

Working Arrangement

between

the European Aviation Safety Agency
(EASA)

and

the General Directorate of Civil Aviation
of Albania

on collection and exchange of information
on the safety of aircraft using Community
airports and airports of the Republic of
Albania

The European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) and the General Directorate of Civil Aviation of Albania, hereinafter referred to as 'the parties',

Having regard to the Commission Regulation (EC) No 768/2006 of 19 May 2006 implementing Directive 2004/36/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the collection and exchange of information on the safety of aircraft using Community airports and the management of the information system,

Bearing in mind the need for the continuation of the SAFA programme developed by the European Civil Aviation Conference and the current process of transition from the JAA system to the European Aviation Safety Agency,

Noting that the European Aviation Safety Agency shall liaise with other National Aviation Authorities so as to maintain the Pan-European dimension of the SAFA Programme and may ensure, through the relevant agreements, the involvement of third countries in order to facilitate the improvement of civil aviation safety throughout Europe,

Considering that it is in the interest of the parties to have the largest sampling basis to allow the appropriate authorities to make safety decisions as regard foreign aircraft using airports in their territories,

Have agreed as follows:

1. Purpose

To lay down working procedures for the collection and for the exchange of information on the safety of aircraft using airports located in the territories of the EU Member States and of those States where Commission Regulation (EC) No 768/2006 applies and in the territory of the Republic of Albania.

2. Nature and form of the exchange of information

2.1. The information/data subject to this Arrangement is the following:

(a) important safety information accessible, in particular, through:

- pilot reports,
- maintenance organisation reports,
- incident reports,
- other organisations,
- complaints;

(b) information on action taken subsequent to a ramp inspection, such as:

- aircraft grounded,
- aircraft or operator banned,
- corrective action required,

- contacts with the operator's competent authority;
- (c) follow-up information concerning the operator, such as:
- corrective action implemented,
 - recurrence of discrepancy;
- (d) information contained in ramp inspection reports.

2.2. This information shall be kept, using the appropriate report form containing the items described, in the form set out in Annex 1 to this Arrangement, or any other form as decided by the European Commission in accordance with its implementing powers of Directive 2004/36/CE.

2.3. Whenever information concerning aircraft deficiencies is given voluntarily, the reports shall be disidentified regarding the source of such information.

3. Implementing actions

3.1. The General Directorate of Civil Aviation of Albania will:

- provide without delay, by electronic means, the above mentioned data using software compatible with the one used by EASA;
- allow that EASA takes into account the data received from the General Directorate of Civil Aviation of Albania when establishing EASA's yearly report in accordance with article 5 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 768/2006.

3.2. EASA will:

- provide the General Directorate of Civil Aviation of Albania with the necessary instructions for software compatibility;
- collect and store the information/data received from the General Directorate of Civil Aviation of Albania in the centralised database;
- take all necessary means to guarantee the security of the information/data stored in the centralised database;
- provide the General Directorate of Civil Aviation of Albania with direct access to the centralised database;
- provide the General Directorate of Civil Aviation of Albania with the result of EASA's analyses related to aircraft registered in the Republic of Albania or operated under the control of the authority of the Republic of Albania;
- provide the General Directorate of Civil Aviation of Albania with the yearly reports established in accordance with article 5 of Commission Regulation No 768/2006;
- provide the General Directorate of Civil Aviation of Albania with the manual of ramp inspection procedures, including updates thereof, when adopted by the Commission in accordance with article 4 of Commission Regulation No 768/2006;
- provide the General Directorate of Civil Aviation of Albania with the training programmes it has developed and facilitate the General



- Directorate of Civil Aviation of Albania involvement in training courses and workshops for inspectors; and
- involve the General Directorate of Civil Aviation of Albania as much as possible in inspectors' exchange programmes.
 - transfer the data of aircraft to be subject to the 'SAFA alarming and follow-up function' to Eurocontrol.

4. Confidentiality

(a) The General Directorate of Civil Aviation of Albania shall, in accordance with its national legislation, take the necessary measures to ensure appropriate confidentiality of the information received by it under the present Arrangement. It shall use this information solely for the exercise of its responsibilities related to the improvement of civil aviation safety.

(b) The national legislation referred to in paragraph 4.a, as well as the internal rules and procedures of the General Directorate of Civil Aviation of Albania implementing such legislation have been notified to EASA ultimately upon signature of this Arrangement. The General Directorate of Civil Aviation of Albania will promptly inform EASA of any changes in such legislation or rules and procedures.

(c) Where the General Directorate of Civil Aviation of Albania receives a request for a document in its possession, originating from EASA, unless it is clear that the document may or may not be disclosed, the General Directorate of Civil Aviation of Albania will consult with EASA in order to take a decision that is consistent with paragraph 4.a of this Arrangement.

(d) EASA shall, in accordance with Community legislation, take the necessary measures to ensure appropriate confidentiality of the information received by it under the present Arrangement. EASA shall use this information for the purpose of the Directive 2004/36/EC and other relevant safety Community legislation.

5. Regulatory co-operation

The parties agree to:

- (a) advise each other, as practicable, of proposed significant changes to the applicable standards and procedures regarding the collection and the exchange of information on the safety of aircraft using airports located in the territories of the EU Member States and associated Members and in the territory of the Republic of Albania;
- (b) offer each other an opportunity to comment on the intended changes; and
- (c) inform each other of the manner any such comments have been taken into account.

6. Date of application, amendment and termination

- (a) This Arrangement shall apply from the 1st January 2008.
- (b) This Arrangement may be amended in writing by mutual consent of the Parties.
- (c) This Arrangement shall continue to apply until terminated by either EASA or the General Directorate of Civil Aviation of Albania. Such termination shall be effected by sixty day's written notification.

Signed in

on 21/11/ 2007

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