

International Maintenance Review Board Policy Board (IMRBPB)
Issue Paper (IP)

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Title: Approval status of MRB Report appendices

Submitter: Airbus

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Both:	

Issue: The content and number of Appendices to MRB Reports varies according to the individual aircraft program. There is currently a lack of visibility on their approval status which has led to unnecessary debate with NAA when compliance with MRB Report requirements is demonstrated.

Problem: The number of Appendices included in MRB Reports has increased in recent years. Whereas they originally provided only supporting information (e.g. MWG/ISC membership, zone diagrams extracted from other ICAs, abbreviations, definitions, lists of modifications), they later included the repository for CMRs in Appendix 1 and requirements that have to be observed in order to be compliant (e.g. details of sampling programs, zonal tasks covering MSI/SSI GVI tasks, L/HIRF tasks (developed pre MSG-3 rev 2001)).

In addition, MRB requirements specific to one Authority may be included within the MRB Report envelope in either a dedicated Section or as an Appendix. In both cases the approval status of this information shall be clarified.

Recommendation (including Implementation):

It is proposed that the harmonised MRB Process Standard shall include a paragraph to require each signing authority to state which Appendices of the MRB Report (if any) are covered by their Approval letter. Approval letters of all signing Authorities shall be included within the envelope of the published MRB Report.

The proposed paragraph shall also state that Approval letter(s) for any MRB Report that includes Certification Maintenance Requirements in Appendix 1 or A (as written in AC/AMC 25-19 para 12c) shall state that this Appendix is not covered by the Approval letter. CMR approval is performed by the Certification Office and this Appendix in the MRB Report serves only as a repository to minimise the risk that these limitations are overlooked.

The inclusion of MRB requirements specific to one signing authority may be included in either a Section of the MRB Report or an Appendix. The paragraph in the harmonised MRB Process Standard shall state that if the TCH includes these requirements in a Section then the Approval letter shall indicate the Section (s) that are not covered by the Approval letter.

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IMRBPB Position:

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Position:

IMRBPB has agreed with the recommendation and will include the recommendation into a new paragraph in the MRB Standard under “Approval Letters”.

Status of Issue Paper (when closed state the closure date): April 23, 2015

Recommendation for implementation: To be implemented in the IMRBPB MRB Process Standard.

Approval letters issued from date of IMRBPB agreement shall indicate the Sections and Appendices that are covered by the Approval letter.

Retroactive: N

Important Note: The IMRBPB positions are not policy. Positions become policy only when the policy is issued formally by the appropriate National Aviation Authority.