Title: Sampling Programmes
Submitter: CAA/UK
Issue: Sampling programme inclusion in MRB reports.
Problem: FAA MRB representatives on the BAe/Jetstream ATP MRB have insisted that sampling programmes are removed from the MRB.

Recommendation: We do not believe that it is appropriate to impose retrospective requirements in this way. The MRB report (and its associated PPH) would have to be varied to accommodate FAA policy, which might have wide-reaching implications for current operators who have based their maintenance programmes on existing MRB.

IMRBPB position:

The IMRBPB supports the use of sampling programmes, within a maintenance programme, as a data gathering process. The IMRBPB does not support the use of sampling programmes as a stand alone maintenance process.

The IMRBPB does not support the removal of sampling programmes from existing MRB reports.

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