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Mr. Craig L. Fabian  
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Dear Mr. Fabian:

In response to your December 11, 2012 letter, the Aircraft Maintenance Division, AFS-300, would like to offer the following:

You are correct in your understanding, that the current Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) guidance accurately reflects the FAA's position concerning part marking. With exception to Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR), Sections 45.13 (b) through (e), a maintenance provider can restore, or add, a serial number to a part received with missing or illegible serial number information; or to a part that was not originally serialized.

Additionally, due to the revision of 14 CFR Part 45 in April of 2011, Advisory Circular 43-213, has been revised to reflect reference to the re-codified sections of this part and is currently in coordination for publication. You should also be aware that as a result of the of the rewrite, Section 45.16 was added, requiring coordination with the design approval holder or type certificate holder for marking instructions pertaining to life limited parts as required by Section 43.10.

We hope this regulatory response adequately addresses your concerns. If we may be of additional assistance, please feel free to contact this office at (202)385-6435.

Sincerely,

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