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1. Purpose

The purpose of this circular is to clarify the bilateral agreements or equivalent arrangements on aviation safety (hereinafter referred to as “BASA etc.”) which have been signed between Japan and foreign countries (including the ones signed between Japan Civil Aviation Bureau (JCAB) and relevant Civil Aviation Authorities (CAA)).

2. Outline of BASA etc.

Recently, there is a tendency that civil aviation products are designed, produced and replaced multilaterally, which makes it increasingly important for the Japanese government to promote cooperation with foreign governments on the civil aviation safety and to enhance the government’s efficiency and economics efficiency through implementation of improved procedures for bilateral acceptance and other related processes of airworthiness certification as well as environmental testing and approval.

For this purpose, Japan has signed bilateral aviation safety agreements / arrangements (BASA), as well as implementation procedures (IP), working arrangements (WA) and technical arrangements (TA), which are implementation agreements to stipulate specific cooperation details in various fields, with the countries with close relationships in export, import, etc., namely the USA, EU, Canada, Brazil, Singapore, UK, Iceland, Norway, Switzerland and Australia for technical cooperation and information exchange on aviation safety.

3. BASA etc. that Japan has concluded

The list of BASA etc. that Japan has concluded are shown in the attached table. Please also refer to the website of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (http://www.mlit.go.jp/en/koku/koku_fr11_000001.html) for the details including related documents and supplementary information regarding the BASA etc..

Supplementary Provisions

1. The Circulars TCL-55A-77 (dated November 29, 1977) and TCL-166-99 (dated December 2, 1999) shall be abolished.

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(Attached table)

BASA etc. that Japan has concluded

Partner countries	Types	Comprehensive agreements	Implementation agreements	Related documents
USA	BASA	AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR THE PROMOTION OF AVIATION SAFETY (Signed on April 27, 2009)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURES For AIRWORTHINESS Covering DESIGN APPROVAL, PRODUCTION AND SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITIES, EXPORT AIRWORTHINESS APPROVAL, POST DESIGN APPROVAL ACTIVITIES, AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE Under the Agreement between The Government of the United States of America and The Government of Japan For the Promotion of Aviation Safety (Signed on April 27, 2009 (Revision 0), July 1, 2013 (Amendment 1 to Revision 0), November 1, 2019 (Revision1) and January 29, 2020 (Amendment 1 to Revision 1))	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Safety Emphasis Items list (SEI)Significant Standards Differences (SSD)
	MP		<ul style="list-style-type: none">MANAGEMENT PLAN BETWEEN THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE CIVIL AVIATION BUREAU MINISTRY OF LAND, INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSPORT AND TOURISM JAPAN (Signed on March 31, 2022)	
EU	BASA	AGREEMENT ON CIVIL AVIATION SAFETY BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN UNION AND JAPAN (Signed on June 22, 2020) Note: Pending its entry into force, the Agreement has been applied provisionally from its signature (June 22 2020), in accordance with the laws and regulations of the contracting parties	<ul style="list-style-type: none">TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURES FOR AIRWORTHINESS AND ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION Between The Civil Aviation Bureau of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism of Japan And The European Union Aviation Safety Agency (Signed on July 9, 2020 and April 1, 2022 (Modification 1))	

		ANNEX 1 AIRWORTHINESS AND ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION		
	WA		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working Arrangement between The Civil Aviation Bureau of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism of Japan (JCAB) and The European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) on the production in Japan of the MBB BK117 D-2 and D-3 helicopters (Signed on March 17, 2020) 	
Canada	BASA	BILATERAL ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN THE CIVIL AVIATION BUREAU, MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT, JAPAN AND TRANSPORT CANADA CIVIL AVIATION FOR THE PROMOTION OF AVIATION SAFETY (Signed on November 13, 1997)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TECHNICAL ARRANGEMENT FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF AIRWORTHINESS AND ENVIRONMENTAL APPROVAL OF CIVIL AERONAUTICAL PRODUCTS BETWEEN THE CIVIL AVIATION BUREAU, MINISTRY OF LAND, INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORT, JAPAN AND TRANSPORT CANADA CIVIL AVIATION (Signed on October 22, 1999 (Revision 0) and on November 22, 2002(Revision 1)) TECHNICAL ARRANGEMENT FOR MAINTENANCE BETWEEN THE CIVIL AVIATION BUREAU, MINISTRY OF LAND, INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSPORT AND TOURISM OF JAPAN AND TRANSPORT CANADA CIVIL AVIATION (Signed on December 5, 2017) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> List of Japanese organizations recognized or approved under the terms of this TA-M, for maintenance of civil aeronautical products under the jurisdiction of TCCA
Brazil	MoU	MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN CIVIL AVIATION BUREAU, MINISTRY OF LAND, INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSPORT AND TOURISM, JAPAN AND NATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION AGENCY – BRAZIL FOR THE PROMOTION OF AVIATION SAFETY (Signed on October 6, 2008)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TECHNICAL ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN CIVIL AVIATION BUREAU, MINISTRY OF LAND, INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSPORT AND TOURISM, JAPAN AND NATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION AGENCY – BRAZIL FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF AIRWORTHINESS AND ENVIRONMENTAL APPROVAL OF AERONAUTICAL PRODUCTS (Signed on October 6, 2008) 	
Singapore	TA		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TECHNICAL ARRANGEMENT ON AVIATION MAINTENANCE BETWEEN THE CIVIL AVIATION 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> List of maintenance Japanese organisations approved to participate

			AUTHORITY OF SINGAPORE AND THE CIVIL AVIATION BUREAU, THE MINISTRY OF LAND, INFRASTRUCTURE ,TRANSPORT AND TOURISM OF JAPAN (Signed on March 23, 2020)	in this TA-M.
UK	WA		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working Arrangement between The Civil Aviation Bureau, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Japan (JCAB) and Civil Aviation Authority of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (CAA) (Signed on April 1, 2019 and on October 29, 2020) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This WA will come into operation on January 1, 2021.
Iceland	WA		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working Arrangement between the Icelandic Transport Authority and the Civil Aviation Bureau of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism of Japan for the Promotion of Aviation Safety (Signed on September 15, 2020) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AGREEMENT ON CIVIL AVIATION SAFETY BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN UNION AND JAPAN (Signed on June 22, 2020) Note:Pending its entry into force, the Agreement has been applied provisionally from its signature (June 22 2020), in accordance with the laws and regulations of the contracting parties TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURES FOR AIRWORTHINESS AND ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION Between The Civil Aviation Bureau of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism of Japan And The European Union Aviation Safety Agency (Signed on July 9, 2020 and April 1,
Norway	WA		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working Arrangement between the Civil Aviation Authority of Norway and the Civil Aviation Bureau of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism of Japan for the Promotion of Aviation Safety (Signed on September 14, 2020) 	
Switzerland	WA		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working Arrangement between the Federal Office of Civil Aviation of Switzerland and the Civil Aviation Bureau of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism of Japan for the Promotion of Aviation Safety (Signed on September 14, 2020) 	

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Australia	TA		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TECHNICAL ARRANGEMENT ON AVIATION MAINTENANCE BETWEEN THE CIVIL AVIATION SAFETY AUTHORITY OF AUSTRALIA AND THE CIVIL AVIATION BUREAU, THE MINISTRY OF LAND, INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSPORT AND TOURISM OF JAPAN (Signed on March 25, 2022) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> List of Japanese maintenance organisations received approval under this Technical Arrangement.