NOTICE

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SUBJ: Issuance of a Pilot Type Rating

1. Purpose of This Notice. This notice announces clarification to guidance in Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Order 8900.1, Volume 5, Chapter 2, Section 19, Pilot Type Rating Certification.

2. Audience. The primary audience for this notice is Flight Standards (FS) aviation safety inspectors (ASI) and designated examiners who issue pilot type ratings. The secondary audience includes personnel working in the Regulatory Support Division (AFS-600), Civil Aviation Registry Division (AFB-700), and General Aviation and Air Carrier Safety Assurance divisions.

3. Where You Can Find This Notice. You can find this notice on the MyFAA employee website at https://employees.faa.gov/tools_resources/orders_notices, the Flight Standards Information Management System (FSIMS) at https://fsims.avs.faa.gov, and the Dynamic Regulatory System (DRS) at https://drs.faa.gov. Operators and the public can find this notice on the FAA's website at https://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/orders_notices, FSIMS at https://fsims.faa.gov, and the DRS.

4. Background. The FAA discovered that, in certain circumstances, pilot type ratings were being issued incorrectly. A review of airman certification applications revealed that, in some cases, examiners were conducting type rating practical tests in aircraft that do not have an established type rating designation and issuing pilot type ratings. Figure 5-88, Pilot Certificate Aircraft Type Rating Designations – Airplane and Helicopter, lists the type certificate holders (TCH) that have had their aircraft evaluated to determine a type rating designation by the Aircraft Evaluation Division (AED). Typically, there is only one holder of a type certificate (TC) for each type of aircraft. An exception of a singular TCH is former military aircraft that enter the civilian market, and are operated by multiple civilian companies. In this situation, there may be more than one TCH with similar type rating designations. An example of this is the multiple listings for the CH-47D on Figure 5-88. The CH-47D has been issued TCHs that are not listed on the figure; this indicates that those aircraft have not been evaluated by the Administrator and do not have an established type rating designation.

5. Discussion. Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 61, § 61.31(a) requires the pilot in command (PIC) to hold a type rating when operating large aircraft, turbojet-powered airplanes, and other aircraft specified by the Administrator through aircraft TC procedures. This regulation requires the type rating be specific to the aircraft flown. Figure 5-88

lists the type rating designation as determined by the Administrator. It is imperative that pilots, examiners, inspectors, and operators ensure that a type rating designation exists for the TCH of the aircraft furnished for the practical test. This is done by verifying the TCH and civil model designation are listed on Figure 5-88. The TCH should be the same as the manufacturer listed on the Airworthiness Certificate.

6. Guidance. Order 8900.1, Volume 5, Chapter 2, Section 19, subparagraph 5-734F will be modified to reflect the following:

> "The evaluator will determine if the type certificate holder (TCH) of the aircraft to be used for testing has an established type rating designation. This will be done by comparing the TCH of the furnished aircraft with the latest revision of Figure 5-88, available at https://registry.faa.gov/TypeRatings/Type_Rating_Table.pdf. If the TCH is not listed and a type rating designation has not been established for the aircraft furnished for the practical test, then the test may not take place. The TCH should be the same as the manufacturer listed on the Airworthiness Certificate."

7. Action. Effective immediately, inspectors and examiners shall only conduct pilot type rating practical tests when the TCH of that aircraft used for the practical test is listed on Figure 5-88.

8. Disposition. We will incorporate the information in this notice into Order 8900.1 before this notice expires. Direct questions or comments concerning the information in this notice to the General Aviation and Commercial Division (AFS-800), Training and Certification Group (AFS-810) at 202-267-1100.



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