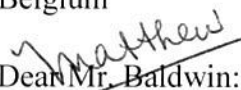




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Dear Mr. Baldwin:

As discussed during the May 2, 2013, Bilateral Oversight Board (BOB) meeting, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has developed an administrative process to facilitate the reissuance of FAA certificates to certain European pilots. The purpose of this letter is to seek your assistance in alerting the European Union (EU) Member States to the possibility of utilizing this process.

The FAA recognizes that a large number of European pilots have utilized the provisions in Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 61.75 to obtain an FAA pilot certificate issued on the basis of their European license. The FAA also recognizes that EU Member States will likely change their pilots license numbers to comply with the new flight crew license regulations, which became effective on April 8, 2013. The renumbered European licenses will render the FAA pilot certificates invalid since the FAA certificates were originally issued on the basis of the existing or current European pilot license numbers.

Under current procedures, pilots who wish to have their FAA certificates reissued are required to travel to an FAA Flight Standards District Office (FSDO) in the United States to apply and to comply with the FAA's requirement for verifiable identification of each individual applying for or holding a certificate. Recognizing the difficulties that this will present to European pilots, the FAA's Flight Standards Service has decided to grant a deviation from its standard reissuance practice. The attached administrative process will lessen the burden on FAA pilot certificate holders residing in Europe.

European aviation authorities who choose to use this process are asked to assist the FAA in mitigating the risk of deviating from the FAA application process. This process will only apply to license number changes and does not apply to other changes to FAA pilot certificates, such as an added rating. For other changes, the pilots will be required to comply with current FAA requirements for reissuance of pilot certificates.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Peggy".

Margaret Gilligan
Associate Administrator for Aviation Safety

Enclosure: Administrative Process for Reissuance of FAA Pilot Certificates