere with recordkeeping.

We plan to review affected FAA policy and guidance and revise them as necessary. Specifically, in Aircraft Certification, the Production and Airworthiness Division, is drafting a revision to FAA Order 8130.21, *Procedures for Completion and Use of the Authorized Release Certificate*, FAA Form 8130-3, Airworthiness Approval Tag, to address the practice of recording dual part numbers on FAA Form 8130-3.

In Flight Standards, the Aircraft Maintenance Division is reviewing its policy and applicable guidance to clarify requirements for maintaining parts and related recordkeeping for parts with dual identification numbers.

If you have any questions, please contact Carlos Quiles, Repair Station Branch, AFS-340, at (202) 385-6454.

Sincerely,

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