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Process Support Rulemaking Directorate EASA Postfach 10 12 53 D-50452 Cologne Germany

SUBJECT: ICCAIA RESPONSE TO EASA NPA 2011-17, VOLCANIC ASH

Dear Sir, Dear Madam,

The aviation design, manufacturing and maintenance industry as represented by the International Coordinating Council of Aerospace Industries Associations (ICCAIA) is grateful for the opportunity to comment on Notice of Proposed Amendment No. 2011-17, 'Volcanic Ash.' ICCAIA represents a significant portion of the design, manufacturing, and maintenance companies located in Europe, Japan, Canada, Brazil, and the United States; these companies produce and maintain an overwhelmingly large percentage of the aircraft operating around the world. Furthermore, ICCAIA is heavily involved in the ongoing efforts of the ICAO International Volcanic Ash Task Force (IVATF), including development of the safety risk assessment approach to standardize the operational response to volcanic ash eruptions globally, as referenced in the subject NPA.

In addition to providing broad comments contained in a joint letter with the Association of European Airlines (AEA) and the International Air Transport Association (IATA), ICCAIA has prepared the attached detailed comments to the subject NPA for consideration by the Agency. ICCAIA respectfully requests EASA review the comments and consider them in light of the separate letter submitted jointly with AEA and IATA.

ICCAIA is grateful for the opportunity to comment on this NPA. There have been substantial efforts and improvements recognized in the IVATF work and through EASA coordination of the European National Aviation Authorities. ICCAIA is available to EASA should further discussion be desired.

Yours Sincerely,

Claude Schmitt

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