MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

THE CIVIL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION OF CHINA

AND

THE CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY OF THAILAND

FOR

AIRWORTHINESS CERTIFICATION COOPERATION

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU) is

BETWEEN

THE CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY OF THAILAND (hereinafter referred to as "CAAT")

AND THE CIVIL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION OF CHINA (hereinafter referred to as "CAAC").

CAAT and CAAC may be referred to individually as the "Party" or collectively as the "Parties".

WHEREAS:

1. CAAC and CAAT, are the competent authorities of the respective governments of the People's Republic of China and the Kingdom of Thailand with regard to civil aviation matters;
2. The Parties, desiring to apply this MoU in accordance with the principles and provisions of the Convention on International Civil Aviation signed at Chicago on 7 December 1944 (Chicago Convention), have concluded as follows:

1. Objective

This MoU is concluded to facilitate the airworthiness certification cooperation between CAAC and CAAT for CAAC approved products and articles to be registered or used in Thailand.

2. Design Approval Acceptance

CAAT may issue Type Certificate (TC) or Supplemental TC (STC) Acceptance for the TC or STC of which CAAC is the primary certificating authority. The process is as follows:

a) CAAC will forward CAAT the application package for TC/STC Acceptance prepared by the Chinese applicants. The application package should be prepared according to Air Navigation Act Section 41/14 and concerned CAAT Requirement.
b) CAAT will examine the accuracy and completeness of the application package. Upon finding that the submitted application package are accuracy and completeness, the CAAT shall issue a letter of TC/STC validation.
c) CAAT reserves the authority to perform additional technical reviews and assessments, as necessary, to ensure that products certified by CAAC comply with Thailand's applicable laws and regulations.
d) CAAC would notify CAAT any transfer, suspending or revoke to any CAAC TC, whenever there is a TCA issued by CAAT.
e) CAAT may accept the following type design approvals made by CAAC or under CAAC accredited system, including:

a. CAAC Technical Standard Order Authorizations (CTSOAs) for articles including aviation fuel;
b. Part Manufacturer Approvals (PMAs) for modification and replacement parts, provided there is a TCA issued by CAAT to the product on which the modification or replacement part will be installed;
c. Aviation Chemical Products Design and Production Approval Letters for aviation chemical products;
d. Minor design changes, such as Modification Design Approvals (MDAs) for modification and repair design approvals, and
e. Any design change approvals made by the design approval holders.

3. Export Airworthiness Certificate and Authorized Release Certificates Acceptance

a) CAAT may accept Export Airworthiness Certificates and Authorized Release Certificates issued under CAAC certification and surveillance system, subject to the applicable laws and regulations of Thailand.
   a. CAAT may accept the Export Airworthiness Certificate issued by CAAC to new or used aircraft and issue CAAT Airworthiness Certificate, provided there is a TCA issued by CAAT to the aircraft;
   b. CAAT may accept the Authorized Release Certificate issued by CAAC approved production organisations to new engine, propeller or article (including fuel and chemical);

b) CAAT and CAAC may accept the Export Airworthiness Certificate issued by the other Party to used aircraft, provided the type design of the aircraft has been approved, validated or accepted by the importing Party and subject to the applicable laws and regulations of the importing State.

4. Mutual Support in Continued Airworthiness

CAAC and CAAT will cooperate closely on the continued airworthiness to ensure the safe operation and usage of related products and articles, according to the provision in ICAO Annex 8 on the responsibilities of State of Design (SoD), State of Design for Modification (SoDM), State of Manufacturer (SoM), State of Registry (SoR) and State of the Operator (SoO).

a) CAAT shall inform CAAC of information on failures, malfunctions, defects and other occurrences that cause or might cause adverse effects on the continued airworthiness noted during the usage of the products and articles. The content of the notification is listed in Appendix I to this MoU.
b) CAAC shall assist CAAT in the determination of actions considered necessary for the continued airworthiness of the products and articles.
c) CAAC shall make it available to CAAT the airworthiness directives, mandatory modifications, the special inspections, the special limits of operation, or any other necessary specific actions for the continued airworthiness of the concerned products and articles.

Information exchange shall be subject to applicable national laws regarding the statutory powers, functions, or responsibilities of either Authority.

5. Expense

Neither Party will fund any approval/acceptance activities carried out under this MoU. Any expense is assumed to be the responsibility of the applicant, subject to the domestic laws applying to each Party.

6. Policy Exchange and Technical Cooperation

CAAC and CAAT will cooperate closely on the policy exchange and technical cooperation to build and maintain mutual confidence.

The technical cooperation includes, but is not limited to, sharing of training resources, co-holding workshop/seminar, exchanging of ICAO SARPs compliance information.

7. Communication

The focal points are listed in Appendix II to this MoU. Correspondence and documentation relating to the products and articles shall be produced in English.

8. Implementation

The two Parties shall work in accordance with this MoU from the date of signature by the last signing Party. This MoU may be reviewed or amended by mutual agreement of both Parties and any such review or amendment shall be in writing and signed by both Parties.

Each Party shall notify the other Party in writing of any reorganization, restructuring or any other change in their respective organization which may affect their performance and/or fulfilment of their obligation under this MoU.

9. Dispute Resolution

If a Party believes that the other Party is not complying with any of the terms of this MoU, that Party shall inform the other Party of its concerns and seek appropriate redress.

Any dispute between the Parties arising out of the interpretation, application or implementation of the provisions of this MoU shall be settled amicably through consultation or negotiations between the Parties.

10. Savings Clause

Nothing in this MoU shall be construed as requiring either Party to act in a manner inconsistent with its applicable national laws and regulations or as limiting the statutory powers, functions, or responsibilities of either Party.

11. Non-Legally Binding Cooperation Arrangement

This MoU is intended solely as a framework for cooperation between the Parties. It does not create any legally binding rights or obligations under international law or under the domestic law of either Party. The implementation of this MoU shall be subject to the applicable laws and regulations of each Party.

12. Termination

Either party may terminate this MoU by giving ninety (90) days' prior written notice to the other Party through the designated point of contact. Unless otherwise mutually decided by the Parties, the termination shall not affect the completion of any ongoing activities or technical cooperation commenced prior to the effective date of termination.

13. Coming into force

This present MoU shall come into force from the date of signature by the last signing Party.

Signed in duplicate on Nov. 9 2026

For the Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand	For the Civil Aviation Administration of China
Air Chief Marshal Manat Chavanaprayoon	**Xu Feng**
Director General	Director General, Aircraft Airworthiness Certification Department

APPENDIX I

Notification of information on failures, malfunctions, defects and other occurrences that cause or might cause adverse effects on the continued airworthiness encountered in service will be provided by CAAT to CAAC designated office within 20 working days of CAAT receiving notification by the relevant operator of the aircraft. Both Parties will use the most expedient means available to deliver this information (fax, electronic mail). The information on failures, malfunctions or defects is as follows:

(1) Fires caused by an aircraft system or equipment failure, malfunction, or defect.

(2) An engine exhaust system failure, malfunction, or defect which causes damage to the engine, adjacent aircraft structure, equipment, or components.

(3) The accumulation or circulation of toxic or noxious gases in the crew compartment or passenger cabin.

(4) A failure, malfunction or defect of a propeller control system.

(5) A propeller or rotorcraft hub, or blade structural failure.

(6) Flammable fluid leakage in areas where an ignition source normally exists.

(7) A brake system failure caused by structural or material failure during operation.

(8) A significant aircraft primary structural defect or failure caused by any autogenous condition (fatigue, understrength, corrosion, etc.).

(9) Any abnormal vibration or buffeting caused by a structural or system failure, malfunction or defect.

(10) An engine failure.

(11) Any structural or flight control system failure, malfunction or defect which causes an interference with normal control of the aircraft for which derogates the flying qualities.

(12) A complete loss of more than one electrical power generating system or hydraulic power system during a given operation of the aircraft.

(13) A failure or malfunction of more than one attitude, airspeed, or altitude instrument during a given operation of the aircraft.

APPENDIX II

What follows are the contact addresses between the CAAC and CAAT.

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