United Kingdom's First Boeing C-17 Makes First Flight

The first Boeing C-17 destined for the United Kingdom Royal Air Force made its initial acceptance flight here today.

The flight of UK1 took place just days after the announcement of the signing of the Military Aircraft Release -- a UK requirement declaring airworthiness of the C-17.

UK1 is the first of four aircraft that will be delivered to the United Kingdom this year. Delivery of UK1 to the Royal Air Force is set for May 17. The following three aircraft will be delivered this summer. The United Kingdom is leasing the aircraft for seven years with two possible one-year options for contract extension.

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