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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 April, 2003

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 $\,$

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This report on Form 6-K shall be incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement on Form F-3 (Registration No. 333-14018) as amended, filed by Embraer - Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. under the Securities Act of 1933, to the extent not superseded by documents or reports subsequently filed by Embraer - Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

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SIGNATURES

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: April 23, 2003

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 Press Release dated April 23, 2003.

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