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U.S. and South Korea Sign Aviation Safety Agreement

SINGAPORE – The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) today announced an agreement between the United States and the Republic of Korea that will assist Korea in meeting international safety standards. The agreement focuses on the certification of aircraft and related aviation products.

The document – called a Bilateral Aviation Safety Agreement (BASA) – was signed by FAA Acting Administrator Bobby Sturgell and Korean Civil Aviation Safety Authority (KCASA) Assistant Minister Chung Sang-ho at the Singapore Air Show.

“This is a major step forward in the maturing aviation relationship between our nations,” said Sturgell. “We look forward to sharing our aviation safety experiences with Korea which is in the fastest growing aviation region in the world.”

The agreement underscores cooperative efforts by the United States and Korea to meet international aviation standards related to the certification of aircraft and related aviation products. It also lays the foundation for possible future agreements about areas such as flight simulators, aircraft maintenance facilities, maintenance personnel, flight crew members and flight operations.

Over the last several years, the FAA and KCASA have worked closely to ensure that their respective technical expertise and procedures for airworthiness certification meet high safety standards. As a result of these technical exchanges and discussions, today’s agreement now allows the FAA to accept applications by Korean manufacturers for new aeronautical equipment that meets FAA technical standards.

International traffic between the United States the Asia-Pacific region has grown faster than any other world region with an estimated annual increase of 7.5 percent projected for 2006 to 2010. By comparison, total international traffic to and from the U.S. and the world is expected to increase 5.2 percent during the same period. In 2006, the value of aviation products traded between South Korea and United States amounted to nearly \$4.5 billion.

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