

COOPERATION ARRANGEMENT
ON
MUTUAL ACCEPTANCE OF TYPE CERTIFICATES
BETWEEN
CIVIL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION OF CHINA,
CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT OF THE HONG KONG
SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION GOVERNMENT, CHINA AND
CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY OF THE MACAO
SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION, CHINA

The Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC), the Civil Aviation Department of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government (HKCAD), and the Civil Aviation Authority of the Macao Special Administrative Region (AACM) (hereinafter referred to as the “Authority” or collectively the “Authorities”),

Whereas:

Under the cooperation framework of the *Memorandum of Understanding on Close Cooperation in Airworthiness Certification* between CAAC, HKCAD and AACM, to promote exchanges among the Authorities in airworthiness certification to meet common expectations; to establish and maintain identical or similar airworthiness standards and certification systems for civil aeronautical products, while simultaneously satisfying the airworthiness requirements of the International Civil Aviation Organisation and the respective laws and regulations of the Authorities; to jointly reduce the economic burden imposed on the aviation industry and operators arising from redundant technical evaluations, tests and inspections; to facilitate the free flow of aeronautical products among the Chinese mainland, Hong Kong and Macao; and to promote communication and technical information exchange among the Authorities;

The Authorities have decided to conclude this Cooperation Arrangement and have agreed as follows:

1. Definitions

For the purpose of this Cooperation Arrangement,

Aeronautical Products means civil aircraft, aircraft engines, propellers, including unmanned aircraft systems and other non-conventional aircraft.

Certificating Authority means the civil aviation competent authority that issued the Type Certificate for aeronautical products.

Accepting Authority means the civil aviation competent authority that accepts the Type Certificate for aeronautical products issued by the Certificating Authority.

2. Scope

This Cooperation Arrangement covers:

- a. the acceptance by HKCAD and AACM of Type Certificates issued by CAAC;
- b. the exchange of information among the Authorities in respect of the aforesaid Type Certificates;
- c. the cooperation among the Authorities in providing each other with the technical evaluations and assistance in relation to the certification of the aforesaid Type Certificates.

The aforesaid “acceptance” does not include Type Certificates or other approval documents issued by the Certifying Authority based on the acceptance or validation of foreign Type Certificates.

When HKCAD or AACM issues Type Certificates in the future, the Authorities shall initiate the amendment of this Cooperation Arrangement accordingly.

3. Principles for the Acceptance of Type Certificates

3.1. For a Type Certificate to be accepted by the Accepting Authority, the Certifying Authority shall establish and maintain the corresponding type certification capability. The Accepting Authority may assess such type certification capability as needed.

3.2. The Certifying Authority shall oversee the major design activities of the Type Certificate holder.

4. Acceptance of Type Certificates

4.1. Where an aeronautical product type has been issued a Type Certificate by the Certifying Authority, the Accepting Authority shall accept that Type Certificate as if it had conducted the relevant technical evaluations, tests and inspections itself.

4.2. The Accepting Authority may impose additional requirements or special conditions on an aeronautical product type to meet local airworthiness requirements. The Certificate of Airworthiness applicant shall coordinate with the Type Certificate holder at the time of aircraft induction to demonstrate that the aircraft complies with such requirements.

4.3. The Certifying Authority shall publish a list of aeronautical products for which Type Certificates have been issued.

5. Continuing Airworthiness

5.1. The Certifying Authority shall be responsible for taking remedial measures against unsafe conditions of its aeronautical products and notify the Accepting Authority thereof.

5.2. At the request of the Accepting Authority, the Certifying Authority shall provide assistance to the Accepting Authority in respect of any civil aeronautical product designed or manufactured under its regulatory system to determine the measures necessary to ensure the continuing airworthiness of that product.

5.3. The Accepting Authority shall, upon discovering any failure, malfunction or defect in an aeronautical product that has or may have an adverse effect on continuing airworthiness, promptly notify the Certifying Authority and provide relevant information to assist in the investigation.

5.4. The Certifying Authority shall notify the Accepting Authority in which the aeronautical product is registered of all mandatory continuing airworthiness information (Airworthiness Directives) for aeronautical products designed or manufactured under its regulatory system. Where the respective laws, policies and airworthiness standards of the Authorities can be satisfied, the Accepting Authority may directly adopt or issue its own Airworthiness Directives.

5.5. Where the Accepting Authority decides to issue a unilateral Airworthiness Directive, it shall promptly notify the Certifying Authority in writing .

6. Mutual Cooperation and Assistance

6.1. The Certifying Authority shall provide to the Accepting Authority, upon request, the approval documents, related technical documents and data for the aeronautical products covered under this Cooperation Arrangement.

6.2. The Certifying Authority may, when necessary, invite the other two Authorities to participate in and assist with the certification review.

6.3. The Authorities shall, upon written request, provide mutual technical evaluations and assistance.

7. Confidentiality Requirements

Any information provided by one Authority to other Authorities, including but not limited to personal information, shall, in accordance with the provisions of this paragraph and its applicable laws and regulations, be clearly indicated whether such information is sensitive or confidential and its level of sensitivity or confidentiality. Pursuant to the relevant laws and regulations, the Authority providing the information may impose restrictions on the use and disclosure of the information by the Authorities receiving it. The other Authorities receiving the information shall comply with the relevant laws and regulations, handle such information in a manner that takes into account its sensitivity or confidentiality, and shall not process personal information in violation of the applicable privacy laws.

8. Language

Materials provided to the aviation industries in Hong Kong and Macao shall be available in English. These information include but not limited to Type Certificate Data Sheets, Aircraft

Flight Manuals, continuing airworthiness documents, Airworthiness Directives, and Master Minimum Equipment Lists.

9. Interpretation

Any disputed interpretations relating to this Cooperation Arrangement shall be resolved through consultation among the Authorities under the framework of Joint Certification Management.

10. Entry into Force and Termination

10.1. This Cooperation Arrangement shall enter into force on the date of signature and shall remain in force unless it is superseded by another cooperation arrangement or terminated by a written notice from any one of the signing Authorities.

10.2. This Cooperation Arrangement may be amended in writing upon mutual consent of the Authorities.

10.3. Any Authority may terminate this Cooperation Arrangement by giving a written notice to the other two Authorities. Such termination shall take effect 60 days after the date of the written notice.

11. Sign for Agreement

The foregoing provisions represent the agreement reached among the Authorities in respect of the matters referred to herein.

Signed in triplicate in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, China on 30 April 2026.

For CAAC	For HKCAD	For AACM
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