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Subject: Docket No FAA-2003-14825 re: **Standard Airworthiness Certification of New Aircraft**,  
68 Fed. Reg., Page 16217, April 3, 2002

Ladies and Gentlemen:

FAA has requested public comments on an advance proposal to amend the regulations for issuing a standard airworthiness certificate to certain new aircraft manufactured in the United States. In order to finalize a proposal for public comment, the FAA sought comments to a preliminary proposal, and suggestions on other methods to address the issues.

The proposal would address a concern that under the current regulations, certain new aircraft are eligible for a standard airworthiness certificate without meeting the requirements of a type certificate and without having been manufactured under an FAA production approval. The intended effect is to increase efficiency by ensuring that each new aircraft manufactured in the United States receives a standard airworthiness certificate only after the aircraft has been type certificated and manufactured under an FAA production approval.

Member airlines of the Air Transport Association provided the attached comments to the proposal. Comments include a specification recommendation to clarify the term "spare parts", to include harmonization with that term as used in certain existing regulations.

We appreciate the opportunity to contribute comments to this advance proposal for rulemaking, and thank you for your consideration of these views.

Sincerely,

Joe White  
Director, Aircraft Systems Engineering

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Subject: FAR Memo 2003-AE-042

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REF: FAR Memo 2003-AE-042

Subject: New Aircraft; Standard Airworthiness Certification - Advance Proposed Rule

American Airlines has no objections or comments to the subject advanced proposed rule. The proposed rule only pertains to the issuance of Standard Airworthiness Certificates to new aircraft and will not affect American Airlines.

Regards,

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Attention: Mr. Joe White  
Director, Aircraft Systems Engineering

Subject: Standard Airworthiness Certification of New Aircraft  
NPRM Docket No. FAA-2003-14825

Reference: ATA Memos 03-AE-042 & 03-AE-051

Dear Mr. White,

The reference ATA Memos advised of and requested comments on the subject proposed rule that will amend regulations for issuing a standard airworthiness certificate to certain new aircraft manufactured in the U.S. We concur with the contents of the proposed rule with the following exception. We are concerned that the definitions of spare and surplus parts include a requirement that the parts be produced under an appropriate FAA production approval (or under contract to the Armed Forces, in the case of surplus parts).

The terminology "spare parts" is specifically mentioned in 14 CFR 121.105, 121.123, 121.361, and 121 Appendix G. Strict application of the proposed definition appears to indicate that parts produced under 14 CFR 21.303(b)(2), 14 CFR 21.502, or 14 CFR 43.13(b) might not be considered to be spare parts—or necessitate that FAA production approval be obtained for such parts. It is also not clear whether standard parts, as defined in 14 CFR 21.303(b)(4) could be eligible to be spare parts.

We suggest that "or in accordance with 14 CFR 21.303, 14 CFR 21.502, or 14 CFR 43.13(b)" be added to the end of the spare and surplus part definitions.

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Sincerely,

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