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Subject: Temporary Validation of Manufacturer's Pilots

Dear Mr. Woods,

The request from Manufacturers to address the need for both FAA and JAA rule changes regarding the temporary validation of manufacturer's pilots licenses has been debated for some times on both sides of the Atlantic.

Mr Robeson, from AIA has recently formalised the request by letter, including an issue paper to details the needs and rationale, as well as a proposal for JAR-FCL rule change that has been under discussion for sometimes in the JAR-FCL type Rating Working Group.

We wish by this letter to confirm that AECMA fully support the need for a rule change, and Mrs Régine VADROT, who has already been involved in the ongoing discussion within the Type Rating working group will continue to follow this issue. This request has also been discussed at FAA/JAA Licensing Harmonization meetings in the past, and will most probably be part of the discussion at the 19th annual FAA/JAA international conference in Phoenix.

These proposed changes would enable the pilots of manufacturers, with temporary validation, to operate airplanes registered in JAA member states with FAA licenses. This would enable airplane manufacturers of commercial jet transports to adequately and safely support the introduction of new airplanes into the fleets of operators in JAA registered airplanes as requested by JAR-OPS1 operators or the National Authorities.

For your information, we have enclosed a copy of similar request addressed to the FAA .

Hopefully these efforts will provide a basis for future progress on this important issue.

Mrs Régine Vadrot can be reached at + 33 (0)5 61 93 20 63, fax +33 (0)5 61 93 22 54 or regine.vadrot@airbus.com

Looking forward to your guidance and comments at your earliest convenience,

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Schmitt', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Claude Schmitt
Chairman AECMA Airworthiness Committee

Enclosures (1)

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