

The Be-103 Receives FAA Type Certification



Oshkosh, WI – July 31, 2003 -- The Be-103 was issued FAA Type Certification at EAA Oshkosh Airventure 2003, making it the first Russian, amphibious, aircraft to achieve type certification in the United States. FAA Administrator, Marion Blakey presented the Type Certificate Documentation to Nikolai Lavro [Chief Designer, Beriev].

On hand were Boris Bregman [Deputy Gen. Director, KnAAPO], and Kent Linn [Exclusive U.S. Distributor for the Be-103].

The U.S. certification process for the Be-103 began in March 2001 with a meeting between the FAA Small Aircraft Certification Directorate, Kent Linn of Sky Manor Airport, Beriev Aircraft Company, and the Russian Register for Aircraft Certification. By complying with the Russian standards, which mirror FAR Part 23 the aircraft met U.S. requirements. Official application for FAA Type Certification was made in October 2001.

FAA officials visited Russia's Small Aircraft Registry in March 2003 to test the aircrafts' flight characteristics. The FAA pilot was satisfied with the Be-103's flight performance and pointed out the especially good aircraft behavior in the approach-to-stall region. The single engine performance was found to be "superior to many modern twins."

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