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## **Sojitz Receives Order from Japan Coast Guard for 3 Units of Maritime Patrol Aircraft**

Sojitz Corporation has received an order from Japan Coast Guard, which is under the oversight of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport, for 3 units of maritime patrol aircraft, which structure is based on that of the Bombardier 'Dash 8 Q300' aircraft, and for spare parts such as engines.

In addition to its speed, freight transport capacity, in-flight comfort and economic efficiency such as operating cost, 33 'Dash 8 Q300s' are already in operation in Japan by airline companies. Further, Sojitz received recognition for the fact that a support system for aircraft operation has already been established. Delivery of the order is scheduled for February 2009



[Dash 8 Q300]

The 'Dash 8 Q300' aircraft to be delivered by Sojitz will be used for maritime patrol operations within Japan's EEZ (Exclusive Economic Zone). Use of an auxiliary fuel tank for ordinary 'Dash 8 Q300' aircraft will enable the aircraft with a maximum cruising distance of over 3,600 km. The aircraft will also be equipped with various other equipment required for border security. The aircraft will be 25.68 meter-long, with a wing-span of 27.43 meters, will accommodate 24 passengers, and have a maximum take-off weight of approximately 19 tons.

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