

CERTIFICATES OF AIRWORTHINESS FOR EXPORT

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EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to inform Your Excellency that the Department of State of the United States Government has requested the Embassy to inquire of the Bolivian Government whether it will accept certificates of airworthiness for export issued by the United States Civil Aeronautics Authority (CAA), covering unassembled aircraft and components which have not been previously assembled and flight tested. This pertains only to newly manufactured aircraft and components.

At present the issuance of a certificate of airworthiness for export constitutes a certification that the specific aircraft being exported has been examined and found to comply with applicable standards and requirements of the CAA and any special requirements stipulated by the country of import. Such examinations have included inspection and flight testing of the aircraft after final assembly. Certificates of airworthiness for export covering aircraft components likewise evidenced inspection after assembly. Because of the mass production methods and tooling now employed by most American aircraft manufacturers, individual parts of a given model are substantially identical or interchangeable. For this reason final assembly of the aircraft can be accomplished away from the factory without difficulty and it is not considered necessary that such aircraft be flight tested by CAA inspectors before exportation from the United States.

Therefore, in order to obviate the need of assembling aircraft for flight testing, with attendant expense and delay, and subsequently disassembling for export shipment, the CAA is contemplating the issuance of certificates of airworthiness for export for unassembled aircraft which have not been previously assembled and flight tested. Likewise, the CAA contemplates issuing such certificates covering unassembled aircraft components which have