Title: Non regular operation, short / long term Storage procedures

Submitter: French DGAC

Issue: In addition to the minimum maintenance requirements to be used and described in the MRBR, which is formally approved; most of TCH issued storage procedures (short term and long term) (not formally approved) to provide maintenance tasks to be performed to maintain in good condition of an aircraft during storage or non operation.

Problem:
The MRBR is established assuming regular operation of the aircraft. The maximum period of non-operation of the aircraft which allow to consider MRBR still valid and appropriate is unclear. There is no guidance to define how to consider parking / non operation and storage periods in conjunction with scheduled maintenance program. 
Operator usually remains within MRBR maintenance tasks without consideration of existing published storage periods. 
A repetitive question is the transition between theses two documents. 
Some guidance could be useful regarding:
A/ when storage procedures should be used.
B/ after storage; type of maintenance and items to be identify to return to MRBR maintenance, If MRBR has not been considered.

Recommendation: A sentence such as “In case of non operation of the aircraft, the parking / storage procedures published by the manufacturer must be considered in addition to the MRBR requirement”. This sentence should be included in the scope of utilisation of each MRBR.

IMRBPB Position:

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Pending further regulatory discussion and completion of Action Item 05/08

Status: Open

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No common agreement regarding the need of such MRB language, IP closed.

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