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# Memorandum

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Subject: **INFORMATION**: AIR-200 Policy Memorandum #97-12, Criteria for Surveillance of Priority Parts Suppliers and Definition of “Inspectable Upon Receipt” Date: September 2, 1997

From: Manager, Production & Airworthiness Certification Division, AIR-200 Reply to Attn. of: RConn:

To: All Manufacturing Inspection Offices and District/Satellite Offices

This policy memorandum provides clarification of the relationship of Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Order 8120.2, *Production Approval and Surveillance Procedures*, and FAA Order 8100.7, *Aircraft Certification Systems Evaluation Program (ACSEP)*, as they relate to surveillance of priority parts suppliers (PPS). This memorandum also provides clarification of the term “inspectable upon receipt” as outlined in paragraph 90 of Order 8120.2, change 11.

The criteria to determine what products require ongoing surveillance is identified in Order 8120.2. The order provides the process to be used to help select the PPS that need surveillance. Order 8100.7, chapter 3, is used for selecting and scheduling ACSEP evaluations of PPS facilities identified by Order 8120.2.

The “inspectable upon receipt” requirement can be met two ways:

- (1) The part is completely inspected upon receipt at the PAH’s facility, or as an equivalent.
- (2) All inspections and tests are completed at the suppliers facility by the PAH (PAH source inspector, vendor quality assurance representative, etc.) to verify that the part conforms to the FAA approved design using the PAH’s FAA approved quality system and associated data. The PAH may allow a supplier to preform an appropriate inspection/major inspection when it has established that the supplier is capable of performing such inspection function (reference AC 21.20B).

Item (2) should **NOT** be approved **OR** continued when certificate management or surveillance activities identify quality system, supplier control, manufacturing, or other PAH or supplier deficiencies that preclude its use.

This memorandum has been coordinated with, and agreed to, by the Manufacturing Inspection Office Managers. If there are any questions, please contact a member of the Production and Airworthiness Certification Division, AIR-200, at 202-267-8361.

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