

A M R O B A

By email - 3 December 2015

Committee Secretary
Joint Standing Committee on Treaties
PO Box 6021
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

The Bilateral Aviation Safety Agreement (BASA) between Australia and the United States has been fairly restrictive for Australian aviation businesses to trade with the United States of America. Australian manufactured aviation products approved by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) are available to be sold now. The only thing that is holding our industry back is this international agreement and CASA/FAA [Federal Aviation Administration] Implementation Procedures. The CASA/FAA Implementation Procedures cannot be signed until the BASA has Parliamentary approval. It needs to be approved this year.

Over the last couple of years, industry has been requesting these changes to this Agreement so Australian manufactured aviation products can be sold in the USA.

The FAA required analysis and assessment of the CASA approval process has been completed and sample manufactured products have been accepted by the FAA.

Australian manufacturers are concerned that administrative delays in getting these changes to the BASA can be stalled in Parliament if the amended document sits for the 20 day period. This could delay the approval by the FAA of amendments to the Implementation Procedures between CASA and the FAA.

Australian manufacturers have CASA approved products ready to market in the USA. CASA and the FAA have agreed to amend "Implementation Procedures" and can be signed this year if the BASA is expedited through parliament so it does not have to be tabled for the standard 20 days.

CASA staff are with the FAA next week.

The Minister of Innovation, Mr Wyatt Roy is fully aware of one such product and has promised support.

Regards

Ken Cannane
Executive Director
AMROBA

www.amroba.org.au
Safety All Around.