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Global recognition of maintenance organisations and reduction of duplicated certification and surveillance

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Global Recognition of AMOs

- **Currently a formal task discussed within the ICAO Airworthiness Panel (with members from Industry and States).**
- **EASA participates as the Chair of the Panel.**
- **Proposals:**
 - Transfer AMO requirements from Annex 6 to Annex 8 in order to emphasize the concept of stand-alone AMOs (not linked to an operator).
 - Change the term “maintenance records” to “continuing airworthiness records” when referring to the records kept by the operator.
 - Align all the definitions and statements related to the release of maintenance (inconsistencies related to approved data, approved/acceptable procedures, applicable requirements, maintenance programme, etc)
 - Provide more guidance in the Airworthiness Manual (Document 9760) regarding:
 - The approval process of the AMO.
 - Rating system for an AMO.
 - Acceptance of the approval by other States.



Reduction of duplicated certification and surveillance of maintenance organisations



Reduction of duplicated certification and surveillance of AMOs

- **May be formally included in the near future among the tasks discussed by the ICAO Airworthiness Panel.**
- **Proposals:**
 - Recommend the development of a global framework and regional initiatives to reduce duplication of certification and surveillance activities of AMOs.
 - Possible 3-step approach:
 - Amend the ICAO Standards (and provide Guidance) in order to incorporate more detailed requirements.
 - Continue promoting Regional activities to create common standards at regional level (sufficiently aligned, for example, with FAA and/or EASA requirements).
 - Promote the performance of Joint Investigations of AMOs (with different CAAs).



Reduction of duplicated certification and surveillance of AMOs

- Complemented by:
 - Use of Industry Standards for auditing AMOs (for example, IAQG).
 - Rely on pooling of audits.
- Mutual recognition cannot be achieved just by changing the Annexes and the Guidance. Bilateral/Multilateral Agreements or unilateral changes to the rules of a particular State are needed.
- In the absence of such formal agreements, still possible to increase the confidence on other State's systems, reducing the level of investigation and duplicated audits.