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Aeroflot Wants Fee for SuperJet Delay

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IVANOVO — Aeroflot's management is readying a proposal to the government for fines against Sukhoi Civil Aircraft for delays in the delivery of Sukhoi SuperJet-100s, Transportation Minister Igor Levitin said Friday.

"Management is now working on the proposal for the [Aeroflot] board of directors, then the government," Levitin said.

Aeroflot also has issues with Sukhoi on the technical aspects of the aircraft as compared with the contract signed several years ago, Levitin said.

Aeroflot put the SSJ-100 on the Moscow-Nizhny Novgorod route as of May 15.

The airline has ordered 30 SSJ-100s and could increase its order to 40. The first SSJ-100 was to have been delivered in 2008.

The first Aeroflot flight crews for the aircraft have already gone through training.

The first SSJ-100 was delivered to the Armenian airline Armavia this month.

The airliner is fitted to carry as many as 98 passengers up to 4,400 kilometers, and a total of 170 SSJ-100s has been ordered.

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