
CHINA'S C919 JET MAKES FIRST INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL FLIGHT

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Chinas homegrown C919 jet completed its first international commercial flight on Aug 12, a symbolic step towards Beijings goal of challenging the decades-long aerospace dominance of Boeing and Airbus.

The narrow-body jet has been billed as a potential competitor to Boeings 737 or Airbuss A320, though the aircraft has yet to receive approval from American or European regulators.

Beijing hopes the domestically produced plane will reduce Chinas reliance on foreign technology and help it gain a foothold in the global market.

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