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To: All MU-2 Owners and Operators

Subject: Release of FAA Special Federal Aviation Regulation (SFAR)

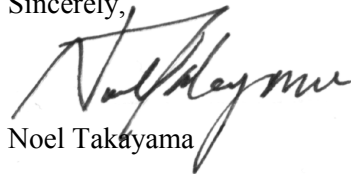
Today, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) SFAR No. 108—"Mitsubishi MU-2B Series Airplane Special Training, Experience, and Operation Requirements; Final Rule" is published in the Federal Register¹. Mitsubishi Heavy Industries America, Inc (MHIA) and Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Ltd. (MHI) support the FAA in this rulemaking to mandate consistent and structured flight training for the MU-2 airplanes. An FAA approved training program is already in place at the MU-2 training facilities in support of the SFAR. Operators conducting Part 135 operations with the MU-2 have already been required to comply with FAA approved annual training by the FAA Flight Standardization Board.

As with any new program, and after closely reviewing the SFAR, we expect that there will be questions that will need answers. Please be assured that MHIA and MHI are already in discussions with the FAA in anticipation of such questions for early resolution. A point of contact with the FAA to field questions involving the SFAR, MU-2 Training Program, and MU-2 Checklist is to be determined and will be distributed to you. Please plan to attend one of the Pilot's Review of Proficiency (PROP) seminars this year for an in-depth discussion of the SFAR and what it means to you. We welcome any comments and suggestions for improvements for the training program and/or the checklist.

MHI and MHIA will be issuing a revision to the Airplane Flight Manual (AFM) for each model of MU-2 in the very near future. In addition, certain Pilot Operating Manual (POM) charts will be added in support of the FAA approved training program and FAA accepted MU-2 checklist.

In summary, MHIA and MHI believe that good consistent training is a key element to safely fly any aircraft and the MU-2 is no exception. We are fortunate to have and we are appreciative of the overwhelming support of our MU-2 Owners and Operators of this SFAR program.

Sincerely,


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¹ Complete text of this SFAR can be found at:
http://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/rulemaking/recently_published