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Subject: Technical Standard Order (TSO) Reciprocal Acceptance Guidance.

Purpose: This InFO notifies maintenance providers and aircraft operators that the Aircraft Certification Service (AIR) recently signed into effect two international agreements. These agreements document the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) reciprocal acceptance of European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) Technical Standard Order (ETSO) and Transport Canada Civil Aviation (TCCA) (CAN-TSO) articles. Refer to AIR Policy Memorandum AIR-15-110-GM41 which can be viewed at:

<https://drs.faa.gov/browse/excelExternalWindow/DRSDOCID150898289920230419221711.0001>

Discussion: The new agreements mean the FAA, will accept EASA's and TCCA's approval of TSO articles, and will no longer issue a Letter of TSO Design Approval. Imported TSO articles from Europe and Canada will not require an FAA TSO marking and will have (1) ETSO or CAN-TSO markings and (2) an authorized release certificate (ARC) for installation on U.S. products. Likewise, EASA and TCCA will no longer issue approvals for TSO articles produced in the U.S. Answers to frequently-asked questions about practical implementation may be viewed online at:

https://www.faa.gov/aircraft/air_cert/international/reciprocal_acceptance_faq

Recommended Action: Maintenance providers should not reject ETSO or CAN-TSO-marked articles based solely on the lack of FAA TSO markings during a receiving inspection. These articles still require the proper ARCs. ETSO/CAN-TSO articles will not be directly interchangeable with FAA TSO articles unless specifically identified in the design approval. Articles accepted under this process will still require a separate installation approval, and ETSO or CAN-TSO markings on articles will indicate the articles are FAA approved.

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