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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

1. Notifying Member: <u>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) [1337] Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above: Please submit comments to: USA WTO TBT Enquiry Point, Email: usatbtep@nist.gov
3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [X], 5.7.1 [], other:
4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Rotorcraft Aircraft and space vehicles in general (ICS 49.020).
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Normal and Transport Category Rotorcraft Certification (11 page(s), in English)
6. Description of content: The FAA proposes to amend the certification standards of normal and transport category helicopters. The proposed changes are necessary to address modern designs currently used in the rotorcraft industry and would reduce the burden on applicants for certification of new rotorcraft designs. The proposed changes would reduce or eliminate the need for certain special conditions currently required to obtain certification of modern rotorcraft. The proposed changes would also incorporate the requirements of equivalent level of safety findings that the FAA has imposed as conditions for approving certain design features.
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Protection of human health or safety
8. Relevant documents: 82 Federal Register (FR) 50583, 1 November 2017; Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 27 and 29. Will appear in the Federal Register when adopted.
9. Proposed date of adoption: To be determined Proposed date of entry into force: To be determined
10. Final date for comments: 30 January 2018
11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body: https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/TBT/USA/17_5047_00_e.pdf