



**INQUIRY OF MINISTRY
DEMANDE DE RENSEIGNEMENT AU GOUVERNEMENT**

PREPARE IN ENGLISH AND FRENCH MARKING "ORIGINAL TEXT" OR "TRANSLATION"
PRÉPARER EN ANGLAIS ET EN FRANÇAIS INSCRIVANT "TEXTE ORIGINAL" OU "TRADUCTION"

QUESTION NO./N° DE LA QUESTION Q-135²	BY / DE Ms. Chow (Trinity-Spadina)	DATE January 25, 2007
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REPLY BY THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT, INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITIES
RÉPONSE DU MINISTRE DES TRANSPORTS, DE L'INFRASTRUCTURE ET DES COLLECTIVITÉS

Bonnie Coulson

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MINISTER OR PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY
MINISTRE OU SECRÉTAIRE PARLEMENTAIRE

QUESTION

Q-135² — January 25, 2007 — Ms. Chow (Trinity—Spadina) — With respect to the Tripartite agreement of 1983 and amended in 1985 between the government, the City of Toronto and the Toronto Port Authority: (a) has a certificate been issued indicating that the Bombardier Q400 meets the definition of Short Take-off and Landing; (b) has the Bombardier Q400 undergone test flights using the Toronto City Centre Airport to determine if it meets the six degree glidepath requirements and, if so, when were those test flights conducted and what were the results of those test flights; and (c) how does a commercial airline using ten aircraft and operating 14 round trips each day fit into the definition of general aviation under the tripartite agreement?

REPLY / RÉPONSE

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Tripartite Agreement references to a six degree flight requirement only apply to Short Take-off and Landing operations. The Bombardier Q400 is not a Short Take-off and Landing aircraft.

On July 19, 1985, an amendment to the Tripartite Agreement clause 1(d) added the Dash-8 to the definition of general aviation permitted to operate at Toronto City Centre Airport. General aviation, as it is defined in the Tripartite Agreement, includes all civil aviation activities undertaken by individuals, organizations or corporate entities engaged in the operation of commercially registered aircraft. The aircraft known under the trade name of Bombardier Q400 is aeronautically classified as a DHC-8 400 Dash aircraft, which is included in the Tripartite Agreement definition of general aviation, and is therefore compliant with the terms and conditions of the Agreement.

Copies of Bombardier DHC-8 400 aircraft tests may be requested from Bombardier Inc.

On September 25, 2006, Transport Canada issued Porter Airlines Inc. an Air Operating Certificate. The DHC-8 400 aircraft is a certified aircraft allowed to operate in Canada. The Q400 aircraft can maneuver and land safely at Toronto City Centre Airport.

The Q400 aircraft must operate in accordance with the Tripartite Agreement restrictions regarding aircraft noise and must abide by the noise abatement procedures published in *Canada Air Pilot*.