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Ms. Sarah MacLeod
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Dear Ms. MacLeod:

This is in response to the September 22, 2014, letter sent to the public docket (No. FAA-2014-0767). In that letter, eight aviation-related organizations jointly filed a petition for rulemaking with the Federal Aviation Administration. Petitioners included: Aeronautical Repair Station Association, Aerospace Industries Association, Aircraft Electronics Association, Airlines for America, Cargo Airline Association, General Aviation Manufacturers Association, National Air Carrier Association, and National Air Transportation Association (collectively, the "Petitioners"). The Petitioners stated that the FAA erred in removing the word "serious" from § 145.221(a).

On August 12, 2014, the FAA published a final rule entitled "Repair Stations" (79 FR 46974). In that rule, the FAA removed the word "serious" from § 145.221(a) to address what the agency perceived to be a previous oversight. The final rule's effective date was November 10, 2014. After publication, and based on information in the petition for rulemaking, the FAA realized that the word "serious" should remain.

To address this error before the rule became effective, the FAA published a correction document in the Federal Register on November 10, 2014 (79 FR 66607). That document contained the following instructions:

§ 145.221 [Corrected]

1. On page 46985, in the first column, in § 145.221, paragraph (a), add the word "serious" before the phrase "failure, malfunction, or defect of an article."

The Agency has confirmed that the word "serious" is in § 145.221(a) in the electronic Code of Federal Regulations.

The relief requested by the petitioners is now covered under the corrected rule. As such, no further action is required on your petition. You can view a copy of the current rule by going to http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=532763d4007043573c6aa479975b5a5d&node=pt14.3.145&rgn=div5#se14.3.145_1221.

If you have any questions or require additional information, you may call Mr. James Crotty at (202) 267 9456.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Lirio Liu', written over a circular stamp or seal.

Director, Office of Rulemaking