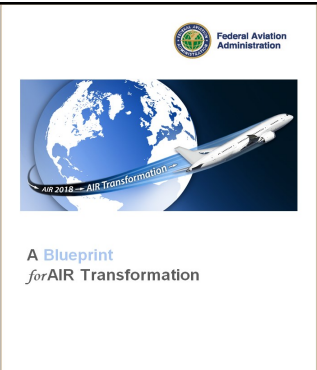




Winter Update

A Message from the Director: A Blueprint for AIR Transformation

The Aircraft Certification Service (AIR) is transforming to improve efficiency and effectiveness in response to drivers of change including industry growth, globalization, the velocity of change, and heightened expectations. To make this a reality, the Service is collaborating with key stakeholders to develop an overall, long-term strategy for achieving AIR Transformation.



In March 2017, the service released [A Blueprint for AIR Transformation](#). Developed collaboratively by representatives from across AIR and with feedback from Industry, this high-level document outlines AIR's strategic vision for becoming more efficient and effective while continuing to serve all stakeholders.

Members of Industry met with AIR in January to begin establishing an Aviation Rulemaking Committee (ARC) to further collaborative efforts, directly engage Industry, and build commitment to AIR Transformation. If you are interested in participating in future outreach efforts, I encourage you to visit our [public website](#) or send us your [feedback](#).

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In the News



Final Rule Issued for Small Airplane Safety Certification Standards

On December 16, the FAA [issued a final rule](#) that overhauls the airworthiness standards for small general aviation airplanes. This innovative rule will reduce the time it takes to move safety enhancing technologies for small airplanes into the marketplace and will also reduce costs for the aviation industry.

AIR Transformation Briefing... for Designees

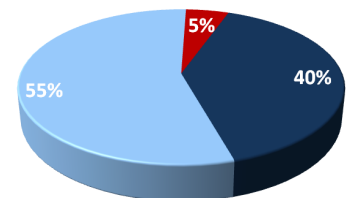
In order to help FAA designees better understand the realignment, AIR produced a briefing specifically for them.

View the [video briefing!](#)



ODA Scorecard Feedback

A recent survey of industry members participating in the Organizational Designation Authorization (ODA) Scorecard initiative found it to be useful.



Very Somewhat Limited No

For the latest news, visit the [AIR Transformation public website!](#)

AIR Signs Special Arrangements with China

AIR recently finalized and signed two Special Arrangements with the Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC)'s Aircraft Airworthiness Division. These arrangements respond to universal drivers of change in the aviation environment, and demonstrate AIR's commitment to streamlining procedures and enhancing international cooperation while providing tangible benefits to stakeholders.

Specifically, the Special Arrangement for Certificate Management Activities of Production Approval will allow the FAA to rely on the CAAC to perform certain certification management activities on its behalf, in accordance with FAA policy. In other words, this Special Arrangement gives AIR the agility to mitigate potential "undue burden" associated with conducting over-sight of a U.S. approval holder at an international facility.

The Special Arrangement for the "Design and Production of Products When the State of Manufacture is Different than the State of Design" enhances the partnership by providing the means and processes to support the globalization of industry as evident in increasingly complex and inter-dependent international business models. The arrangement supports separate State of design and State of manufacture programs ("TC/PC splits") both between the U.S. and China and between the U.S. or China and a third State. As a result, the U.S. and China will accept products designed under one authority's system and produced in the other, as well as products produced under the other authority's system but designed in a third State.

The FAA has a longstanding relationship with the CAAC, and the maturation of this bilateral partnership is particularly exciting due to its potential for addressing the needs of an increasingly global industry. Finalizing these two Special Arrangements supports AIR Transformation, and demonstrates AIR's commitment to building a competent network of cooperative partners to ensure a consistent level of safety and the seamless transfer of products and approvals globally.



Dorenda Baker Signs Special Arrangement for TC/PC split in January 2017.