

Transport Canada Sends State Operators Issue to Working Group

In the Spring of this year, proposed new regulations (CAR 607) which created a State Operators section in the CARs were tabled in the CARAC process. About two days earlier, the Minister made an announcement that he would be repatriating oversight of the business aviation community and the POC program *back* to Transport Canada. Following on some discussion with industry as part of the CARAC process, the new regulations were withdrawn, for now.

A number of State Operators hold both Part VII and Part VI Operating Certificates, but there are some State Operators that believe that neither Part of the CARs really “fits” what it is that they do. The collapse of the CBAA POC program complicated the discussion of whether a new State Operators Part of the CARs was really necessary or whether their needs could be accommodated through amendments to Part VII or Part VI. HAC made written submissions on this subject which were published on the HAC site.

Recently, the Minister took a decision to refer the matter to a Working Group however, the Working Group will not be constituted until after April 2011, when the new CAR 604 Regulations for the Business Aviation community will be sent to Gazette I.