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Aviation Group Client Update

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FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION AND SINGAPORE SIGN AVIATION SAFETY AGREEMENT

On July 14, 2017, the FAA announced that it signed a milestone Maintenance Agreement Guidance (MAG) with the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (CAAS).

The agreement was signed on July 13, 2017 and allows for mutual surveillance conducted on certified repair stations located abroad for each of the agreement partners. It provides guidance for the implementation of the previously agreed-upon Maintenance Implementation Procedures (MIP) – an agreement that was the first of its kind in Asia, signed by FAA Administrator Michael Huerta and CAAS on February 16, 2016, and reduces costs by allowing the reciprocal acceptance of Singapore and the United States' surveillance of maintenance work.

The FAA and the CAAS have agreed to conduct surveillance on each other's behalf to ensure compliance with the respective regulatory requirements for maintenance and the applicable Special Conditions. Both the MAG and MIP agreements build on the 2004 U.S-Singapore Bilateral Safety Agreement (BASA) which has benefitted both countries by saving time and reducing costs in aircraft design and manufacturing.

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

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