

To ensure that the flightcrew has an accurate glideslope deviation indication, accomplish the following:

Compliance Time for Action

(a) Within 5 days after the effective date of this AD, accomplish the requirements of either paragraph (b) or (c) of this AD.

Inspection To Determine Part Number

(b) Perform a one-time general visual inspection of the modification plate for the Honeywell Primus II NV-850 Navigation Receiver Module; part number 7510134-811, -831, -901, or -931; which is part of the Honeywell Primus II RNZ-850/-851 Integrated Navigation Unit; to determine if Mod "L" has been installed. The modification plate is located on the bottom of the Honeywell Primus II RNZ-850/-851 Integrated Navigation Unit, is labeled NV-850, and contains the part number and serial number for the Honeywell Primus II NV-850 Navigation Receiver Module. If Mod "L" is installed, the letter "L" will be blacked out.

(1) If Mod "L" is installed, before further flight, do paragraph (c) of this AD.

(2) If Mod "L" is not installed, no further action is required by this paragraph.

Note 2: For the purposes of this AD, a general visual inspection is defined as: "A visual examination of an interior or exterior area, installation, or assembly to detect obvious damage, failure, or irregularity. This level of inspection is made from within touching distance unless otherwise specified. A mirror may be necessary to enhance visual access to all exposed surfaces in the inspection area. This level of inspection is made under normally available lighting conditions such as daylight, hangar lighting, flashlight, or droplight and may require removal or opening of access panels or doors. Stands, ladders, or platforms may be required to gain proximity to the area being checked."

Note 3: For more information on the inspection specified in paragraph (b) of this AD, refer to Honeywell Technical Newsletter A23-3850-001, Revision 1, dated January 21, 2003.

Aircraft Flight Manual Revision

(c) Revise the Limitations section of the aircraft flight manual (AFM) to include the following statements (which may be accomplished by inserting a copy of the AD into the AFM):

Flight Limitations

When crossing the Outer Marker on glideslope, the altitude must be verified with the value on the published procedure.

For aircraft with a single operating glideslope receiver, the approach may be flown using normal procedures no lower than Localizer Only Minimum Descent Altitude (MDA).

For aircraft with two operating glideslope receivers, the aircraft may be flown to the published minimums for the approach using normal procedures if both glideslope receivers are tuned to the approach and both crew members are monitoring the approach using independent data and displays.

Parts Installation

(d) As of the effective date of this AD, no person may install a Honeywell Primus II NV-850 Navigation Receiver Module on which Mod "L" has been installed, on the Honeywell Primus II RNZ-850/-851 Integrated Navigation Unit of any airplane, unless paragraph (c) of this AD is accomplished.

Alternative Methods of Compliance

(e) An alternative method of compliance or adjustment of the compliance time that provides an acceptable level of safety may be used if approved by the Manager, Los Angeles Aircraft Certification Office (ACO), FAA. Operators shall submit their requests through an appropriate FAA Principal Maintenance or Operations Inspector, as applicable, who may add comments and then send it to the Manager, Los Angeles ACO.

Note 4: Information concerning the existence of approved alternative methods of compliance with this AD, if any, may be obtained from the Los Angeles ACO.

Special Flight Permits

(f) Special flight permits may be issued in accordance with sections 21.197 and 21.199 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR 21.197 and 21.199) to operate the airplane to a location where the requirements of this AD can be accomplished.

Effective Date

(g) This amendment becomes effective on March 11, 2003.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

38 CFR Part 14

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Recognition of Organizations and Accreditation of Representatives, Attorneys, and Agents

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This document revises the Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) existing procedures and requirements regarding recognition of service organizations and accreditation of their representatives and of agents, attorneys, and individuals seeking to represent claimants for benefits administered by VA. These amendments are necessary to improve clarity and to enhance VA's ability to assure high quality representation of claimants.

DATES: *Effective Date:* February 24, 2003.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

On November 4, 1998, VA published a notice of proposed rulemaking in the **Federal Register**. 63 FR 59495. We proposed to make numerous minor changes in the provisions governing recognition of organizations and accreditation of representatives, agents, attorneys, and individuals for purposes of updating, clarification, and conformity to governing statutes and to enhance VA's ability to protect the interests of claimants.

The public comment period ended on January 4, 1999. VA received sixteen comments: six from veterans service organizations, six from State departments of veterans affairs, and four from private attorneys. These comments are discussed below.

Based on the rationale set forth in the proposed rule and in this document, we adopt the provisions of the proposed rule as a final rule with changes explained below.

Section 14.627 Definitions

One commenter stated that the language "intends to file" in the definition of "claimant" in proposed § 14.627(g) is confusing and should be modified because there is no way for the organization to ascertain an individual's future intentions. We believe that the definition appropriately includes individuals who intend to file an application for benefits because representation necessarily includes preliminary development and preparation of the application. However, in order to alleviate concern that a representative may not be able to identify claimants based on their intention, we have amended § 14.627(g) to provide that a claimant is one who has filed or has expressed to a representative, agent, or attorney his or her intention to file an application for benefits.

One commenter requested clarification of the definition of "facilities" under proposed § 14.627(j), but provided no explanation of what may be unclear about the proposed definition. We find the definition clear in encompassing office equipment and furniture that promote efficient office operations, and adjacent accommodations, such as parking space,