



TEXTRON AVIATION EARNS FAA APPROVAL FOR SAFETY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM IN AIRCRAFT DESIGN AND MANUFACTURING

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Textron Aviation has received FAA approval of the company’s new Safety Management System implementation plan to support the design and manufacturing of Cessna and Beechcraft aircraft. This approval builds on the company’s previously FAA-accepted and approved SMS program supporting the maintenance and support of iconic Cessna and Beechcraft aircraft, and underscores the company’s dedication to maintaining the highest standards of product quality at every level of operations.

Todd McKee, senior vice president, Integrated Supply Chain commented: “With a longstanding commitment to safety and quality in manufacturing, Textron Aviation has been designing and manufacturing industry-leading Cessna and Beechcraft aircraft for more than 95 years. This FAA approval is a testament to our commitment to product safety at every level of operation. Together, we are setting new standards in the aviation industry, ensuring that safety and quality are at the forefront of everything we do. By integrating the insights and expertise of our employees, customers and suppliers into our SMS, we not only enhance our ability to identify and mitigate risks but also strengthen the collaborative continuous improvement of our products and services.

This collaborative approach is in line with our mission to empower our collective talent to design and deliver the best aviation experience for customers."

A Safety Management System is a systematic approach to managing product safety, encompassing organizational structures, accountabilities, policies and procedures. Textron Aviation's new SMS program includes a voluntary reporting tool that allows employees, customers or suppliers to anonymously report aircraft quality risks or hazards directly to the company's SMS Committee. This committee evaluates the risk based on the information provided, investigates the causes and plans a response. Based on the findings and solutions, processes and tools are updated, ensuring continuous improvement in safety and quality standards.

Textron Aviation recognizes the importance of leveraging the diverse perspectives and expertise of its employees and stakeholders to effectively address potential challenges and enhance overall safety and operational performance. By fostering a culture of open communication and teamwork, Textron Aviation encourages all parties to participate actively in identifying risks or hazards and to work together to develop innovative solutions.

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