

Armenia Cancels SSJ Order

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Armenian national carrier Armavia will not be buying a second Sukhoi Superjet 100, the company has said.

"Armenia is not going to buy it," airline spokeswoman Nana Avetisova told Interfax on Monday. She did not give a reason for the cancellation.

Armavia, which has a single Superjet, was the first airline to launch commercial flights using the SSJ in April 2011. It was due to take delivery of a second aircraft between June 20 and July 30 this year. The only other SSJ operator so far is Aeroflot, which has eight of the aircraft. Russian media have reported that Aeroflot's fleet has been plagued by technical difficulties. The Superjet's reputation suffered a blow when one flew into the side of an Indonesian volcano during a demonstration flight in May, killing 45 people.

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