



# TRANSPORT CANADA CERTIFIES 90-SEAT CABIN CONFIGURATION FOR BOMBARDIER'S Q400 AIRCRAFT

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- Launch customer SpiceJet of India to become first airline to take advantage of the extra-capacity turboprop's increased profitability potential

**Bombardier Commercial Aircraft announced that its 90-passenger Q400 aircraft configuration has received its certification from Transport Canada, becoming the first in-production commercial turboprop in the world to reach that capacity.**

**“With increasing growth in the number of passengers per departure in the turboprop market, we are excited to offer our customers a higher-capacity configuration and 15 percent lower cost per seat compared to the previous standard Q400, leading to more profitability potential for airlines,” said Todd Young, Head of the Q Series Aircraft Program, Bombardier Commercial Aircraft. This milestone certification showcases – once again –**

**the unique versatility of the Q400 turboprop and our continued commitment to the evolution of the program.**

**“Upon delivery later this year, our launch customer SpiceJet will become the first airline to take advantage of the profitable and efficient operations of the 90-seat Q400 aircraft following its order of up to 50 in 2017,” added Mr. Young.**

**Combined with the Q400 aircraft’s unique speed flexibility, which is driving higher scheduling efficiency, this new segment solution is perfectly adapted to high-demand turboprop markets and will further enhance economic connectivity between smaller towns and major hubs.**

The 90-seat configuration represents another step in Bombardier’s continuous improvement of its Q400 aircraft, aimed at addressing traffic growth and customer bottom line. Other improvements under development includes a 2,000-lb-increase in payload capacity and an escalation of the A-Check and C-Check intervals from 600/6,000 to 800/8,000 flight hours.

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