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Subject: Changes to Certification Requirements for Repair Stations in the United States (U.S.) Seeking United Kingdom (UK) Part 145 Approval.

Purpose: This InFO serves to inform Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 145 repair stations about the upcoming revision to the Maintenance Implementation Procedures (MIP) between the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the UK Civil Aviation Authority (CAA). Commonly referred to as the U.S.-UK MIP, this document pertains to repair stations in U.S. seeking a UK part 145 certification.

Background: Over the past few years, the FAA has been working with its counterparts in the UK to minimize disruption to the aviation system as a result of the UK's withdrawal from the European Union (EU), known as "Brexit". On January 1, 2021, the FAA signed a MIP with the UK CAA involving the surveillance of part 145 certificated repair stations located in the UK.

Discussion: Starting on January 1, 2023, repair stations located in the U.S. may apply for a UK part 145 certificate under the procedures listed in Section B of the Maintenance Agreement Guidance (MAG) Between the Federal Aviation Administration of the United States and the Civil Aviation Authority of the United Kingdom (U.S.-UK MAG). The responsible Flight Standards District Offices will process the applications and assist with certification requirements.

To facilitate the application interval, the CAA may rely on European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) certificates issued on the basis of the Annex 2 of the Agreement Between the United States of America and the European Community on Cooperation in the Regulation of Civil Aviation Safety (U.S.-EU Agreement) for U.S.-based part 145 repair stations wishing to perform maintenance on civil aeronautical products under the regulatory control of the UK CAA until December 31, 2024. This includes recognition of FAA Form 8130-3 with a dual (FAA/EASA) release dated prior to December 31, 2024.

After December 31, 2024, maintenance performed on civil aeronautical products under the regulatory control of the UK CAA must be released by the holder of a UK part 145 certificate under the U.S.-UK MIP.

Recommended Action: Repair station owners and operators should familiarize themselves with the information contained in this InFO. In addition, the FAA and UK CAA encourages repair stations to apply for UK part 145 certificates, 120 days prior to the expiration of their EASA certificate.

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