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Memorandum

Subject: **ACTION:** Agriculture Aircraft Security

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To: All Regional Flight Standards Division Managers

The National Agricultural Aviation Association (NAAA) has initiated an effort to enhance aircraft security by installing hidden battery "cut-off" switches on agricultural aircraft.

Due to increased security concerns after the events of September 11, 2001, the NAAA, working in concert with government personnel from The Department of Homeland Security, made a recommendation to its members that they install a battery cut-off switch in their aircraft. This switch would be hidden and help deter unauthorized use of the aircraft.

NAAA has submitted several typical installations to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for review, and the FAA has determined that these installations are minor alterations that can be accomplished with acceptable data. Therefore, an FAA Form 337 is not required, nor do these alterations require field approvals. Maintenance record entries accomplished in accordance with 14 CFR 43.9(a) are sufficient for these installations.

Comments or questions should be directed to Wayne Fry, AFS-340, at 202-493-5228.

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