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**TAR POSITION PAPERS**

**Reference:**

A. AAP 7001.053 Technical Airworthiness Management Manual

1. As the ADF Technical Airworthiness Regulator, DGTA-ADF aims to continually improve the ADF technical airworthiness regulations and their associated guidance. The extent to which users of Reference A are consulted during updates depends on the type of proposed change. Substantial regulatory change is subject to the Notice of Proposed Rule Making process, whilst other types of change require less formal customer consultation.

2. There is a need for a document format which allows DGTA to quickly articulate regulatory intent in time-critical situations. The necessary amendments to Reference A would follow in due course. This need will be satisfied through the issue of TAR Position Papers. The degree of user consultation prior to the release of these papers will depend on the urgency of its need for release. Given that some Position Papers may be released at short notice with little consultation, some content may need further clarification. This will be achieved through timely revisions to the papers where necessary.

3. Reference A will be amended during 2008 to introduce the concept of TAR Position Papers and explain their regulatory weight, especially in those circumstances when a Position Paper conflicts with extant regulation or guidance.

4. The first two TAR Position Papers are enclosed. These papers aim to clarify some AMO matters that are not sufficiently covered in Reference A. They attempt to amplify parts of the regulatory framework without intending to change extant technical airworthiness regulations and guidance. Nevertheless, these two papers are issued before the necessary Reference A amendments are released to explain the status of TAR Position Papers. Therefore, to the extent the enclosed papers may conflict with extant regulations and guidance, they do not override them.

5. Given the limited consultation in the drafting of both these Position Papers, addressees are to provide comments on any content that may generate confusion. Revisions to both these papers will be issued if necessary.



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**Enclosures:**

1. TAR Position Paper 1/2007
2. TAR Position Paper 2/2007

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