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**THE FUTURE OF DOA:
A NEEDS QUESTIONNAIRE TO INDUSTRY**

Introduction

The Design Organisation Approval (DOA) concept established by Commission Regulation (EC) 1702/2003 (Part 21) imposes a framework on design organisations with regard to the management, responsibilities, procedures and resources of the organisation. It provides both the regulator and Industry with confidence that the approved organisation is capable of undertaking the design of a product to a high standard and that managerial and procedural practices are in place to ensure its continued airworthiness.

However, the DOA is only a tool, and it is recognised that with changes in industry practice, for example in the use of risk sharing partners, the DOA concept as applied today may not lead to the most efficient or economic working practices. Options for expanding the DOA concept to reflect current and future Industry needs, have been the subject of various forums over the last few years. In particular, FAA and EASA presented at the Europe-US International Aviation Safety Conference in 2005¹ some thoughts on the challenges facing design and certification work sharing and possible future developments aimed at addressing global design and manufacturing. This questionnaire aims to build on this earlier work and to solicit the views of Industry regarding its needs and aspirations, to allow Industry to contribute to this on-going debate.

You are invited to complete the following questionnaire and to submit it:

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Comments should be received by the Agency before **31-03-2006**.

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¹ “The Future of Delegation” D.Hempe, FAA & R Simon EASA, 2005 Europe/US International Safety Conference, Cologne 7-9 June 2005.

http://www.easa.eu.int/conference2005/presentations/day2/Institutional_Changes/future_of_delegation.pdf