

# Aircraft Certification Service International Activities & Initiatives



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# Purpose

**To provide an overview of the international activities and initiatives of the FAA's Aircraft Certification Service (AIR)**



# International Division (AIR-400)

- **Advocate in worldwide Aircraft Certification activities**
  - Promote strategic and effective international partnerships
  - Promote risk-based, streamlined validation process
  - Promote U.S. priorities at International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and other international forums
    - Representative on ICAO Airworthiness Panel
- **Policy holder for FAA Order 8110.52, Type Validation Procedures (TVP)**
  - Currently at Revision A
  - Rev. B due out end of FY17



# International Division (AIR-400)

- **Bilateral Agreement Development and Management**
  - Assessment, negotiation, development, and management of bilateral agreements
  - Address issues faced by AIR offices and U.S. industry in foreign certification activities
- **Special Arrangements and Management plans**
  - Supplemental IPA language; provides additional authority and provisions
  - Detailed “how to” information describing a technical situation (design, production, or airworthiness)



# Bilateral Agreement Overview

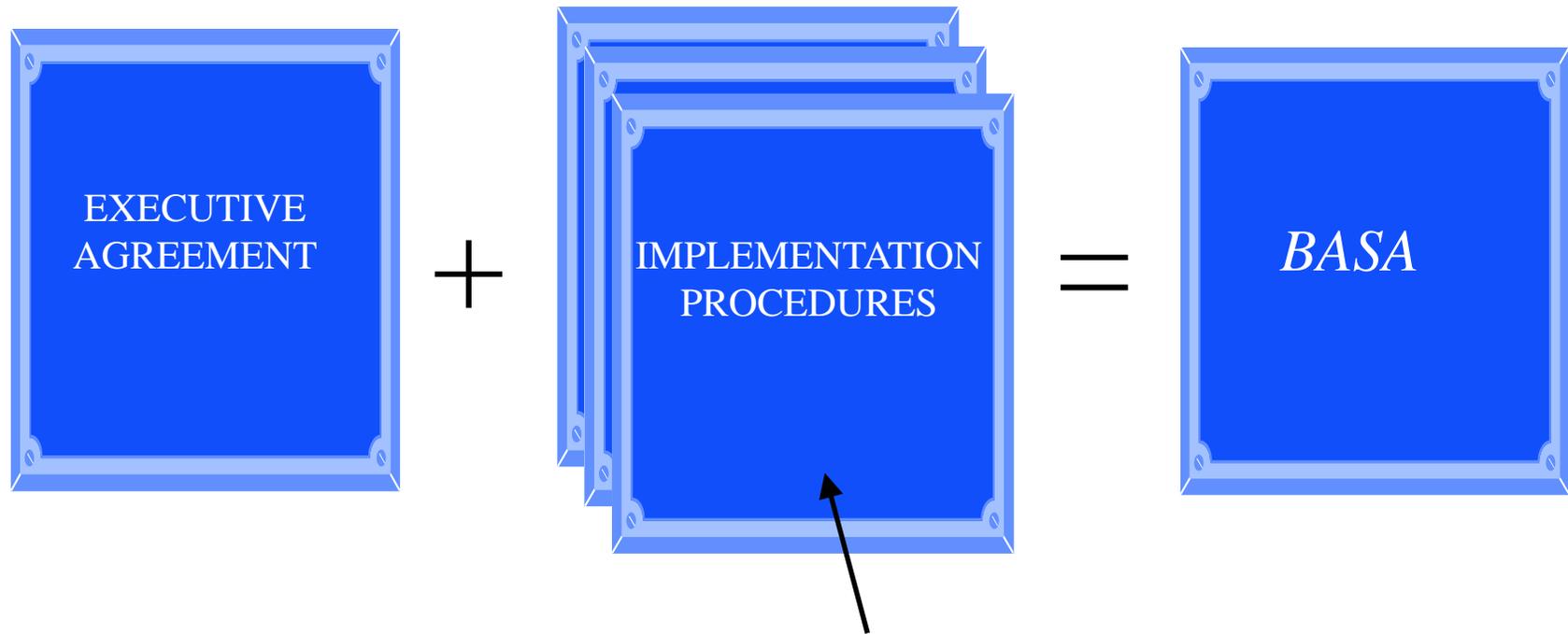
## Bilateral Aviation Safety Agreement (BASA)

Promote aviation safety and environmental quality and enhance cooperation and increase efficiency in matters relating to civil aviation.

Provide for bilateral cooperation in a variety of aviation areas: airworthiness certification, maintenance, flight operations, and environmental certification.



# Bilateral Agreement Overview, Cont'd



IPs provide guidance for use of FAA designees in the validation process



# Bilateral Agreement Overview, Cont'd

- **Implementation Procedures**

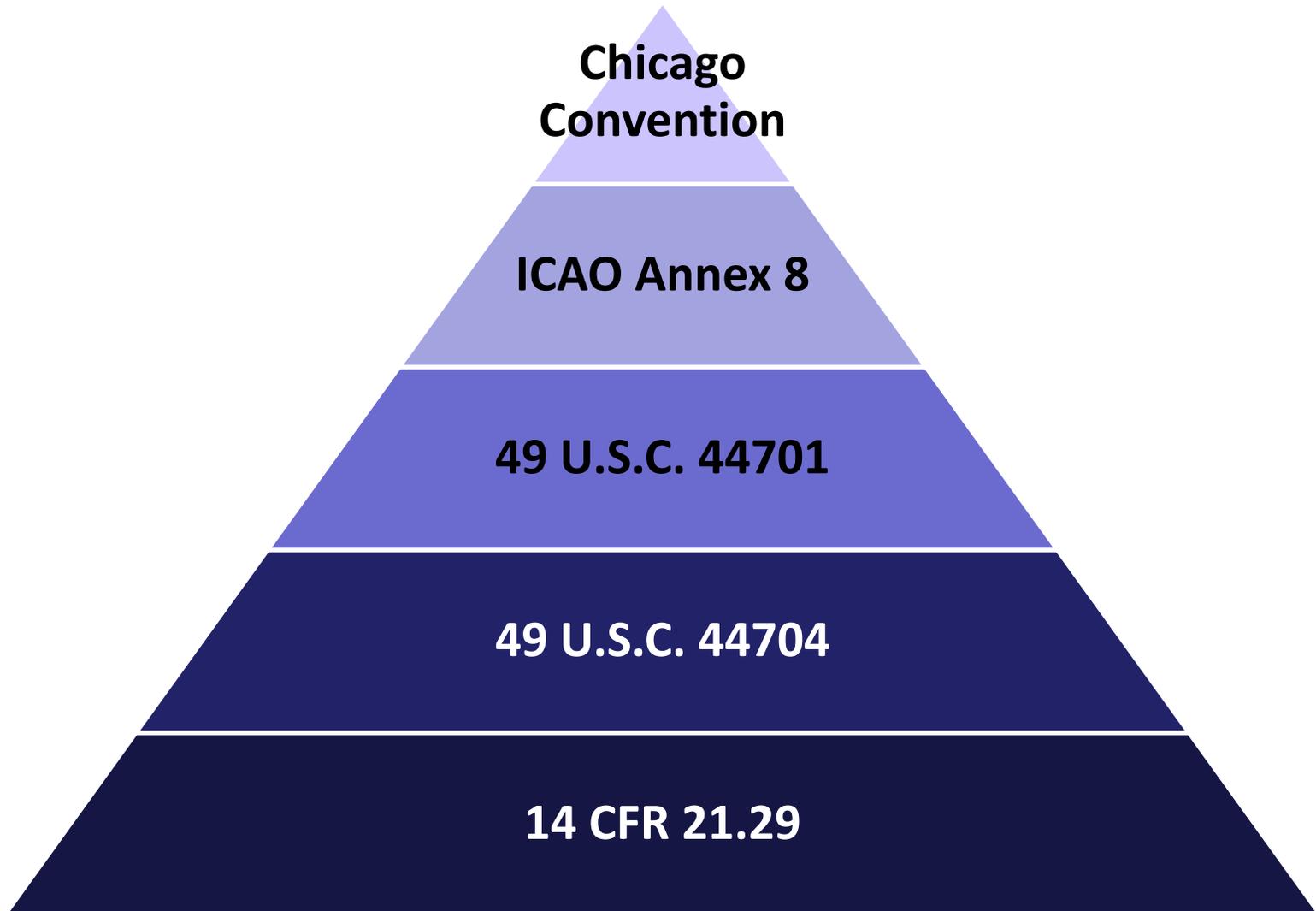
- Implementation Procedures for Airworthiness (IPA)
  - Represents the majority of IPs between the FAA and our FCAA partners
  - TCCA, ANAC, JCAB, India's DGAC, etc...
- Schedule of Implementation Procedures (SIP)
  - Older version no longer utilized moving forward
  - CAAC, Indonesia's DGAC, Mexico, etc...
- **Technical Implementation Procedures (TIP)**
  - ONLY between the FAA and EASA
  - Unique in its specifics and breadth



# Bilateral State



# Regulatory Hierarchy



# Current AIR Bilateral & Unilateral Map



● = BAA/BASAIPA

● = US/EU TIP

● = WP



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# AIR Bilateral Agreements and Working Procedures

- **21 Bilateral Agreements - 48 countries (28 in European Union)**
- **Legacy Agreements with 15 EU member States**

[http://www.faa.gov/aircraft/air\\_cert/international/bilateral\\_agreements/baa\\_basa\\_listing/](http://www.faa.gov/aircraft/air_cert/international/bilateral_agreements/baa_basa_listing/)

- **4 Working Procedures (CIS, UAE, Ukraine, and Hong Kong)**

[http://www.faa.gov/aircraft/air\\_cert/international/working\\_procedures/](http://www.faa.gov/aircraft/air_cert/international/working_procedures/)



# FAA and EASA TIP

- EASA Represents –**

EU Member States (28)	Non-EU States*
Scope defined under Executive Agreement	
<p>Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom</p>	<p>Norway Iceland Liechtenstein Switzerland</p>

\* These countries chose to adopt EC legislation for aviation safety



# AIR International Guidance and Policy

- **FAA Order 8110.52**
- **FAA Advisory Circular 21-2**
- **FAA Advisory Circular 21-23**
- **FAA Advisory Circular 21-52**

All policy can be found on the AIR Regulatory and Guidance Library at <http://rgl.faa.gov>.



# FAA International Strategy

## Global Leadership Initiative (GLI) - Vision

*The FAA is recognized and respected as the global leader in aviation.*

## GLI - Mission

*The FAA will exercise leadership, utilize a risk-based strategy, and support U.S. interests while conducting international activities.*

## Strategic Focus Areas:

- *Ensure Safety and Security of U.S. Lives*
- *Ensure Efficient Global ATS to Support U.S. Economy*
- *Ensure Aviation Growth While Reducing Environmental Impacts*
- *Promote Regulatory Harmonization and Partnerships to Ensure a Seamless Transfer of Technology*



# Drivers of Change

## Industry growth



- Industry expands and contracts much faster than the FAA can ever keep pace

## Globalization of aviation



- Industry is made up of an international web of networks and complex business arrangements that are challenging our traditional regulatory model

## Heightened expectations



- The public, industry, and government entities continue to increase their expectations of us to do things faster and without error

## Velocity of change



- Technological advances and business model changes are precipitating higher rates of change and increasing the need for organizational agility and adaptability as our environment changes



# AIR Transformation



# AIR Blueprint



# AIR – Blueprint– Promote International Partnerships

## Global Leadership:

AIR promotes international partnerships to reduce barriers and leads the advancement of aviation safety across geopolitical boundaries.

## Promote International Partnerships – End-state vision

- Methodical process to establish, build and maintain confidence in FCAA.
- Leverage mature partners' certification systems and maximize mutual recognition of certification approvals to minimize duplication.
- Promote knowledge sharing to mature FCAAs and shape global standards and processes – both bilaterally and via ICAO.
- Promote harmonization of safety systems

## Transformation Initiatives

- Actively demonstrate leadership to maximize harmonization, partner with FCAA to develop common solutions to challenges and engage with ICAO
- Establish and refine agreements needed to optimally leverage partners' systems and maximize seamless transfer.
- Enhance transparency and knowledge sharing with partners to promote safety assurance and mutual confidence

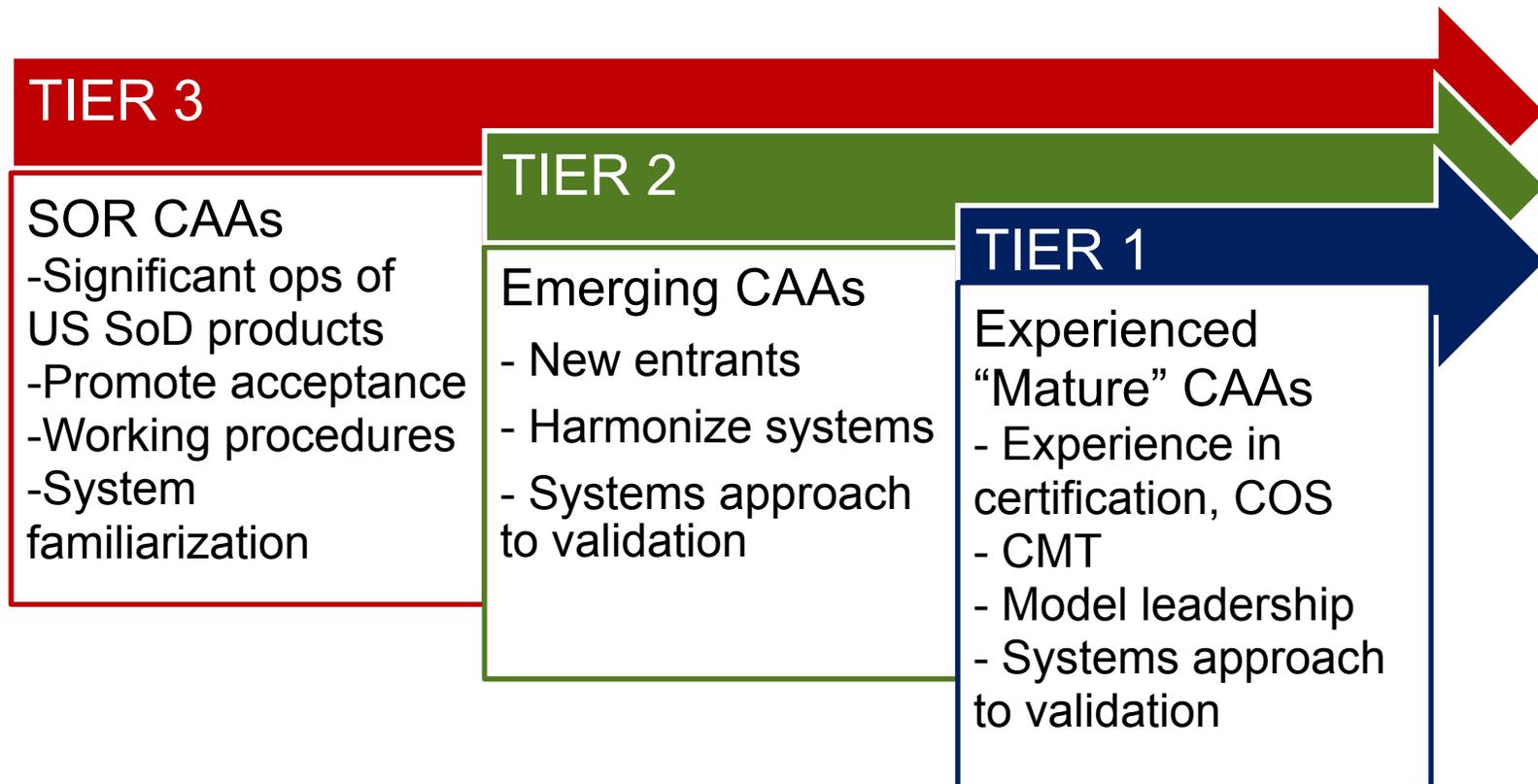


# AIR International Partnerships



# AIR International Strategy - Approach

**Goal:** Enhance the FAA's network of global partners. Three tiered strategy based on the certification experience of partner civil aviation authorities:



# Tier 1 Partnerships

## Certificate Management Team



## CMT Focus Areas

Partnership  
Leveraging

Certification System  
Harmonization

Global Leadership

Continued Confidence  
Building



## Certification Authorities Groups

Certification  
Authorities for  
Bilateral  
Agreement &  
Certification  
Policy (CABA)

Certification  
Authorities for  
General Aviation  
Products (CAGP)

Certification  
Authorities for  
Transport  
Airplane Products  
(CATA)

Certification  
Authorities for  
Rotorcraft  
Products (CARP)

Certification  
Authorities for  
Propulsion  
Products (CAPP)



# Tier 1 Partnerships

## Certificate Management Team



## CMT Collaboration Strategy



FAA-TCCA VIR

FAA-EASA COB VIR

FAA-ANAC VIR



FAA-TCCA IPA  
(rev Nov 2016)

FAA-EASA TIP  
(rev 6 August 2017)

FAA-ANAC IPA  
(rev 2 Sept 2017)

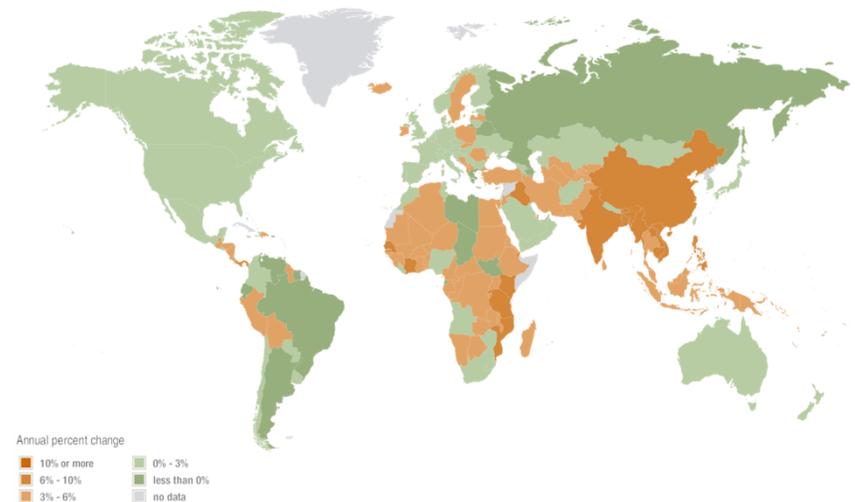


# Tier 2 Partnerships

## Emerging authorities:

- Include partners such as India, China, Japan, Australia, New Zealand and others certifying products.
- Establish systems approach to bilateral partnership.
- Incorporate risk-based approach to validation
- Conduct targeted technical assistance - collaborate with industry
- Incorporate confidence maintenance – System level
- Address globalization challenges

IMF Data Mapper ®  
Real GDP growth (2016)  
Source: World Economic Outlook (April 2016)



# Tier 3 Partnerships

## SOR authorities:

- Include CAAs such as Vietnam, Hong Kong, UAE, CIS States, Philippines, and others CAAs which are SOR for US products.
- Establish relationship to document acceptance or streamline validation in a Working Procedure.
- Promote alignment with US system to greatest extent to reduce barriers for acceptance of US approvals
- Address globalization challenges

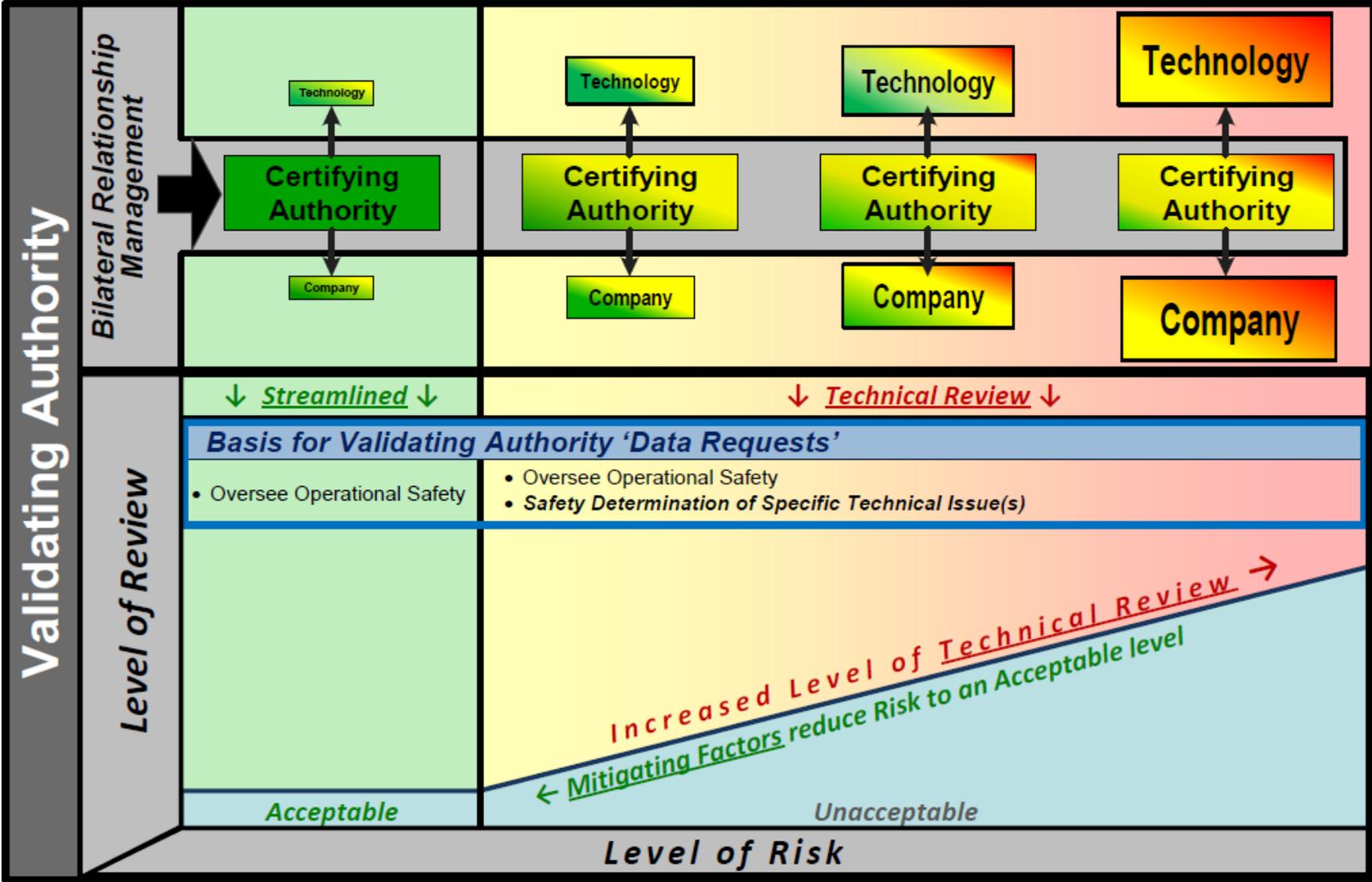


# CAA Validation of FAA TCs

- **AIR surveyed all 190 ICAO Member States to determine their validation efforts with the FAA**
  - Received 69 responses
    - **46.4%** accept the type certificate issued by the FAA
    - **56.3%** validate the type certificate issued by the FAA

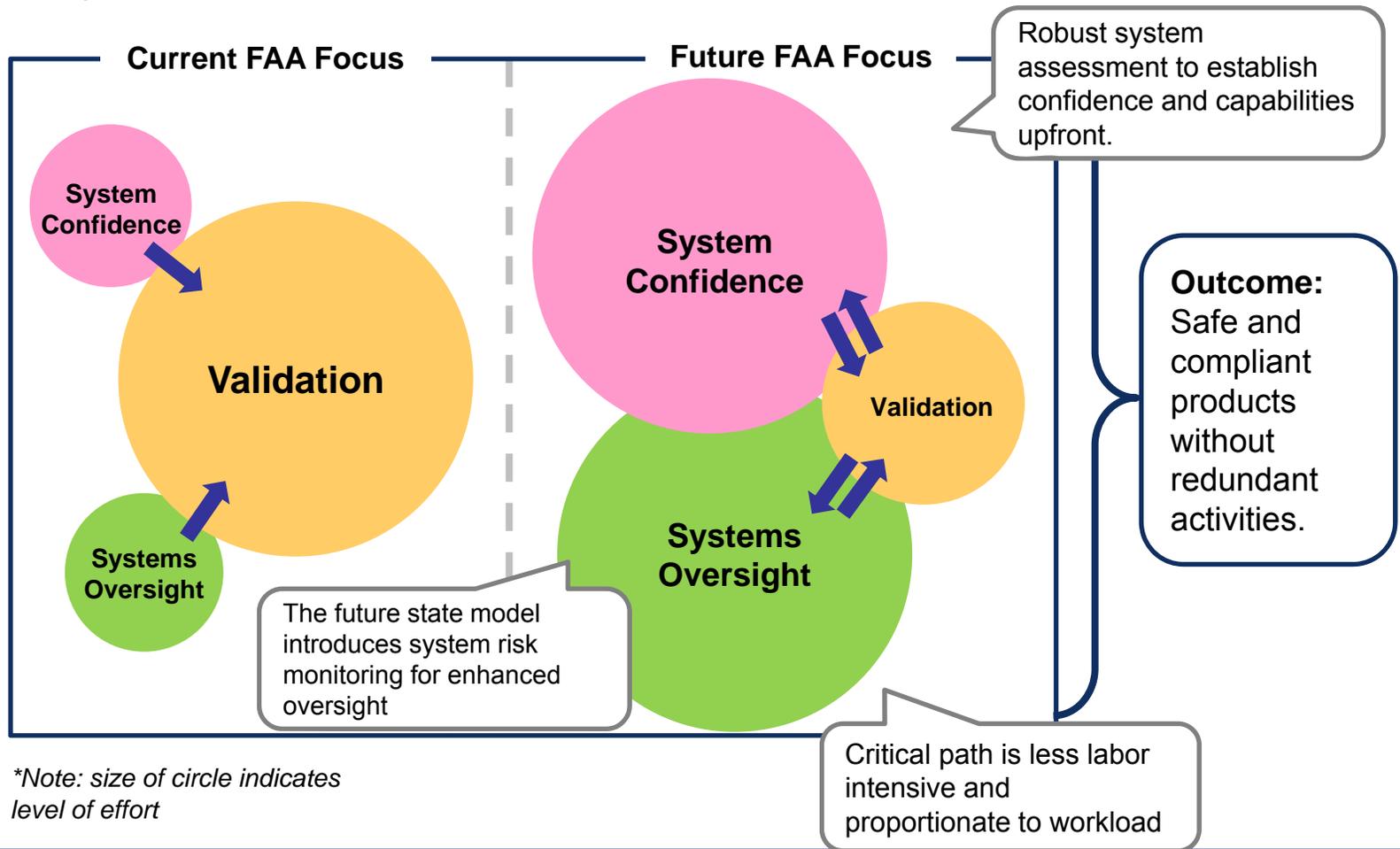


# Comprehensive Validation Risk Model



# Refresh Validation Strategy

AIR's future state model will streamline validation by applying a systems approach and promote **early and iterative actions** between bilateral partners and AIR.



# Validation - Current State

- VA conducting re-certification
- Redundant activities burdening both CAAs and industry
- VA activity in critical path – delay in time to market with little to no added safety value
- Lacking focus on SoD's system resulting in SoR continued airworthiness challenges
- Lacking continuous bilateral relationship progress
- Lacking promotion of systems harmonization
- Lacking effective resolution of issues between partners
- Lacking standardization across partnerships – resulting negative impact to both CAAs and industry.



# Validation - Future State

- Envisions a data-driven, risk-based approach within a System framework
- Closed-loop system with continuous maintenance of **confidence**
- Partners focused on enhancing confidence based on system oversight to reduce involvement in critical path
- Improved SoR continued airworthiness with knowledge of SoD COS process and safety data sharing
- Active bilateral relationship progress/expansion
- Active systems harmonization – policy and MOC
- Structured issue resolution between partners
- Standardized risk-based IPs across partnerships – resulting positive impact/predictability to both CAAs and industry.



# What is System Approach to Validation?

Validation – Future State: Risk-based approach



Risk = System risk based on assessment and identified regulatory and technical competence differences mitigated thru validation



# Improving Validation – A System Approach

## System Confidence

- Conduct system and technical assessment (baseline)
- Gain knowledge of partner CAA system (FAA 12 elements)
- Understand technical competence and capabilities

## Validation

- Conduct risk-based validation – VA LOI
- Rely on the CA based on confidence of assessed competencies
- Use escalating issue resolution process – policy impact

## System Oversight – 2-tier

- Monitor partner **system** (FAA 12 elements) and **technical** competence

## Continuous Maintenance of Confidence

- Data-driven decision-making to continuously manage all aspects of partnership in a closed loop system



# Validation Improvement Activities

## System Confidence

- Streamline system assessment – simultaneous assessment/validation
- Compare systems and identify differences (potential risk) - Library
- Identify risk-based criteria based on system confidence outcome

## Validation

- Conduct multi-authority validation engagement - MAV
- Use risk-based criteria for VA LOI and document in work plan
- Use IPA addendum in support of active confidence management

## System Oversight

- Annual update of FCAA system assessment - **System**
- Conduct post-validation sampling inspection system - **Technical**

## Continuous Maintenance of Confidence

- Actively work to harmonize systems
- Identify/measure key system performance indicators – internal/external
- Develop partnership scorecard
- Engage to jointly review performance of partnership - BRM



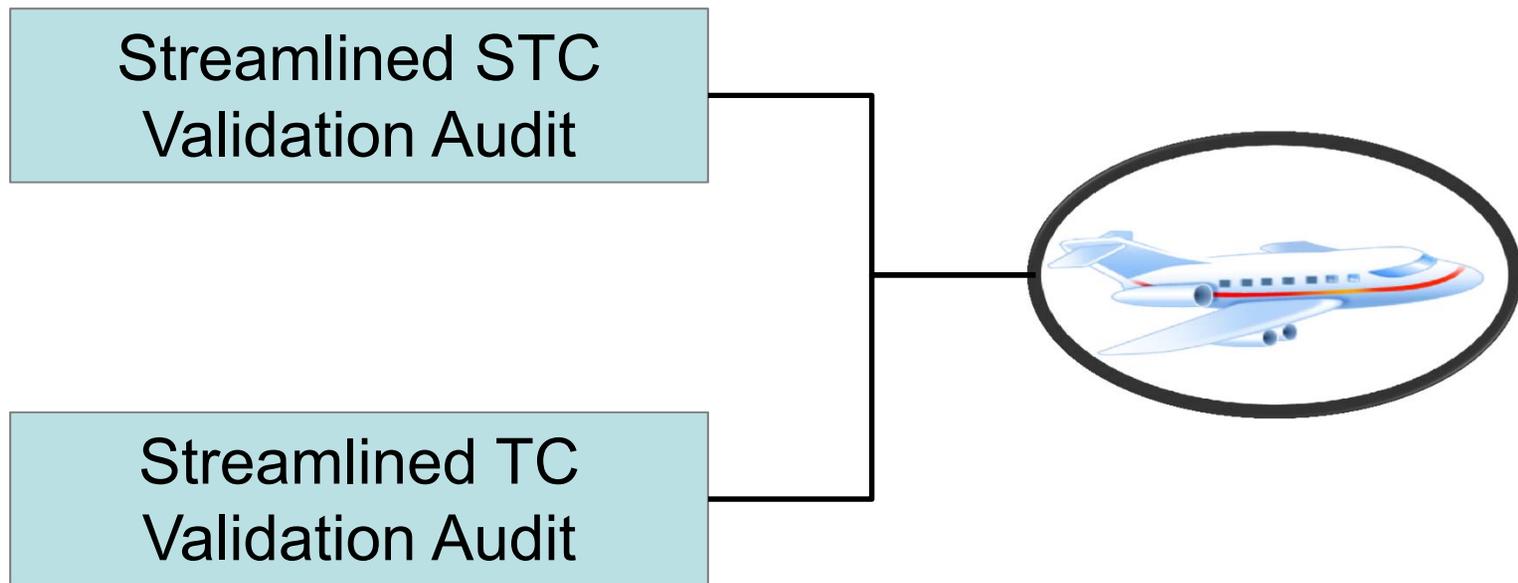
# Maintenance of Confidence - System

- **BRASS is a system that monitors the health of our bilateral relationships**
  - Uses statistical data to ensure mutual understanding of international aviation standards affecting both the U.S. and the current/potential bilateral partner
  - Verifies implementation of and compliance with ICAO standards
- **BRM is one aspect of BRASS with the key factor being the BRM feedback form submitted by FAA employees**



# Maintenance of Confidence - Technical

## Post-Validation Audits/Evaluation



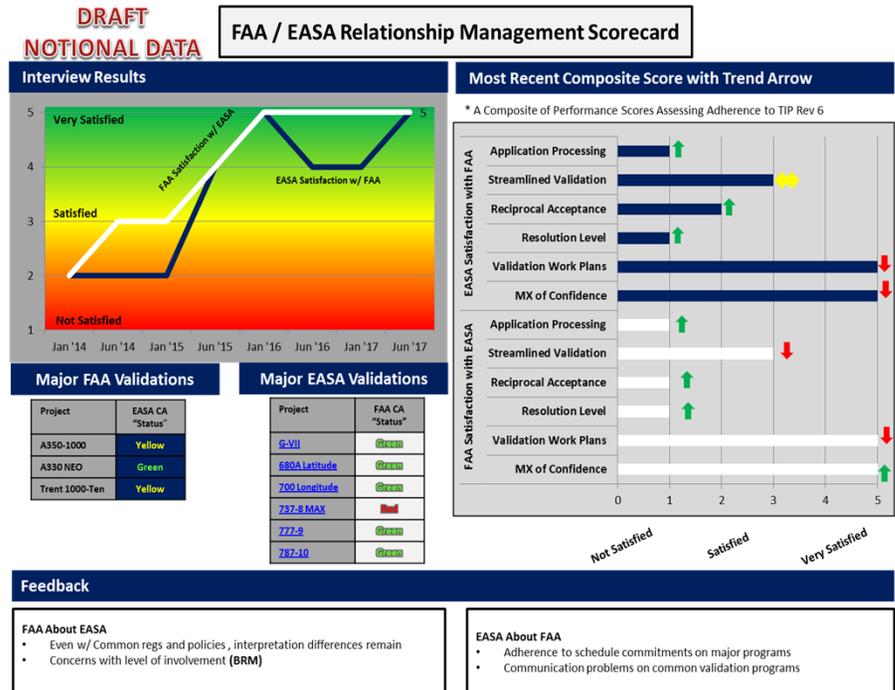
# Performance Management

Measure the overall health of bilateral partnership with an individual CAA.

Define key performance metrics for both system and technical confidence

Measure, analyze and correct

Include input from industry stakeholders



# Next Steps

- **Validation Risk Model is gaining broad global acceptance**
- **Improving mutual confidence among CAAs and their certification systems using BRM information and BRASS data**
- **Provide a clear *global* foundation for the FAA to assist CAAs with the institution of *their* individual progression plans using our Bilateral Scorecard information**
- **Audit/Evaluate our post-validation streamlined efforts**
- **Work with ICAO to promote mature Validation Risk Model**



# FAA Global Leadership Initiative – ICAO Engagement

## 39<sup>th</sup> Assembly Engagement

- **Working Paper:**
  - Risk-Based Approach toward Standard Principles for the Validation of Civil Aeronautical Products
- **Information Papers:**
  - Aircraft Certification Cybersecurity Regulatory Efforts
  - Increasing the Safety of Small General Aviation Airplanes Using International Consensus Standards
  - Developing a common international framework for reporting, sharing, and analyzing maintenance data
  - State of Design and State of Operator Collaboration on Aircraft Certification in Consideration of the Carriage of Hazardous Materials
- **Airworthiness Panel:**
  - Collaboration with Dangerous Goods Panel and Ops Panel to achieve ban on lithium ion batteries as cargo on transport aircraft
  - Introduction of Safety Continuum concept into ICAO SARPs
  - Engage with ICAO to influence changes to Annex 8 and Airworthiness Manual – e.g. COS, responsibilities of SoD/SoM, SSI, orphan aircraft policy



# Helpful Links

[https://www.faa.gov/aircraft/air\\_cert/international/](https://www.faa.gov/aircraft/air_cert/international/)

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## International Aircraft Certification

- Bilateral Agreements
- Working Procedures
- European Aviation Safety Agency Information
- Reciprocal Acceptance FAQ (PDF)
- Overflight Fees
- AIR International Aircraft Certification FAQ (PDF)

### Export

- Approvals
- Cancel U.S. Registration
- Special Requirements of Importing Countries (Appendix 2 of AC 21-2)

### Import

- Approvals
- Aircraft Registration

### Find

- Designees & Delegations

### Top Tasks

- Get Form 337, Major Repair and Alteration
- Register an aircraft
- Look up an N-number
- Review preliminary accident data
- Find aircraft safety alerts
- Search for SAIBs

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# Questions?

