

# FACTSHEET – ESTABLISHING COMPLIANCE WITH DASR

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This factsheet describes the two approaches to establishing compliance with the Defence Aviation Safety Regulation (DASR).

## INTRODUCTION

The DASR requires applicants for airworthiness instruments and organisation approvals to demonstrate to DASA how the applicable regulatory requirements will be met<sup>1</sup>. Likewise, the holder<sup>2</sup> of an instrument or approval wishing to alter their means of compliance is required to seek DASA's agreement and failure to do so would invalidate the instrument or approval.

In developing or modifying their means of compliance, a regulated entity may choose to implement an Acceptable Means of Compliance (AMC) that is published alongside the regulation. However, as AMC is not mandatory, a regulated entity is free to propose an Alternative Means of Compliance (AltMoC) to DASA for acceptance.

## ACCEPTABLE MEANS OF COMPLIANCE

AMC describes a generic and widely applicable approach to meeting the respective DASR requirements. DASA publishes AMC to provide certainty as to how the required safety outcomes may be achieved. Choosing to implement an AMC relieves the regulated entity of the burden of proving that the means of compliance achieves the intended safety outcome; that is, the regulated entity demonstrates compliance with the DASR by appropriately implementing AMC.

## ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF COMPLIANCE

Not all DASR clauses have AMC. Further, the approach prescribed by AMC may not be the most appropriate in every situation; for example, a different approach may result in a better safety outcome or achieve the same safety outcome more efficiently. In such cases, the regulated entity may propose an Alternative Means of Compliance to DASA. In doing so, the regulated entity must demonstrate to DASA's satisfaction that the AltMoC meets the regulatory requirement. AltMoC that is accepted by DASA is not published but may lead to the development of new AMC.

## WHAT'S CHANGING?

In September 2020, DASA amended the DASR glossary definition of AMC and introduced AltMoC as a defined term. These changes do not alter extant DASR requirements: they were introduced to clarify the purpose of AMC and to apply a label to instances where AMC is not adopted. The definitions are as follows:

### Definition

#### Acceptable Means of Compliance (AMC)

Information published by DASA to identify a means of meeting one or more requirements of the DASR. Regulated entities are not required to comply with AMC and may instead propose an Alternative Means of Compliance (AltMoC) to DASA. Any such proposal will be subject to separate assessment by DASA to determine whether the approach is compliant with the DASR.

### Definition

#### Alternative Means of Compliance (AltMoC)

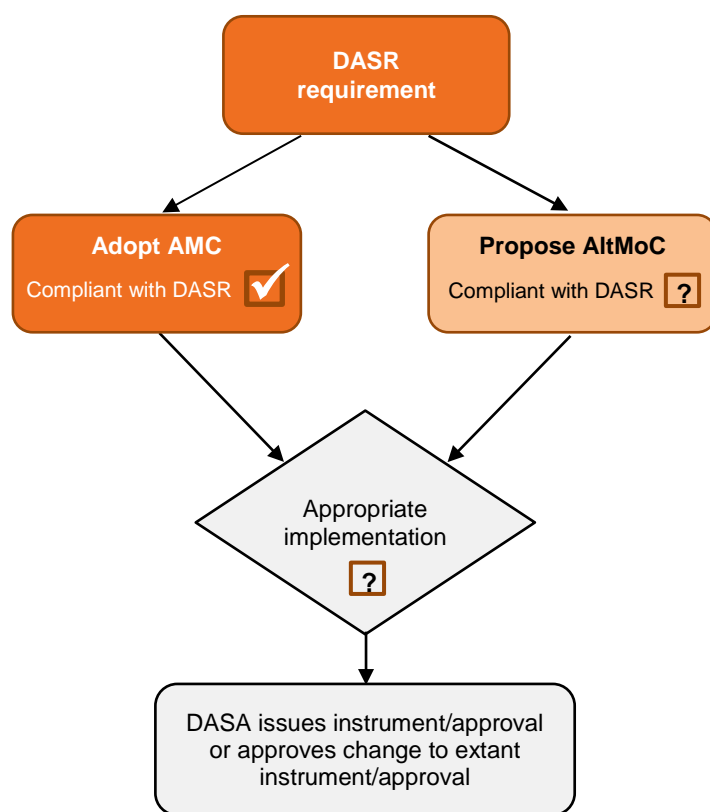
An alternative to an Acceptable Means of Compliance or a means of complying with a requirement for which no AMC exists. The entity proposing the AltMoC must demonstrate to DASA that it satisfies the regulation.

<sup>1</sup> For example, through organisation expositions, certification programmes and compliance statements as applicable.

<sup>2</sup> For readability, the term "regulated entity" will be used to refer to both applicants and holders



The key difference between establishing compliance using AMC as opposed to AltMoC is illustrated in the diagram below:



**Figure 1: Developing or modifying means of DASR compliance**

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