

AIRCRAFT REGISTRATION:

The FAA's New Civil Aircraft Registration Requirements

The Federal Aviation Administration ("FAA") has recently passed a Final Rule that applies to all aircraft registered in the U.S. Pursuant to the Final Rule, the FAA will require re-registration of all civil aircraft over the next three years.

Every Registration Certificate issued prior to October 1, 2010 will expire according to an FAA-issued schedule. Before the expiration date of each registration certificate, each owner must apply for re-certification. The FAA will cancel the registration numbers of any aircraft that are not re-registered. Following this initial registration, each aircraft must be re-registered every three years. The aircraft must be re-registered according to the following schedule:.

If the Registration Certificate was Issued In:	The Certification Expires On:	The owner must apply for re-registration between these dates – to allow delivery of the new certification before expiration
March of any year	March 31, 2011	November 1, 2010 and January 31, 2011
April of any year	June 30, 2011	February 1, 2011 and April 30, 2011
May of any year	September 30, 2011	May 1, 2011 and July 31, 2011
June of any year	December 31, 2011	August 1, 2011 and October 31, 2011
July of any year	March 31, 2012	November 1, 2011 and Junauary 31, 2012
August of any year	June 30, 2012	February 1, 2012 and April 30, 2012
September of any year	September 30, 2012	May 1, 2012 and July 31, 2012
October of any year	December 31, 2012	August 1, 2012 and October 31, 2012
November of any year	March 31, 2013	November 1, 2012 and January 31, 2013
December of any year	June 30, 2013	February 1, 2013 and April 30, 2013
January of any year	September 30, 2013	May 1, 2013 and July 31, 2013
February of any year	December 31, 2013	August 1, 2013 and October 31, 2013

The Final Rule also establishes that aircraft owners will be receive two notices beginning 180 days before the current registration expires. In addition, aircraft owners will no longer be required to complete and return a Triennial Aircraft Registration Report.

For more information on the matters discussed in this TWG Update, please contact the Wicks Group professional with whom you work.