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Global recognition of maintenance organisations

Global Recognition of AMOs

- This is a formal task discussed within the ICAO Airworthiness Panel (with members from Industry and Contracting States).
- EASA participates as the Chair of the Panel.
- Proposals (2-phase approach) aimed at promoting mutual recognition of AMOs and ensuring clear allocation of State of Registry responsibilities.

PHASE 1 (Contained in State Letter SP 60/4-16/69 issued by ICAO in August 2016 for consultation to the Contracting States):

- Transfer AMO requirements from Annex 6 to Annex 8

PHASE 2 (Currently being discussed in the Airworthiness Panel)

- Clarify the responsibilities of the operators and AMOs.
- Amend certain definitions contained in Annex 1, 6 and 8 to ensure they are consistent and up-to-date.

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- **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.