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Adoption of EU-like rules by six (06) Central Africa States (CEMAC)



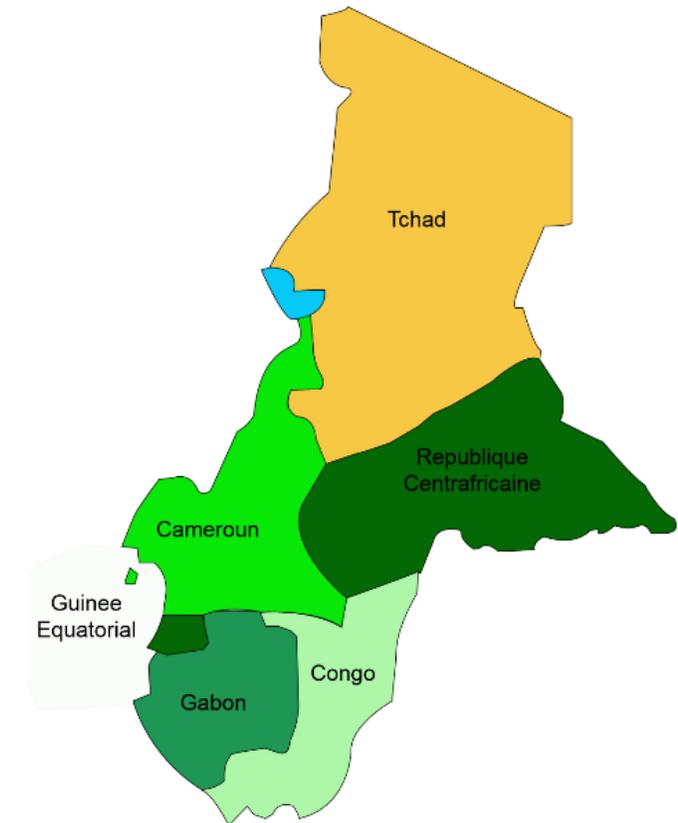


The CEMAC

CEMAC stands for :
Communauté Economique
et Monétaire de l'Afrique
Centrale.

Six states of Central Africa:

CAMEROUN
CENTRAFRIQUE
CONGO
GABON
GUINEE-EQUATORIALE
TCHAD





MAJORS STEPS

1 Regional Cooperation Initiative on Aviation Safety

- COSCAP CEMAC/STP 2006

2 Establishment of a Regional Safety Oversight Organisation (RSOO) by Central Africa member States

- RSOO 2007

3 Agence de Supervision de la Sécurité Aérienne (ASSA-AC) as a CEMAC Specialised Institution

- ASSA-AC 2012



MAJORS STEPS

One of the main deliverables of COSCAP CEMAC/STP: **CIVIL AVIATION CODE**, Adopted in July 2012

WHAT ABOUT THE IMPLEMENTING RULES AND GUIDANCE MATERIALS?



Review of several existing regulatory system models, amongst which;

- **The transposition of ICAO annexes to the convention;**
- **The Model Civil Aviation Regulations;**
- **The European Union model.**



THE CHOICE OF THE EUROPEAN UNION MODEL

- **ANALYSIS OF ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF THE DIFFERENT REGULATORY SYSTEMS**

Accomplished by member States via several technical committee meetings with the participation of technical experts made available by Director Generals of Civil Aviation Authority member States.



CHOICE MADE ON EUROPEAN UNION MODEL

- **Transposition of ICAO convention annexes;**

- **The Model Civil Aviation Regulations;**

- **The European Union model.**



THE CHOICE OF THE EUROPEAN UNION MODEL

1. Institutional architecture of the CEMAC similar to that of European Union

- Central Africa Economic Union (UEAC)
- Council of Ministers
- Parliament
- Court of Justice
- Court of Audit
- CEMAC Commission
- RSOO (ASSA-AC)

2. Complete Multilingual Regulatory System

- Substantive and essential requirements (Basic Regulation)
- Implementing Rules by domains
- Acceptable Means of Compliance (AMC)
- Certification Specifications (CS)
- Guidance materials (GM)



THE IMPLEMENTATION

THE EUROPEAN UNION MODEL WAS **ADAPTED** TO THE
TECHNICAL, ENVIRONMENTAL AND
SOCIOECONOMICAL CEMAC CONTEXT

(trough different experts groups)



RSOO (ASSA-AC)

The Agence Supervision de la Sécurité Aérienne en Afrique Centrale (ASSA-AC)

- 1) Created by Additional Act number 15/07-CEMAC-162-CCE of 25th April 2007;
- 2) Erected into a Specialised Institution of UEAC in July 2012 by the **CEMAC Conference of Heads of State**;
- 3) Completion of the COSCAP CEMAC/Sao Tome & Principe project hosted by Chad from 2008 to 2012.



MISSIONS OF ASSA-AC

- 1) Assist the CEMAC Commission** in the preparation of delegated and implementing acts to be adopted on the basis of the Regulation laying down common rules in the field of aviation safety;
- 2) Establish** certification and other detailed specifications, acceptable means of compliance and guidance materials for the implementation of Community safety regulations;
- 3) Develop** training programs in the field of aviation safety to the benefit of member States;
- 4) Provide** training to the Agency's staff and technical staff in the member States;



OVERVIEW OF LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY TEXTS

Civil aviation Code of the Central Africa Economic and Monetary Community

Common rules on the field of aviation safety (Basic Regulation)

Implementing Rules

Aerodromes (AGA)

Operation of Aircraft (OPS)

Airworthiness (AIR)

Personnel Licensing (PEL)

Acceptable Means of Compliance (AMC) and Guidance Materials (GM)

Certification Specifications (CS) and Guidance Materials (GM)

Alternative Means of Compliance (AltMOC)

Special Condition (SC)

Equivalent Level of Safety (ELOS)

Deviation Acceptance and Action Document (DAAD)

Binding

Non-binding

Possible alternatives to non-binding



STATE OF PROGRESS

Basic regulation adopted in October of 2023.

- CEMAC Civil Aviation Code revised
- Regulation on common rules in the field of aviation safety
- Regulation governing the organisation and functioning of ASSA-AC

1) Implementing Rules:

Finalised and awaiting adoption once basic texts are published in the OJ

2) Acceptable Means of Compliance and Certification Specifications

Finalised and awaiting signature once Implementing Rules are adopted



STATE OF PROGRESS: **MANAGEMENT OF CHANGE**

Safety assessment on the migration accomplished in each CEMAC member State in 2023

Most risk mitigation measures are linked to the:

- sensitization, vulgarisation and training on the new regulatory system
- revision of national regulations to take into account aspects regulated at the community level.

TRANSITION PLAN

- **Effective migration scheduled for December 31st 2024**
- Each State has established its National Transition Plan



THANK YOU