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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Parts 1, 21, 43, and 45

[Docket No. FAA-2006-25877; Notice No. 07-02]

Production and Airworthiness Approvals, Parts Marking, and Miscellaneous Proposals

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for comments.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of and requests comments on the Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis (IRFA) associated with the notice of proposed rulemaking entitled, Production and Airworthiness Approvals, Parts Marking, and Miscellaneous Proposals.

DATES: Send your comments to reach us on or before April 2, 2007.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments identified by Docket Number FAA-2007—using any of the following methods:

- *DOT Docket Web site:* Go to <http://dms.dot.gov> and follow the instructions for sending your comments electronically.

- *Governmentwide rulemaking Web site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the instructions for sending your comments electronically.

- *Mail:* Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Nassif Building, Room PL-401, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

- *Fax:* 1-202-493-2251.

- *Hand Delivery:* Room PL-401 on the plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

For more information on the rulemaking process, see the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

Privacy: We will post all comments we receive, without change, to <http://dms.dot.gov>, including any personal information you provide. For more information, see the Privacy Act discussion in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

Docket: To read background documents or comments received, go to <http://dms.dot.gov> at any time or to Room PL-401 on the plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

The FAA invites interested persons to participate in this rulemaking by submitting written comments, data, or views. The most helpful comments reference a specific portion of the IRFA, explain the reason for any recommended change, and include supporting data. We ask that you send us two copies of written comments.

We will file in the docket all comments we receive, as well as a report summarizing each substantive public contact with FAA personnel concerning this IRFA. The docket is available for public inspection before and after the comment closing date. If you wish to review the docket in person, go to the address in the **ADDRESSES** section of this preamble between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. You may also review the docket using the Internet at the Web address in the **ADDRESSES** section.

Privacy Act: Using the search function of our docket Web site, anyone can find and read the comments received into any of our dockets, including the name of the individual sending the comment (or signing the comment on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477-78) or you may visit <http://dms.dot.gov>.

The purpose behind an IRFA is to notify small businesses of a rulemaking activity that, if finalized, may adversely affect a substantial number of small businesses. If a rulemaking is likely to have such an impact, we are required to identify alternatives that may reduce this impact. To adequately explore these alternatives, we need the input of those small businesses. Accordingly, we will consider all comments we receive on or before the closing date for comments. However, your comments should be limited to the IRFA since the comment period on the NPRM has closed. We will consider comments filed late if it is possible to do so without incurring expense or delay. We may change our proposal in light of the comments we receive.

If you want the FAA to acknowledge receipt of your comments, include with your comments a pre-addressed, stamped postcard on which the docket number appears. We will stamp the date on the postcard and mail it to you.

Proprietary or Confidential Business Information

Do not file in the docket information that you consider to be proprietary or confidential business information. Send or deliver this information directly to the person identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document. You must mark the information that you consider proprietary or confidential. If you send the information on a disk or CD-ROM, mark the outside of the disk or CD-ROM and also identify electronically within the disk or CD-ROM the specific information that is proprietary or confidential.

Under 14 CFR 11.35(b), when we are aware of proprietary information filed with a comment, we do not place it in the docket. We hold it in a separate file to which the public does not have access, and place a note in the docket that we have received it. If we receive a request to examine or copy this information, we treat it as any other request under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552). We process such a request under the DOT procedures found in 49 CFR part 7.

Availability of Rulemaking Documents

You can get an electronic copy using the Internet by:

(1) Searching the Department of Transportation's electronic Docket

Management System (DMS) Web page (<http://dms.dot.gov/search>);

(2) Visiting the FAA's Regulations and Policies Web page at http://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/; or

(3) Accessing the Government Printing Office's Web page at <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/index.html>.

You can also get a copy by sending a request to the Federal Aviation Administration, Office of Rulemaking, ARM-1, 800 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20591, or by calling (202) 267-9680. Make sure to identify the docket number, notice number, or amendment number of this rulemaking.

Discussion

On October 5, 2006, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) issued a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) entitled, Production and Airworthiness Approvals, Parts Marking, and Miscellaneous Proposals (71 FR 58915). The extended comment period for this NPRM closed on February 5, 2007.

The Small Business Administration's Office of Advocacy has asked us, on behalf of small businesses that may be adversely affected by the proposed rulemaking, to allow additional time for small businesses to comment on the Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis associated with the NPRM.¹ The analysis examines whether the proposed rulemaking would have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. We have determined that the additional comment period is consistent with the public interest and that good cause exists for taking this action. Accordingly, we are establishing an additional 45-day comment period on the Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis.

Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

The Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 (RFA) establishes "as a principle of regulatory issuance that agencies shall endeavor, consistent with the objective of the rule and of applicable statutes, to fit regulatory and informational requirements to the scale of the business, organizations, and governmental jurisdictions subject to regulation." To achieve that principle, the Act requires agencies to solicit and consider flexible regulatory proposals and to explain the rationale for their actions. The Act covers a wide range of small entities, including small businesses, not-for-profit organizations and small governmental jurisdictions.

Agencies must perform a review to determine whether a proposed or final rule would have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. If the determination is that it would, the agency must prepare a regulatory flexibility analysis as described in the Act.

However, if an agency determines that a proposed or final rule is not expected to have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities, section 605(b) of the RFA provides that the head of the agency may so certify and a regulatory flexibility analysis is not required. The certification must include a statement providing the factual basis for this determination, and the reasoning should be clear.

The FAA used the Small Business Administration (SBA) guideline of 1,500 employees or less per firm as the criterion for the determination of a small business in aircraft manufacturing. The FAA also used the SBA guideline of 1,000 employees or less per firm as the criterion for the determination of a small business in aircraft engine and engine parts manufacturing, and/or other aircraft part and auxiliary equipment manufacturing.²

In order to determine if the proposed rule will have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities, lists of all U.S. aircraft, aircraft engine, and other aircraft part and auxiliary equipment manufacturers was generated by the FAA Aircraft Certification Directorate Offices. Because the list was organized by the type of production approval, a firm could be listed more than once (e.g., a firm could hold a TSO authorization as well as a PMA). There are close to 2,000 records on this list.

From the lists of manufacturers supplied by the Rotorcraft Directorate (ASW) and the Small Airplane Directorate (ACE), the FAA took a 10% sample of firms that had already been identified as small entities by the Directorates (or 78 firms). From the lists of manufacturers supplied by the Transport Airplane Directorate (ANM) and the Engine and Propeller Directorate (ANE), the FAA took a 10% sample of all firms (or 109 firms) because those two Directorates had not identified the firms that were small entities. Hence, the FAA used a sample of 187 firms (or approximately 10%) for the analysis.

Using information provided by the ReferenceUSA Business Database, company annual reports, and SEC filings, all businesses with more than 1,500 employees for aircraft manufacturer and 1,000 employees for other manufacturers, and subsidiaries of larger businesses, were excluded from the list of small businesses. An example of a subsidiary business is Bell Helicopter, which is a subsidiary of Textron, Inc. For the remaining businesses, the FAA obtained company revenue information from these three sources, when the revenue was made public.

By applying this methodology to the 10% sample, the FAA verified that 109 firms are small entities, 32 firms are large businesses or subsidiaries of large businesses or consortiums, and 46 firms could not be found in the database and/or had no revenue information available. Among the 109 verified small entities, 5 are small PCs, 19 are small TSO authorization holders, and 85 are small PMAs.

The FAA estimates that the average discounted compliance cost for a small PC is approximately \$582,000, for a small TSO authorization holder is approximately \$52,000, and for a small PMA is approximately \$15,000. (Refer to Appendix E.) The annualized cost for a small PC is estimated at \$82,881 ($\$582,120 \times 0.142378 = \$82,881$), for a small TSO authorization holder is estimated at \$7,342 ($\$51,566 \times 0.142378 = \$7,342$), and for a small PMA is estimated at \$2,153 ($\$15,125 \times 0.142378 = \$2,153$).

The degree to which small manufacturers can "afford" the cost of compliance is determined by the availability of financial resources. The initial implementation costs of the proposed rule may be financed, paid for using existing company assets, or borrowed. As a proxy for the firm's ability to afford the cost of compliance, the FAA calculated the ratio of the total annualized cost of the proposed rule as a percentage of annual revenue. This ratio is a conservative measure as the annualized value of the 10-year total compliance cost is divided by one year of annual revenue. Appendix F shows that one of the small businesses sampled would incur costs greater than 1 percent of their annual revenue. Since this is based on a 10% sample, approximately 10 small businesses would incur costs greater than 1 percent of their annual revenue.

Thus, the FAA believes that approximately 10 small entities would incur a substantial economic impact in the form of higher annual costs as a result of this proposed rule. Therefore,

¹ This analysis can also be found in the FAA's Initial Regulatory Evaluation, docket # FAA-2006-25877-19.

² 13 CFR 121.201, Size Standards Used to Define Small Business Concerns, Sectors 31-33 Manufacturing, Subsector 336 Transportation Equipment Manufacturing.

the FAA thinks that the rule may have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. However, the FAA does not think that the implementation of this proposed regulation would cause any of these companies to become bankrupt.

Questions to be addressed in an Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis (IRFA):

1. Which small entities will be impacted most? PC holders and TSO authorization holders. Should the definition of "small entity" be redefined for purposes of the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 (RFA)? No.

2. Are all the required elements of an IRFA present, particularly a description of all compliance requirements, and a clear explanation of the need for and objectives of the rule? Yes. This Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) proposed rule would make various changes in design, production, and identification regulations for products and parts. These proposed changes include establishing a single set of quality system requirements applicable to all production approval holders as well as requiring an airworthiness approval document to be issued with all products and parts shipments from a production approval holder. The proposed rule would also revise aircraft parts marking requirements. For additional information, refer to the Regulatory Evaluation for a description of all compliance requirements and further explanations of the need for and objectives of the rule.

3. Have all major cost factors been developed and analyzed? Yes. Refer to Appendix E for the cost factors for a small entity by type of production approval.

4. What alternatives will allow the agency to accomplish its regulatory objectives while minimizing the impact on small entities?

Alternative 1: No Action.

This alternative would have no impact on small entities. The FAA decided to discard this alternative because it would not enhance safety. Among other things, the FAA proposes to enhance safety by (1) establishing a single set of quality system requirements applicable to all production approval holders, (2) requiring an airworthiness approval document to be issued with all products and parts shipments from a production approval holder, and (3) revising aircraft parts marking requirements.

Alternative 2: Partial Proposed Rule.

The partial proposed rule would be the complete proposed rule with the exception of the requirement for airworthiness approval tags (Form 8130-3) with all part or product sales/shipments. This requirement is the most costly proposal for the manufacturers. If this were not included in the proposed rule, then there would not be a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Alternative 3: Complete Proposed Rule.

The complete proposed rule is more costly for small entities, but the FAA recommends proceeding with the complete proposed rule instead of Alternative 2 for several reasons.

- The Form 8130-3 is the recognized industry standard document that provides legal proof that the part was produced by an FAA-approved source and is airworthy. Use of the Form in this way parallels what is done in Europe with the EASA Form One.

- A common, easily recognizable Form is needed with all new parts

shipments so that the receiver can easily verify the airworthiness of the part and authority of the producer.

- Most non-US aviation agencies demand a completed Form 8130-3 for parts imported into their country. The FAA recommends it for domestic use also because it makes sense to use a common form for all shipments, rather than different forms for domestic versus export shipments.

- Legal enforcement for misuse—since the 8130-3 is a Federal form, misuse of the Form is a Federal offense.

5. Competitiveness Analysis:

This rule is a comprehensive rule that impacts all production approval holders including PC holders, TSO authorization holders, and PMA holders. This covers a wide variety of businesses (e.g., balloons, gliders, helicopters, small airplanes, large transport category airplanes, engine manufacturers, propeller manufacturers, seat belt manufacturers, seat manufacturers, and so forth). Market share within the industry probably would not change due to this proposed regulation, and the industry itself would not lose market share to other products or services.

6. Business closure analysis:

The FAA thinks that there would not be any small businesses that close due to the proposed regulation because there were only about 10 companies that would have costs that exceed one percent of revenues, more specifically, their costs would be approximately 1.1% of revenues. The FAA estimates that these costs are not high enough to force companies into bankruptcy.

7. Disproportionality Analysis:

The table below shows the differences in the impacts on small businesses as compared to large ones.

Small entity	Total costs	Discounted total costs	Large entity	Total costs	Discounted total costs
Small PCs:			Large PCs:		
21.9(a)(4)	\$1,600	\$917	21.9(a)(4)	\$128,000	\$73,387
21.123(e)	10,000	5,733	21.123(e)	0	0
21.137(h)	2,000	1,526	21.137(h)	0	0
21.137(m)	300	229	21.137(m)	0	0
21.137(n)	500	381	21.137(n)	0	0
21.146(d)	1,000,000	573,333	21.146(d)	706,667	405,156
Subtotal	1,014,400	582,120	Subtotal	834,667	478,542
Small TSOAs:			Large TSOAs:		
21.9(a)(4)	375	215	21.9(a)(4)	0	0
21.605	50	38	21.605	0	0
21.616(d)	4,500	2,580	21.616(d)	3,668,750	2,103,417
45.15(b)	85,000	48,733	45.15(b)	572,000	327,947
Subtotal	89,925	51,566	Subtotal	4,240,750	2,431,364
Small PMAs:			Large PMAs:		
21.9(a)(4)	1,250	717	21.9(a)(4)	0	0
21.303(a)(5)	50	38	21.303(a)(5)	50	38

Small entity	Total costs	Discounted total costs	Large entity	Total costs	Discounted total costs
21.307	400	305	21.307	80	61
21.308	400	305	21.308	200	153
21.316(d)	24,000	13,760	21.316(d)	825,000	473,000
Subtotal	26,100	15,125	Subtotal	825,330	473,252

Large PCs appear to have lower costs on these requirements because the requirements are already current practice. Large TSOAs and large PMAs have higher costs on these requirements compared to their respective smaller entities. The FAA estimates that there would be no significant change in market share due to this proposed regulation.

APPENDIX E.—COSTS FOR SMALL BUSINESSES [per firm]

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Total Costs	Discounted total costs
Small PCs:												
21.9(a)(4)	\$160	\$160	\$160	\$160	\$160	\$160	\$160	\$160	\$160	\$160	\$1,600	\$917
21.123(e)	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	10,000	5,733
21.137(h)	2,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,000	1,526
21.137(m)	300	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	300	229
21.137(n)	500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	500	381
21.146(d)	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	1,000,000	573,333
Subtotal .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,014,400	582,120
Small TSOAs:												
21.9(a)(4)	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	375	215
21.605	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	38
21.616(d)	450	450	450	450	450	450	450	450	450	450	4,500	2,580
45.15(b)	8,500	8,500	8,500	8,500	8,500	8,500	8,500	8,500	8,500	8,500	85,000	48,733
Subtotal .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	89,925	51,566
Small PMAs:												
21.9(a)(4)	125	125	125	125	125	125	125	125	125	125	1,250	717
21.303(a)(5)	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	38
21.307	400	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	400	305
21.308	400	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	400	305
21.316(d)	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400	24,000	13,760
Subtotal .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26,100	15,125

APPENDIX F.—ECONOMIC IMPACT ON A REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLE OF SMALL BUSINESSES

Production basis	Manufacturer	State	Revenues (avg est.)	Annualized cost of rule	Percent
PC	AEROSTAR AIRCRAFT CORP	ID ...	\$15,000,000	\$82,881	0.55
PC	AIR TRACTOR, INC.	TX ...	75,000,000	82,881	0.11
PC	AMERICAN CHAMPION AIRCRAFT CORP	WI ...	35,000,000	82,881	0.24
PC	UNIVAIR AIRCRAFT CORP	CO ..	7,500,000	82,881	1.11
PC	WILLIAMS INTERNATIONAL	MI ...	75,000,000	82,881	0.11
PMA	A&C PRODUCTS, INC	TX ...	1,750,000	2,153	0.12
PMA	ABLE AIR	CA ...	750,000	2,153	0.29
PMA	ACCURATE BUSHING COMPANY INC	NJ ...	3,750,000	2,153	0.06
PMA	ACR ELECTRONICS INC	FL ...	75,000,000	2,153	0.00
PMA	ADVANCED HYPERFINE PRODUCTS	CA ...	250,000	2,153	0.86
PMA	AERO DECALS	FL ...	750,000	2,153	0.29
PMA	AERO SEATS AND SYSTEMS, INC	TX ...	1,750,000	2,153	0.12
PMA	AERO TECHNICAL ALLIANCE INC	FL ...	1,750,000	2,153	0.12
PMA	AERODYNE ENGINEERING	CA ...	250,000	2,153	0.86
PMA	AERONCA INC	OH ...	75,000,000	2,153	0.00
PMA	AEROSPACE SYSTEMS. & COMPONENTS, INC	KS ...	3,750,000	2,153	0.06
PMA	AIRBORNE TECHNOLOGIES, INC	CA ...	7,500,000	2,153	0.03
PMA	AIRCRAFT INSTRUMENTS	PA ...	1,750,000	2,153	0.12
PMA	AIRCRAFT SPECIALTIES SERVICES, INC	OK ...	3,750,000	2,153	0.06
PMA	AIRWELD, INC	CA ...	1,750,000	2,153	0.12
PMA	AIRWOLF FILTER CORP	OH ...	1,750,000	2,153	0.12
PMA	AMERICAN POLARIZERS, INC	PA ...	3,750,000	2,153	0.06
PMA	AMGLO KEMLITE LABORATORIES, INC	IL ...	15,000,000	2,153	0.01
PMA	APACHE ENTERPRISES	TX ...	7,500,000	2,153	0.03
PMA	AVIATION DEVELOPMENT CORP	WA ...	750,000	2,153	0.29

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Production basis	Manufacturer	State	Revenues (avg est.)	Annualized cost of rule	Percent
PMA	AVION RESEARCH	CA	750,000	2,153	0.29
PMA	BIZJET INTERNATIONAL SALES	OK	15,000,000	2,153	0.01
PMA	BRAUER AEROSPACE PRODUCTS, INC	AL	3,750,000	2,153	0.06
PMA	BREEZE-EASTERN CORP	NJ	72,300,000	2,153	0.00
PMA	BRUCE INDUSTRIES, INC	NV	15,000,000	2,153	0.01
PMA	CAMARILLO AIRCRAFT SERVICE	CA	250,000	2,153	0.86
PMA	CANARD AEROSPACE CORPORATION	MN	1,750,000	2,153	0.12
PMA	CEE BAILEY'S AIRCRAFT PLASTICS	CA	15,000,000	2,153	0.01
PMA	COLLINS AIRCRAFT DYNAMICS, INC	TX	750,000	2,153	0.29
PMA	COMANT INDUSTRIES, INC	CA	15,000,000	2,153	0.01
PMA	CONAX FLORIDA CORPORATION	FL	7,500,000	2,153	0.03
PMA	DAVTRON	CA	3,750,000	2,153	0.06
PMA	DER ASSOCIATES INC	KS	250,000	2,153	0.86
PMA	DEUTSCH RELAYS, INC	NY	35,000,000	2,153	0.01
PMA	DOW-ELCO INC	CA	3,750,000	2,153	0.06
PMA	DUSTERS AND SPRAYERS, INC	OK	1,750,000	2,153	0.12
PMA	DYNAMIC AIR ENGINEERING	CA	7,500,000	2,153	0.03
PMA	E.J. MLYNARCZYK & CO., INC	FL	7,500,000	2,153	0.03
PMA	ELECTRONIC CABLE SPECIALISTS	WI	300,000,000	2,153	0.00
PMA	ESSEX INDUSTRIES INC	MO	7,500,000	2,153	0.03
PMA	FLEXFAB DIVISION	MI	300,000,000	2,153	0.00
PMA	FLIGHT DYNAMICS	OR	1,750,000	2,153	0.12
PMA	FRANKLIN AIRCRAFT ENGINES, INC	CO	1,750,000	2,153	0.12
PMA	HELI-TECH	OR	1,750,000	2,153	0.12
PMA	HYDRAFLOW	CA	35,000,000	2,153	0.01
PMA	INTERNATIONAL AERO INC	WA	35,000,000	2,153	0.01
PMA	JAY-DEE AIRCRAFT SUPPLY CO., INC	CA	3,750,000	2,153	0.06
PMA	JORMAC, INC.	FL	1,750,000	2,153	0.12
PMA	KEITH PRODUCTS, L.P	TX	15,000,000	2,153	0.01
PMA	KING AIRE, INC	KS	250,000	2,153	0.86
PMA	LTA AVIATION, INC	NY	250,000	2,153	0.86
PMA	MAGNETIC SEAL CORP	RI	7,500,000	2,153	0.03
PMA	MED-FLITE OF MIDAMERICA, INC	KS	250,000	2,153	0.86
PMA	MILLENNIUM CONCEPTS, INC	KS	1,750,000	2,153	0.12
PMA	MILMAN ENGINEERING INC	WA	250,000	2,153	0.86
PMA	NASERA CORPORATION	NC	1,750,000	2,153	0.12
PMA	NORDAM TEXAS	TX	35,000,000	2,153	0.01
PMA	NORTHEAST AERO COMPRESSOR CORP	NY	3,750,000	2,153	0.06
PMA	OTTO ENGINEERING INC	IL	15,000,000	2,153	0.01
PMA	PACIFIC PRECISION PRODUCTS	CA	1,750,000	2,153	0.12
PMA	PARAVION TECHNOLOGY INC	CO	7,500,000	2,153	0.03
PMA	PETERSON'S PERFORMANCE PLUS	KS	1,750,000	2,153	0.12
PMA	PLASTIC MOLDED PRODUCTS	WA	15,000,000	2,153	0.01
PMA	PRECISION PATTERN INC	KS	15,000,000	2,153	0.01
PMA	QED, INC	CA	7,500,000	2,153	0.03
PMA	RALMARK COMPANY	PA	1,750,000	2,153	0.12
PMA	RAY'S AIRCRAFT SERVICE	CA	750,000	2,153	0.29
PMA	ROTOR DYNAMICS AMERICAS, INC	TX	250,000	2,153	0.86
PMA	SAINT GOBAIN PERFORMANCE PLASTIC	WA	15,000,000	2,153	0.01
PMA	SEAL DYNAMICS, INC	NY	35,000,000	2,153	0.01
PMA	SENSOR SYSTEMS L.L.C	FL	35,000,000	2,153	0.01
PMA	SKYBOLT AEROMOTIVE CORP	FL	7,500,000	2,153	0.03
PMA	SKYLIGHT AVIONICS CO	CA	1,750,000	2,153	0.12
PMA	SPECTRUM AEROMED, INC	MN	7,500,000	2,153	0.03
PMA	STEIN SEAL	PA	35,000,000	2,153	0.01
PMA	STERLING AVIATION TECHNOLOGIES	WA	1,750,000	2,153	0.12
PMA	TANIS AIRCRAFT SERVICES, INC	MN	750,000	2,153	0.29
PMA	TEXAS AIR STAR, INC.	TX	750,000	2,153	0.29
PMA	THORNTON TECHNOLOGY CORP	CA	15,000,000	2,153	0.01
PMA	UMPCO, INC	CA	15,000,000	2,153	0.01
PMA	VALCOR ENGINEERING	NJ	35,000,000	2,153	0.01
PMA	VARGA ENTERPRISES, INC	AZ	7,500,000	2,153	0.03
PMA	WECO AEROSPACE SYSTEMS, INC	CA	15,000,000	2,153	0.01
PMA	WENDON COMPANY, INC	CT	7,500,000	2,153	0.03
PMA	WINDSOR AIRMOTIVE	CT	15,000,000	2,153	0.01
TSOA	AERO TWIN, INCORPORATED	AK	3,750,000	7,342	0.20
TSOA	AIRCRAFT BELTS INC	TX	35,000,000	7,342	0.02
TSOA	AIRPATH INSTR. CO	MO	3,750,000	7,342	0.20
TSOA	AVIONICS INNOVATIONS	CA	750,000	7,342	0.98
TSOA	BURL'S AIRCRAFT REBUILD	AK	1,750,000	7,342	0.42
TSOA	CASTLE INDUSTRIES, INC	CA	75,000,000	7,342	0.01

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Production basis	Manufacturer	State	Revenues (avg est.)	Annualized cost of rule	Percent
TSOA	DIAMOND J , INC	KS ...	3,750,000	7,342	0.20
TSOA	ESSEX INDUSTRIES INC	MO ..	7,500,000	7,342	0.10
TSOA	GLOBE MOTORS INTERNATIONAL LOGISTICS SUPPORT CORP. (ILSC)	AL ...	75,000,000	7,342	0.01
TSOA .....	.....	AZ ...	1,750,000	7,342	0.42
TSOA	KOLLSMAN INC	NH ..	750,000	7,342	0.98
TSOA	KOSOLA & ASSOCIATES	GA ..	3,750,000	7,342	0.20
TSOA	NORTH AMERICAN AERODYNAMICS	NC ..	15,000,000	7,342	0.05
TSOA	PHAOSTRON INSTRUMENTS & ELEC. CO	CA ...	15,000,000	7,342	0.05
TSOA	R.A. MILLER INDUSTRIES INC	MI	15,000,000	7,342	0.05
TSOA	SATCO, INC	CA ...	75,000,000	7,342	0.01
TSOA	SIGMA TEK, INC	KS ...	35,000,000	7,342	0.02
TSOA	SOUTHWEST PRODUCTS COMPANY	CA ...	15,000,000	7,342	0.05
TSOA	VISION MICROSYSTEMS	WA ..	1,750,000	7,342	0.42

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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[Docket No. FAA-2007-27152; Directorate Identifier 2006-NM-219-AD]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model 717-200 Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: The FAA proposes to adopt a new airworthiness directive (AD) for certain McDonnell Douglas Model 717-200 airplanes. This proposed AD would require installing a certain junction(s) and changing the wiring of the first officer's pitot static heater system. This proposed AD results from a report of temporary loss of the auto-flight function with displays of suspect or erratic airspeed indications. We are proposing this AD to prevent display of suspect or erratic airspeed indications during heavy rain conditions, which could reduce the ability of the flightcrew to maintain the safe flight and landing of the airplane.

DATES: We must receive comments on this proposed AD by April 2, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Use one of the following addresses to submit comments on this proposed AD.

• *DOT Docket Web site:* Go to <http://dms.dot.gov> and follow the instructions for sending your comments electronically.

• *Government-wide rulemaking Web site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the instructions for sending your comments electronically.

• *Mail:* Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Nassif Building, room PL-401, Washington, DC 20590.

• *Fax:* (202) 493-2251.

• *Hand Delivery:* Room PL-401 on the plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Contact Boeing Commercial Airplanes, Long Beach Division, 3855 Lakewood Boulevard, Long Beach, California 90846, Attention: Data and Service Management, Dept. C1-L5A (D800-0024), for the service information identified in this proposed AD.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dan Bui, Aerospace Engineer, Systems and Equipment Branch, ANM-130L, FAA, Los Angeles Aircraft Certification Office, 3960 Paramount Boulevard, Lakewood, California 90712-4137; telephone (562) 627-5339; fax (562) 627-5210.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

We invite you to submit any relevant written data, views, or arguments regarding this proposed AD. Send your comments to an address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section. Include the docket number "FAA-2007-27152; Directorate Identifier 2006-NM-219-AD" at the beginning of your comments. We specifically invite comments on the overall regulatory, economic, environmental, and energy aspects of the proposed AD. We will consider all comments received by the closing date

and may amend the proposed AD in light of those comments.

We will post all comments we receive, without change, to <http://dms.dot.gov>, including any personal information you provide. We will also post a report summarizing each substantive verbal contact with FAA personnel concerning this proposed AD. Using the search function of that Web site, anyone can find and read the comments in any of our dockets, including the name of the individual who sent the comment (or signed the comment on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477-78), or you may visit <http://dms.dot.gov>.

Examining the Docket

You may examine the AD docket on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>, or in person at the Docket Management Facility office between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The Docket Management Facility office (telephone (800) 647-5227) is located on the plaza level of the Nassif Building at the DOT street address stated in the **ADDRESSES** section. Comments will be available in the AD docket shortly after the Docket Management System receives them.

Discussion

We have received a report of temporary loss of the auto-flight function with displays of suspect or erratic airspeed indications on a McDonnell Douglas Model 717-200 airplane during climb-out in very heavy rain. The suspect or erratic indications were consistent with loss of air data sensor heating caused by ice build-up on unheated captain's, first officer's, and auxiliary's pitot sensors. In