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*An InFO contains valuable information for operators that should help them meet certain administrative, regulatory, or operational requirements with relatively low urgency or impact on safety.*

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

**Purpose:** This InFO notifies maintenance providers and aircraft operators that the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Aircraft Certification Service (AIR) recently signed into effect two international agreements. These agreements document the FAA's reciprocal acceptance of European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) European TSO (ETSO) articles and Transport Canada Civil Aviation (TCCA) Canadian TSO (CAN-TSO) articles. Refer to AIR Policy Memorandum AIR-15-110-GM41 which can be viewed online at: [http://rgl.faa.gov/Regulatory\\_and\\_Guidance\\_Library/rgPolicy.nsf/0/01c2574d0c6692e286257eee005b2fa3/\\$FILE/AIR100-15-110-GM41.pdf](http://rgl.faa.gov/Regulatory_and_Guidance_Library/rgPolicy.nsf/0/01c2574d0c6692e286257eee005b2fa3/$FILE/AIR100-15-110-GM41.pdf).

**Discussion:** The new agreements state that 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: [http://www.faa.gov/aircraft/air\\_cert/international/media/TSOA-ETSOA-Reciprocal-Acceptance-FAQs.pdf](http://www.faa.gov/aircraft/air_cert/international/media/TSOA-ETSOA-Reciprocal-Acceptance-FAQs.pdf).

**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 and 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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