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## Aviation Group Client Update

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### **FAA AND CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY OF SINGAPORE (CAAS) SIGN BILATERAL AVIATION SAFETY AGREEMENT.**

On February 16, 2018, officials with the FAA and CAAS announced the signing of a revised Bilateral Aviation Safety Agreement that will enhance the countries' long-standing cooperation in airworthiness.

**Summary.** The Bilateral Aviation Safety Agreement Implementation Procedures for Airworthiness (BASA-IPA) provides for mutual recognition of airworthiness of civil aeronautical products, and includes an expanded scope of modifications and repairs allowed beyond cabin interiors. These enhancements will reduce duplicate certification activities for design approvals issued to air operators and aeronautical design industries by both countries, resulting in time and cost savings.

**Background.** The agreement was originally signed in 2004, enhanced in 2007, and expanded in 2016 with the BASA – Maintenance Implementation Procedures (MIP) which was then signed in 2017 and allows for the reciprocal acceptance of safety oversight requirements, as well as mutual recognition of procedures for the approval and monitoring of aircraft maintenance organizations.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact Shelley Ewalt.

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