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## **FAA Releases Memorandum allowing Limited Designated Airworthiness Representative Manufacturing (DAR-F) Program for Accredited Distributors**

**Washington, DC** – FAA AIR-160, Delegation & Organizational Procedures Branch recently released Memorandum AIR-I 00-16-160-PM 13 which deviates from Paragraphs 7-1 OVERSEEING A DESIGNEE OR DELEGATION and 7-3 DESIGNATED AIRWORTHINESS REPRESENTATIVES (DAR) of FAA Order 8100.5A.

This comes as a temporary solution to help distributors meet the onerous documentation requirements of MAG 6. This memorandum allows an accredited distributor, as defined in Advisory Circular (AC) 00-56B, Voluntary Industry Distributor Accreditation Program, to request appointment of a qualified individual employee to be authorized as a Limited DAR-F for the accredited distributor's location(s).

"ASA has been working with the FAA to find solutions to the documentation requirements that have been incorporated into the MAG rev 6 as well as subsequent guidance that prohibits a distributors' ability to move current inventory without the required documentation." said ASA President, Michele Dickstein. "While the Memorandum does hold an expiration date of September 30, 2017, this does permit distributors holding AC 00-56 Accreditation the ability to issue 8130-3 tags for a limited group of parts". ASA will continue to work with the FAA to find a long-term solution for distributors so airplanes can be safely maintained with no interruptions due to unavailability of parts due to paperwork not airworthy parts.

For additional information you can review a copy of the Memorandum at <https://aviationsuppliers.files.wordpress.com/2016/10/air-100-16-160-pm13-dar56-program.pdf> You may also follow ASA's Web Blog for additional, ongoing commentary on Mag rev. 6 Updates.

### **About the Aviation Suppliers Association**

The Aviation Suppliers Association (ASA), based in Washington, D.C., is a not-for-profit association, representing more than 580 global member companies that are positively shaping the aviation industry. Collectively, they lead critical logistics programs, purchasing efforts, and distribution of aircraft parts worldwide. ASA's Board of Directors and Corporate Officers focus the organization's energies on regulatory and legal matters such as safety, international compliance, business promotion and ethical business practices that impact the aviation parts supply industry. ASA also recognizes outstanding industry leadership and commitment with its annual Edward J. Glueckler Lifetime Achievement award. Member companies include: distributors, suppliers, surplus sales organizations, repair stations, manufacturers, airlines, operators, and other companies that provide services to the aviation parts supply industry.

ASA has been recognized by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for Database Management and the Industry Voluntary Accreditation program. The Aviation Suppliers Association has been featured in Aviation Week, Aviation Maintenance, Aircraft Technology Engineering & Maintenance, Overhaul & Maintenance, SpeedNews, and USA Today, along with other business journals and leading industry



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publications. ASA is an annual participant in the Aviation Week MRO conventions, Airline Purchasing & Maintenance Expo London Conference and Air Carriers Purchasing Conference.

*Government Affairs Advocacy:* on a global scale, ASA interacts with government agencies across 6 Continents including the FAA, US Department of Commerce, Small Business Administration, EPA, EASA, Transport Canada, European CAA, CAAC, Australian CAAC, and many others.

*Accreditation Program to ASA-100:* ASA is a leader in distributor assessments and is an accreditation organization under FAA AC 00-56. As a result of the Association's accreditation capabilities, over 260 facilities have received global accreditation to ASA-100 since 1996.

*Certification to ISO 9001:* ASACB (trade name for ASA) is an ISO registrar and is accredited by ANAB to conduct ISO 900, AS9100, AS9110 and AS9120 assessments.

*Memorandum of Understanding:* ASA has a Memorandum of Understanding with Aircraft Fleet Recycling Association (AFRA) for collaboration and support. ASA has a Memorandum of Understanding with both the International Aerospace Quality Association (IAQG) and the America's Aerospace Quality Group (AAQG) to support each other's efforts, common projects and initiative in the area of improvement of the aerospace supply chain.

To learn more about ASA, ASA-100 accreditation, and ISO 9001:2008 certification, as well as the annual conference scheduled for July 9-11, 2017 In Reston, VA please visit our web site at:  
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