



Deliberate Review of Flight Operations Implementing Regulations

DASA wishes to advise that the Airworthiness Coordination and Policy Agency (ACPA) is undertaking a deliberate review of all Flight Operations (FLTOPS) Implementing Regulations^[1] (IR) as part of a program of works intended to improve the clarity of the regulations, re-baseline against contemporary regulatory practice and facilitate the recommencement of ACPA's oversight and enforcement (O&E) activities. The program is being executed in two phases.

Phase 1 is underway, will conclude in by mid-2021, and will deliver:

- Bow-tie analysis of each IR to confirm the hazard being addressed as well as the high-level risk controls being articulated in the regulation
- An updated purpose statement to clearly explain why each IR exists
- Regulatory Compliance Proofs that will be utilised in O&E activities to provide consistent objective assessment of an organisation's compliance with the IR

Phase 1 will not introduce any significant changes to DASR nor any increase in extant compliance burdens, it will simply clarify what is already there. Education to assist organisations in understanding the concept of compliance proofs will be undertaken prior to the conduct of O&E.

Phase 2 will commence in CY 2021 and will leverage Phase 1 outcomes to:

- Ensure all agreed bow-tie risk controls are captured within IR
- Compare and re-baseline against contemporary regulatory good practice
- Reissue IR in a deliberate and controlled manner

Phase 2 will be a significant undertaking and will generate work within the regulated community to achieve compliance with the revised IR. All changes will be progressed through DASA's regulatory change systems, be notified via Notices of Proposed Amendment (NPA) and conducted with full and comprehensive community consultation.

Notably, completion of both phases is designed to clarify regulation purpose and intent, regulation interpretation nuances, and regulation compliance validation. These outcomes will therefore lead to simplified DASA and community expectations of FLTOPS IR, a stronger retention of corporate history in FLTOPS intent in the Authority and in the regulated community, and a more effective aviation safety outcome.

Following the 24 Sep 20 DASR amendment, ACPA will therefore cease work on the majority of DASR change proposals (DCP) in order to focus effort on completing the larger deliberate review program. However, the regulated community is encouraged to continue to utilise the DCP system to notify ACPA of any suggestions for changes or improvements to DASR such that community input is captured and considered throughout the review program.

^[1] Flight Operations Implementing Regulations refers to the suite of DASR that include Operations Personnel, Air Operations, Standard Rules of the Air, ANSP, and Aerodromes

A more comprehensive communications strategy will commence shortly, to provide greater awareness of Phases 1 and 2, as well as complementary improvements to the ACPA O&E program. This will include O&E operating models, processes, and training, for both Authority staff and the regulated community, to gain improved clarity in mutual O&E expectations.

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