

FAA LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION RECEIVED BY MITSUBISHI AIRCRAFT CORPORATION

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To inform you regarding Mitsubishi Regional Jet certification activities, it was announced that Mitsubishi Aircraft Corporation has received United States civil aviation authority Letter of Authorization. The LOA provides authorization for the FAA team to be onboard the Mitsubishi Regional Jet in support of certification activities and pilots from the FAA have already flown two familiarization flights in the Mitsubishi Regional Jet.

“The Letter of Authorization from the FAA is another key milestone in the development and evolution of our Mitsubishi Regional Jet program,” said Hisakazu Mizutani, President of Mitsubishi Aircraft Corporation. “We look forward to coordinating with the FAA and the JCAB as we move forward with our certification plans.”

Mitsubishi Aircraft Corporation is currently conducting certification flight test activities in Moses Lake, WA. From the beginning, Mitsubishi Aircraft Corporation has said it anticipated proceeding with both the FAA and the Japan Civil Aviation Bureau (JCAB) on board during the certification phase of the Mitsubishi Regional Jet.

Andrew Telesca, Head of Mitsubishi Aircraft Corporation’s Certification Management Office, explained that coordinating for joint participation in the certification flight test phase has been one of the program’s priorities. “Obviously, as a Japanese aircraft manufacturer, we are working very closely with the JCAB. With our flight test center located in the United States, and since the United States is one of our largest target markets, having the FAA on board at the same time as the JCAB makes things much more efficient,” he said. “Plus, working closely with the JCAB and the FAA will help make certification with aviation authorities in other countries a much smoother process.”

Telesca also said that certification activities are progressing at a steady pace. “Our flight test team is currently at Eglin Air Force Base with our FTA4 to complete extreme environment certification tests at the McKinley Climatic Laboratory,” he said. There the MRJ will be put through tests certifying that the aircraft can operate in extreme heat and extreme cold temperatures.



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