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*A SAFO contains important safety information and may include recommended action. SAFO content should be especially valuable to air carriers in meeting their statutory duty to provide service with the highest possible degree of safety in the public interest. Besides the specific action recommended in a SAFO, an alternative action may be as effective in addressing the safety issue named in the SAFO.*

**Subject:** Improper Maintenance Performed on Aircraft Accessories/Articles by Southern Atlanta Aerospace, LLC

**Purpose:** This SAFO alerts aircraft owners, operators, air agencies, suppliers, distributors, and maintenance technicians of improper maintenance performed on a variety of aircraft accessories/articles and returned to service by Southern Atlanta Aerospace, LLC, which previously held Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Air Agency Certificate No. 1SQR570B.

**Background:** In August 2011, the FAA revoked Southern Atlanta Aerospace's Air Agency Certificate, No. 1SQR570B and its associated repairman certificate. The certificate revocation was the result of an investigation conducted by the FAA that revealed Southern Atlanta Aerospace had obtained its Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) Part 145 certificate under false pretense. As a result, its repairman certificate issued under 14 CFR part 65 was rendered invalid. The FAA considers any articles returned to service as overhauled or repaired and issued an FAA Form 8130-3 under the authority of Southern Atlanta Aerospace's part 145 certificate and associated repairman certificate un-airworthy.

**Discussion:** Federal regulations define individuals who are authorized to perform return-to-service actions on approved or acceptable parts following maintenance, preventive maintenance, rebuilding, and alterations for type-certificated aircraft. Accessories/articles returned to service using a certificate (air agency and associated repairman) that was obtained under false pretense are not in compliance with 14 CFR part 43, § 43.7, placing the flying public at risk.

**Recommended Action:** Aircraft owners, operators, air agencies, suppliers, distributors, and maintenance technicians should inspect aircraft, aircraft records, and/or aircraft part inventories for any accessory/article returned to service by Southern Atlanta Aerospace, LLC. Accessories/articles discovered installed on an aircraft should be removed and an appropriate return-to-service inspection/action accomplished. Accessories/articles in existing aircraft stock should be quarantined to prevent installation until an acceptable return-to-service determination can be made regarding their eligibility for installation. If any accessories/articles installed on aircraft or in stock are found, the FAA requests that a copy of the Form 8130-3 and associated purchase documents be forwarded to the contact listed below.

**Contact:** Questions or comments regarding this SAFO should be directed to Kenneth Feist, Special Emphasis Investigations Team, FAA, by telephone at (817) 222-4600 or by email at [kenneth.feist@faa.gov](mailto:kenneth.feist@faa.gov).

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