Subject: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)/ European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) Bilateral Technical Implementation Procedures (TIP) for Airworthiness and Environmental Certification

Purpose: This InFO serves to heighten awareness and understanding of the FAA/EASA Bilateral TIP.

Background: The FAA/EASA Bilateral TIP for Airworthiness and Environmental Certification, Revision 3, dated April 23, 2013, states that certain repair design approvals made under the EASA system are considered to be approved by the FAA. However, the aviation industry continues to insist on obtaining specific FAA approval rather than accepting the repair design approval letter or repair design approval issued under an EASA design organization approval.

Recommended Actions: Air carriers/owners performing maintenance should incorporate recognition of reciprocal agreements within their maintenance programs. Air carriers/Owners should ensure their maintenance manuals address: the policy, method and procedures for determining when data approved by EASA is considered FAA approved in accordance with the TIP.

The TIP has established the requirements for EASA approval of data that is acceptable to the FAA. Paragraphs 3.3.2(b) and 3.3.2.1(a) of the TIP covers the conditions in which EASA approved is considered FAA approved.

When specific FAA review and approval of EASA approved data is needed (i.e., repairs to critical parts from other than the Type Certificate (TC)/ Supplemental Type Certificate (STC) holder), a letter from the FAA containing the information required by paragraphs 3.3.2.1(b) and 3.3.2.1(b)(4) is required.

The TIP can be located at this address for future reference.
http://www.faa.gov/aircraft/air_cert/international/bilateral_agreements/baa_basa_listing/media/EUTIP.pdf

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