

- (c) The airworthiness authority of the importing State shall advise the airworthiness authority of the exporting State of the airworthiness and environmental criteria for its type design approval of a product to be imported, and when appropriate, of current operational requirements affecting the product's eligibility for a particular kind of operation in the importing State, as soon as practicable after becoming familiar with the design of the product.

6. *PRODUCT AIRWORTHINESS APPROVAL*

If the airworthiness authority of the exporting State certifies to the airworthiness authority of the importing State that a product, for which a type design approval has been issued or is in the process of being issued, by the airworthiness authority of the importing State, conforms in construction to a type design description notified by the airworthiness authority of the importing State and is in a condition for safe operation, the importing State shall give the same validity to the technical evaluations, tests, and inspections made by the airworthiness authority of the exporting State as if it had made them itself on the date of the certification by the airworthiness authority of the exporting State. Additional inspections may be made by the airworthiness authority of the importing State at the time of its airworthiness and environmental certification, approval, or acceptance as it deems necessary to assure that the product has not been changed or has not deteriorated since the date of certification by the airworthiness authority of the exporting State.

7. *MAINTENANCE OR ALTERATIONS*

- (a) If maintenance or an alteration is performed, approved, or certified in one Contracting State on an aircraft which is under airworthiness regulation by the other Contracting State, or on an aircraft engine, propeller, appliance, material, part, or component for installation thereon, by a person in the first Contracting State who is authorized by the airworthiness authority of that State to perform the same work, approval, or certification, the airworthiness authority of the Contracting State regulating the airworthiness of the aircraft shall give the same validity to the work performed, and to the approvals or certifications made therefor as if they were made by an equivalently authorized person in the Contracting State regulating the airworthiness of the aircraft, provided the work, approvals, and certifications are performed on the product in accordance with the applicable laws, regulations, standards, and requirements of the Contracting State regulating the airworthiness of the affected aircraft.
- (b) For the purposes of this Agreement, a Contracting State regulates the airworthiness of an aircraft where it is the State responsible for the issuance of an airworthiness certificate for the aircraft or is the State responsible for the certification of an air carrier operating, under lease or charter, an aircraft which possesses an airworthiness certificate issued by another State.