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FAQs:

Obsolescence of Spare Parts for Products No Longer in Production, Design Organisations

Question:

Should spare parts obsolescence be considered within a Safety Management System (SMS)?

Answer:

Yes. From an SMS perspective, spare parts obsolescence may be treated as a potential hazard that should be assessed and monitored. This relates both to the TC Holder and operator of the aircraft. The associated risks depend on factors such as operational exposure, availability of alternatives, and maintenance strategies.

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