ARTICLE 17

Operational documents and data related to the type

1. Some type-specific sets of operational documents and data, including operational suitability data in the European Union system and the equivalent data in the Japanese system, provided by the type certificate holder, shall be approved or accepted by the certificating authority and, where necessary, be exchanged during the validation process.

2. Operational documents and data referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article may be either automatically accepted or validated by the validating authority as detailed in the technical implementation procedures.

ARTICLE 18

Concurrent validation

When decided by the applicant and the technical agents, a concurrent validation process may be used, where appropriate and as detailed in the technical implementation procedures.

ARTICLE 19

Continuing airworthiness

1. The technical agents shall take action to address unsafe conditions in civil aeronautical products for which they are the certificating authority.

2. Upon request, a competent authority of a Party shall, in respect of civil aeronautical products designed or manufactured under its regulatory system, assist the competent authority of the other Party in determining any action considered to be necessary for the continued airworthiness of the civil aeronautical products.

3. When in-service difficulties or other potential safety issues affecting a civil aeronautical product within the scope of this Annex lead to an investigation conducted by the technical agent of a Party that is the certificating authority for the civil aeronautical product, the technical agent of the other Party shall, upon request, support that investigation, including by providing relevant information reported by relevant entities on failures, malfunctions, defects or other occurrences affecting that civil aeronautical product.

4. The reporting obligations of the design certificate holders to the certificating authority and the information exchange mechanism established by this Annex shall be considered to fulfil the obligation of each design certificate holder to report failures, malfunctions, defects or other occurrences affecting that civil aeronautical product to the validating authority.