

Continued Airworthiness Notification to the International Community

To: Civil Aviation Authorities
From: Federal Aviation Administration
Aircraft Certification Service

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Subject: This message is to advise you of the FAA Aircraft Certification Service's (AIR's) ongoing activities, including ICAO (International Civil Aviation Organization) Annex 8 responsibilities, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Situation description: The FAA's AIR Organization remains fully operational during the current COVID-19 pandemic, including preparations to continue operating if further restrictions are imposed by U.S. Federal or local governments. The FAA remains fully capable of meeting our ICAO Annex 8 responsibilities. AIR employees have been directed to aggressively maximize telework flexibilities and avoid physical presence at the FAA and company facilities unless physical presence is necessary to accomplish work duties. AIR continues to maintain oversight of FAA approval holders and will take actions appropriate to ensure continued compliance with applicable regulations.

AIR is available via all normal communication channels available to the public; international partner organizations; applicants for and holders of FAA design, production, and airworthiness approvals; and the aviation community. AIR strongly encourages telephone and electronic communication during this pandemic. AIR employee travel and visitor access to FAA facilities are restricted to safety-critical demands that cannot be accomplished by other means.

AIR has temporarily modified regular planned facility visits for manufacturing oversight through the end of March using a risk-based approach. This approach allows us to delay oversight activity with no impact to safety while we assess the effect of COVID-19 on the aviation industry. We remain in constant communication with major manufacturers and will continue to process in-service safety issues using our normal Continued Operational Safety procedures. Information gathered on the industry impacts and changing risks will be reflected in our oversight activities and other areas of industry engagement. Airworthiness certificates are being supported on a case-by-case basis, and our designees' systems continue to function, with recognized constraints based on local conditions and the availability of personnel.

Ongoing activities: AIR will continue to work with our international partners and the global aviation community to address any challenges during this pandemic. AIR would also appreciate for other authorities to inform us if they are having issues meeting their ICAO Annex 8 responsibilities. Additional questions or concerns can be routed to your normal points of contact at the FAA.