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to the Commission**
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Subject: EASA - Certification

Since 2003, the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) has been responsible for the certification of all aeronautical products in the European Union and also for certain third countries. Although the benefits for the EU aviation industry are clear, in the form of greater harmonisation of standards, the workload involved is very significant.

Manufacturers want to see the EASA given more resources so that the sometimes excessive time lag prior to certification, which is delaying the marketing of products and generating additional costs, can be reduced. This is vital to the competitiveness of the EU aviation industry.

Does the Commission plan to take steps to improve the EASA's certification procedures?