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FORM 6-K

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Private Issuer Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of December, 2002

Commission File Number: 1-15102

Embraer - Brazilian Aviation Company (Translation of registrant's name into English)

EMBRAER - EMPRESA BRASILEIRA DE AERONAUTICA S.A. Av. Brigadeiro Faria Lima, 2170 12227-901 Sao Jose dos Campos, Sao Paulo, Brazil (Address of principal executive offices)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F: Form 20-F X $\,$ Form 40-F $\,$

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is submitting the Form 6-K in paper as permitted by Regulation S-T Rule 101(b)(1): _____

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This Report on Form 6-K is hereby incorporated by reference into the filer's Registration Statement on Form F-3 (No. 333-14018).

SIGNATURES

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

EMBRAER - EMPRESA BRASILEIRA DE AERONAUTICA S.A.

Dated: December 20, 2002

By: /s/ CARLOS ROCHA VILLELA

Name: Carlos Rocha Villela Title: General Counsel

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EXHIBIT INDEX

1. One copy of the Company's Notice to Shareholders, dated December 13, 2002.

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