552a [(i)(3)] and add “Section 552a [(i)(3)]” in its place.

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FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION
12 CFR Part 652

Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation Funding and Fiscal Affairs

CFR Correction

In Title 12 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 600 to 899, revised as of January 1, 2015, on page 344, in appendix A to subpart B to part 652, in the table of contents, add “1.0 Introduction.”.

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NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION
12 CFR Part 747

Administrative Actions, Adjudicative Hearings, Rules of Practice and Procedure, and Investigations

CFR Correction

In Title 12 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 600 to 899, revised as of January 1, 2015, on page 918, in § 747.616, remove the term “Office of the Controller” and add the term “Office of Chief Financial Officer” in its place.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Parts 21 and 45

RIN 2120–AK20

Changes to Production Certificates and Approvals; Correction

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Final rule; correction.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is correcting a final rule published on October 1, 2015. In that rule, the FAA amended its certification procedures and marking requirements for aeronautical products and articles. This action corrects the effective date of the final rule to permit an earlier implementation of the rule’s provisions that allow production approval holders to issue authorized release documents for aircraft engines, propellers, and articles. It also permits an earlier implementation date for production certificate holders to manufacture and install interface components, and provides earlier relief from the current requirement that fixed-pitch wooden propellers be marked using an approved fireproof method.

DATES: The final rule published October 1, 2015 (80 FR 59021), is effective March 29, 2016, except for §§ 21.1(b)(1), 21.1(b)(5) through (9), 21.137(o), 21.142, 21.147, and 45.11(c), which are effective January 4, 2016.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On October 1, 2015, the final rule, “Changes to Production Certificates and Approvals,” 80 FR 59021, was published in the Federal Register. In that final rule the FAA revised the regulations pertaining to certification requirements for products and articles in part 21 of title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) and removed certain marking requirements in 14 CFR part 45 applicable to fixed-pitch wooden propellers. The final rule afforded production approval holders (PAHs) a number of privileges not currently permitted under current regulations.

To provide PAHs privileges similar to those afforded European and Canadian approved manufacturers, § 21.137(o) of the final rule permits a PAH to issue authorized release documents for new aircraft engines, propellers, and articles that it produces, and also for used aircraft engines, propellers, and articles it rebuilds or alters in accordance with § 43.3(j), provided it establishes an FAA-approved process in its quality assurance system for issuing those documents. Authorized release documents would typically be issued using FAA Form 8130–3, Airworthiness Release Certificate, Airworthiness Approval Tag. The final rule also allows a PAH that meets the requirements of § 21.147(c) to apply for an amendment to its production certificate for the purpose of manufacturing and installing interface components. The term “interface component” is also specifically defined in § 21.1(a)(5).

Additionally, the final rule amends part 45 to exclude fixed-pitch wooden propellers from the requirement that a propeller, propeller blade, or propeller hub be marked using an approved fireproof method. This exclusion allows manufacturers to mark their products in a practical manner that takes into account the inherent nature of wooden propellers.

Finally, the rule revises the definition of “airworthiness approval,” in § 21.1(b)(1), by expanding it to account for the issuance of an airworthiness approval in instances where an aircraft, aircraft engine, propeller, or article does not conform to its approved design or may not be in a condition for safe operation at the time the airworthiness approval is granted and that nonconformity or condition is specified on the airworthiness approval document.

The FAA issued the final rule with an effective date of 180 days after its publication in the Federal Register to allow sufficient time for industry compliance with new requirements contained in the rule. This effective date, however, also delayed the implementation date of certain provisions that removed regulatory burdens that were no longer necessary or appropriate in the current global manufacturing environment.

Accordingly, the FAA is amending the effective date of the final rule to January 4, 2016 for the following sections:

• § 21.1(b)(1) which revises the definition of airworthiness approval
  • § 21.137(o), which defines interface component
  • § 21.137(o), which establishes provisions for the issuance of authorized release documents by PAHs
  • § 21.142, which codifies provisions for the inclusion of interface components in a production limitation record
  • § 21.147, which specifies the requirements that must be met to amend a production certificate to include interface components
  • § 45.11(c), which excludes fixed-pitch wooden propellers from the requirement that they be marked using an approved fireproof method.

The FAA also notes that Change 5 to the Maintenance Annex Guidance (MAG), which implements certain provisions of the Aviation Safety Agreement between the United States and the European Union requires that FAA Form 8130–3 be issued by a U.S.