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Single Maintenance Database (SMD)

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Introduction

- The concept of a Single Maintenance Database (SMD) has been around for at least 15 years
- The technology has since improved and the need grown with the size and complexity of today's maintenance programs
- The subject was re-introduced as an Issue Paper at the January 2008 MPIG meeting in Memphis
- It was agreed that this IP should be submitted to the IMRBPB to request IMRBPB support for the concept as well as guidance for moving the issue forward.
- There will be an improvement in the speed and convenience of approval with digital signature and a single database
- There will be major cost savings with OEMs and airlines with a single database
- The current system of multiple documents being issued out of phase and requiring lengthy approval processes is a safety issue



Today's Process Flow





Future Process Flow





IATA Committee Plan

- Working with OEM's, authorities and airlines:
- Determine what work is currently underway to define a format for an SMD
- Define a format
- Define how the database will be revised and how often
- Determine how the information will be distributed to the users
- Populate a draft SMD by linking data from relevant sources (e.g. MSG3, CMR, ALI, AMM, GSE, NDT, IPC, Job Cards, etc.).
- Come back to the IMRBPB with a draft SMD with an approval and revision process



Conlusion

- The IATA committee is looking for IMRBPB support to follow the above plan.
- The committee would like feedback that this concept is something the IMRBPB would likely approve in the next 2 to 3 years.
- Provided the concept is agreed, the committee would like the IMRBPB support in order to get acceptance from the Certification office.