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RE: Recognition Waiver from U.S. Federal Aviation Administration
Foreign Repair Station Drug and Alcohol Requirements

Dear Dr. Manderson,

As you are no doubt aware, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) was mandated by the U.S. Congress to expand drug and alcohol testing requirements to 14 CFR part [145](#) repair stations located outside the United States. The FAA [issued](#) the new rule last December. As a country that has equivalent requirements, we hope Australia's Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) will accept the Aeronautical Repair Station Association's (ARSA) help in obtaining a waiver from the U.S. requirements for all approved maintenance organizations in Australia that hold 14 CFR part [145](#) certificates.

ARSA has been deeply involved in ensuring proper implementation of the FAA and U.S. Department of Transportation requirements since the FAA introduced drug and alcohol testing for air carriers and their maintenance providers. ARSA's objective is the highest level of safety by the most efficient means possible; we therefore continually seek opportunities to lessen the burden of requirements on governments and regulated parties.

In that spirit, we offer the draft waiver attached to the transmission email that CASA can use to obtain acknowledgement that your country's drug and alcohol testing regime is equivalent to that being imposed by the United States on "foreign" repair stations under CASA's jurisdiction. We are also hopeful that the draft waiver can serve as an example of the care and detail that the American regulations require to establish a country-wide waiver.

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We welcome any questions you may have.

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