

regarding how best to determine the calculation of major portion. Therefore, the FAA will revise the process for determining major portion in FAA Order 8130.2.

Interested parties will be given an opportunity for comment on changes to the advisory circulars, FAA Order 8130.2, to include section 9, Experimental Amateur-Built Airworthiness Certifications, and forms 8000-38 and 8130-12 once these changes are implemented. This opportunity will be announced in a future **Federal Register** notice.

Dated: February 11, 2008.

Frank Paskiewicz,

Manager, Production and Airworthiness Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Third Meeting, RTCA Special Committee 216: Aeronautical System Security

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of RTCA Special Committee 216 meeting Aeronautical Systems Security.

SUMMARY: The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of a meeting of RTCA Special Committee 216: Aeronautical Systems Security.

DATES: The meeting will be held on March 11-13, 2008, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at EG&G, 300 M Street, Suite 400, Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: RTCA Secretariat, 1828 L Street, NW., Suite 805, Washington, DC 20036-5133; telephone (202) 833-9339; fax (202) 833-9434; Web site <http://www.rtca.org>. EG&G Contact: Dale Immel, telephone (202) 264-7847 e-mail dimmel@egginc.com.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), notice is hereby given for a Special Committee 216 meeting. The agenda will include:

- March 11-13:
- Opening Session (Welcome, Introductory and Administrative Remarks, Agenda Overview Minutes Review/Approve Second Meeting Summary (RTCA Paper No. 010-08/SC216-005 and Action Items).

- Status of the Task Force.
- Status of the Working Groups, SG2 and SG3.

- Status of WG72.
- Status of Liaison Activities.
- Breakout into Working Groups.
- Organization of Plan Forward, Assign Actions.

- Closing Session (Other Business, Assignment/Review of Future Work, Establish Agenda, Date and Place of Next Meeting, Closing Remarks, Adjourn).

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability. With the approval of the chairmen, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

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Robert L. Bostiga,

RTCA Advisory Committee (Acting).

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Notice of Temporary Suspension of Amateur-Built Aircraft Kit Evaluations Previously Conducted by the Federal Aviation Administration, Aircraft Certification Service

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the temporary suspension of courtesy amateur-built aircraft kit evaluations that have been provided by the FAA. The purpose of these evaluations was to indicate if a prefabricated amateur-built aircraft kit could be eligible for certification as an amateur-built aircraft. Although kit evaluations have been suspended, amateur-built kit manufacturers may continue to develop, manufacture, market and sell their aircraft kits. Airworthiness certifications conducted by the FAA in response to requests from amateur-builders for their individually fabricated and constructed aircraft will continue.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 21, Certification Procedures for Products and Parts, § 21.191 (Experimental Certificates) form the regulatory basis for fabricating, assembling, and operating amateur-built aircraft. Specifically, § 21.191(g) defines an amateur-built aircraft as "an aircraft the major portion of which has been fabricated and assembled by persons who undertook the construction project solely for their own education or recreation."

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Aircraft Certification Service established an Amateur-Built Aviation Rulemaking Committee (ARC) on July 26, 2006.¹ The ARC was made up of representatives from the FAA, aircraft kit manufacturers, commercial assistance center owners, and associations. The purpose of the ARC was to make recommendations regarding the use of builder or commercial assistance when fabricating and assembling amateur-built aircraft under § 21.191(g).

The ARC concluded that the current FAA Directives and Advisory Circulars are no longer adequate. Current technologies that allow for the fabrication and assembly of sophisticated amateur-built aircraft were not envisioned at the time § 21.191(g) was promulgated or when the current forms and methodology were developed. Most amateur-built aircraft kits were generally simple to fabricate and assemble and did not require commercial builder assistance.

FAA has provided the aforementioned amateur-built kit evaluations in response to manufacturer's requests to determine if the percentage of the kit completed by the manufacturer would leave the major portion (51%) of the work to be completed by the amateur-builder. These evaluations are not a regulatory requirement. Rather, these evaluations have been a courtesy that FAA has provided for the convenience of the kit manufacturers, their customers, and FAA Inspectors. These evaluations have allowed the FAA to pre-evaluate amateur-built kits to determine (when built according to the manufacturer's instructions) if the kits could be eligible for an Experimental Airworthiness Certificate under 14 CFR Part 21 § 21.191, Experimental Certificates. When a kit has been found to be eligible, it is added to the FAA's

¹ FAA Order 1110.143, dated July 26, 2006, established the Amateur-Built Aviation Rulemaking Committee.