



Deliberate Review of Aviation Operations-Related Implementing Regulations – Aug 21 Update

This Newsbreak provides an update to DASA's *Deliberate Review of Aviation Operations-Related Implementing Regulations (IR)*¹ (the Review). The Review was first publicised in the [DASA Newsbreak](#) of 16 Sep 20; and most recently in [Advisory Circular \(AC\) 002/2021](#) of 17 Mar 21.

The Review's aims are to:

- seek improvements to each IR by benchmarking content against contemporary national and international regulations and guidance
- provide improved clarity in IR Purpose Statements, IR hazard control coverage, Acceptable Means of Compliance (AMC), and Guidance Material
- facilitate more effective Oversight and Enforcement (O&E) by aviation communities.

DASA also recognises the value of regulatory stability. Therefore, IR changes will only be made under the Review to improve aviation safety against benchmarks, or to improve clarity, brevity and utility. Community feedback will continue to be sought via Notices of Proposed Amendment (NPAs).

What's New?

The Review will be conducted in phases, from 2020-24. Phases broadly cover the:

- benchmarking of AVNOPS IR against other military and civilian regulation sets and style guidance
- creation of regulation Bow Tie Assessments for each IR, to validate, and where necessary, update risk control coverage
- updating of DASA education, skills and tools in AVNOPS IR interpretation and application, for improved aviation community O&E activities.

Since AC 002/2021, the review approach has been simplified. The Authority will not produce compliance proofs. AMC will instead be updated to improve IR solutions and to capture the regulatory Verification Criteria that the Authority will use to check IR compliance. This will avoid the content duplication that would have been inherent in replicating non-discretionary AMC into IR, and in creating separate compliance proofs for Authority assurance.

The first AVNOPS IR to undergo the simplified Review approach is DASR.ORO.30 *Flight Authorisation*, scheduled for NPA release in August 2021 for a two week review period. ORO.30 is scheduled for publishing with the Oct 21 DASR release.

The next scheduled AVNOPS DASR to be reviewed will be MED.05, ACD.05, and DASR.NDR.

¹ AVNOPS-related IR refers to the suite of DASR that include Operations Personnel, Air Operations, Standard Rules of the Air, Air Navigation Service Providers, and Aerodromes.

Further details on the review can be found at the following link, or via email at: acpa.regs@defence.gov.au
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