CAA INDUSTRY EASA SYMPOSIUM

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CAVEAT

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The EASA Basic Regulation and Rulemaking process

- EASA was Established under Regulation (EC) 1592/2002
- Initially responsible for the design, production and maintenance of aeronautical products, parts and appliances
- Updated by Regulations (EC) 216/2008 and (EC) 1108/2009
- EASA responsibility extended to Operations, Licensing and Third Country Aircraft – Aerodromes and Air Traffic Management

The EASA Basic Regulation and Rulemaking Process

- NPA 2009-02 (January 2009)
- Comment Response Document to NPA 2009-02 (November 2010)
- EASA Opinion No 04/2011 (June 2011)
- Commission Proposal (Autumn 2011)
- Voted on by the EASA Committee (Dec 2011)

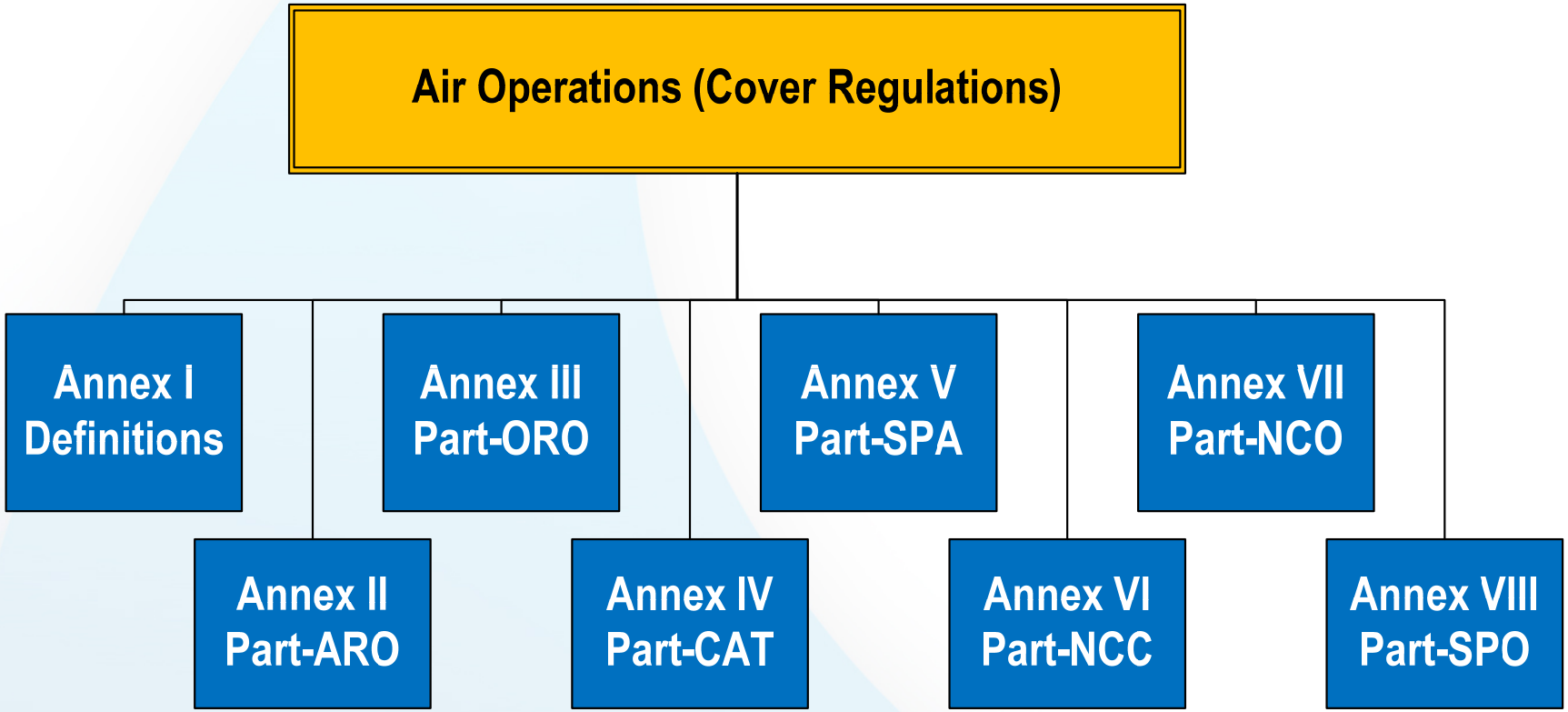
Air Operations Rulemaking

- Air Operations requirements consists of a Cover Regulation and its Implementing Rules
- The package is currently being translated
- Will be sent to the Parliament and Council for a 3 month scrutiny period
- Finally, will be published in the Official Journal of the European Union
- EASA estimates a publication date of ‘second half of 2012’

The EASA Basic Regulation and Rulemaking process

- Operations implementing rules are based on EU-OPS/JAR OPS
- Divided into Commercial operations and non-commercial operations
- Commercial operations divided into commercial air transport and commercial operations other than CAT
- Non-commercial operations divided into those with complex motor-powered aircraft and those with non-complex motor-powered aircraft

The Air Operations Cover Regulation and Implementing Rules structure



Cover Regulation contents

Includes:

- Article 1 - Subject Matter and Scope
- Article 2 – Definitions
- Article 3 – Oversight Capabilities
- Article 4 – Ramp Inspections
- Article 5 – Air Operations

Cover Regulation contents

- Article 6 – Derogations
- Article 7 – Air Operator Certificates
- Article 8 – Flight Time Limitations
- Article 9 – Minimum Equipment Lists
- Article 10 – Entry Into Force

Implementing Rules, AMCs and GM

- Implementing Rules
- Acceptable Means of Compliance (AMC)
- Alternative means of compliance
- Guidance material

Implementing Rules

- Implementing Rules are developed by EASA through a rulemaking process and are submitted to the Commission as an Opinion
- They are published as a Commission Regulation in the Official Journal of the European Union

Acceptable Means of Compliance (AMC)

- Acceptable Means of Compliance:-

  non-binding standards adopted by EASA to illustrate means to establish compliance with the EASA Basic Regulation and its Implementing Rules
- Compliance with AMCs will lead to a presumption of compliance with the Implementing Rule.

Alternative means of compliance

- Alternative means of compliance:-

  those means that propose an alternative to an existing AMC or those that propose means to establish compliance with the EASA Basic Regulation and its Implementing Rules for which no AMCs have been adopted by EASA
- Alternative means of compliance may be used to establish compliance with the Implementing Rules
- The CAA will establish a system to evaluate any alternative means of compliance and, if applicable, notify EASA and other Member States.

Guidance Material

- Guidance Material:-

  non-binding material developed by EASA that helps to illustrate the meaning of a requirement and is used to support the interpretation of the Basic Regulation, its Implementing Rules and AMCs.

Division of Responsibility

- Rulemaking undertaken centrally by the Community
- Oversight and issuing of AOCs undertaken by Member States

SUMMARY

Today is about what needs to be done, by whom, and by when in order to transition to an EASA rules based system for Commercial Air Transport operations.