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Dear Sir/Madam,

Airbus thanks the FAA for this opportunity to comment on NPRM 01-04.

We fully support the adoption of this proposed rule, which will reduce the differences between FAR Part 25 and JAR-25.

We urge the FAA to pursue the Part 25 / JAR-25 Harmonization under the Fast Track Program with an aggressive schedule. ARAC met their commitment by delivering more than 95% of the required reports in the prescribed timeframe, and closure of the JAA part of the program is expected by the end of 2001. The fruits of these considerable efforts should not be delayed by administrative bottlenecks.

Yours sincerely,

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