

EASA invoices streamlining – Dassault case

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Background at Dassault

- Biggest invoices are issued annually: type certification activities for F5X, annual fees for existing Type Certificates and for DOA surveillance. (Magnitude: around 2/3 of total amount)
- Continuous flow of invoices related to:
 - Activities subject to a fixed fee for approval of major design changes and flight manual changes, (magnitude: around 50% of the invoices number)
 - Activities subject to hourly rate fees for of MRB –R approval, of OEB report and MMEL approval, to Certification Support for Validation by foreign authorities.
 - Travels expenses.

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Agency's proposal A:

- Activities subject to fixed fees:
 - Each quarter one invoice document per Type Certificate is issued - covering all the related yearly flat fees which became due in the previous quarter.
- Activities subject to hourly rate fees:
 - No change..

Agency's proposal B:

- For all kind of activities (subject to fixed fees or hourly rate fees):
 - Each quarter one invoice document per application is issued - covering the yearly flat-fees or working hour-fees which became due in the previous quarter.
 - All invoice documents sent in one batch.

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Dassault choice: proposal B

- Receipt of all invoice documents in one batch per quarter.
- Proposal A would have not reduced the flow of the invoices for activities subject to hourly rate fees.

Benefits at Dassault with proposal B:

- Better planning of invoices validation activities:
 - Tasks for validation of invoices by projects managers at the Engineering are planned on a quarterly basis.
 - No more an activity which can start any time on any day.
- Other benefits: better restitution of information used at Dassault for invoices validation. No advance payment has been decided by the EASA after review of Dassault applications' billing cycles.

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Conclusion

- Dassault has found the Agency prepared for streamlining the invoicing process within the limits set by applicable regulations and without increasing the complexity of administration.
- Efficiency gains will be assessed over 2014.
- **A word of caution:**
because of the numbers and kinds of invoices and the payment cycles are different from company to company, what suits Dassault does not necessarily suit other companies.