Subject: PROCEDURES FOR AUTHORIZATION OF SAFE FOR FLIGHT CERTIFICATION

Ref: (a) COMNAVAIRFORINST 4790.2

1. Purpose. To establish minimum qualification requirements to authorize personnel to release aircraft as safe for flight.

2. Cancellation. CNATRAINST 4790.15F.

3. Background. Reference (a) authorizes the Aircraft Maintenance Officer (AMO), Maintenance/Material Control Officer (MMCO), or Maintenance Control Officer (MCO) to sign the Aircraft Inspection and Acceptance Record, OPNAV 4790/141, certifying aircraft safe for flight. Other personnel may be authorized to certify the aircraft safe for flight if designated in writing by the Commanding Officer/Contractor site manager. If the aircraft is away from home and qualified maintenance personnel are not available, the pilot in command shall sign the certification in the Safe-for-Flight block. There are no requirements listed to ensure minimum qualification prior to designating these personnel to perform this important task. Procedures described herein are intended to provide guidelines to ensure only qualified personnel are authorized to perform this task.

4. Action

   a. Commander, Training Air Wings (COMTRAWINGS). Include this program as part of the Training Assessment/Policy Review.

   b. Organizational Level Activities - Government and Contract

      (1) Issue and maintain a current maintenance instruction which includes as a minimum the following:

         (a) Outline of the activities qualification and training program for personnel certified to release aircraft as safe for flight.

         (b) List of prerequisites, such as pay grade, schools, PQS attainment, etc.
(c) List of responsibilities for which personnel are accountable.

(2) Provide an annual testing program to ensure personnel are aware of changing requirements that effect release of aircraft as safe for flight.

5. Forms. The Aircraft Inspection and Acceptance Record, OPNAV 4790/141, is available through normal supply channels.

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