

Parts Traceability: Business Rules

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What is AOD*?

 Data produced from/by the aircraft, its systems, engines, components and sensors, once the aircraft is accepted into operation by an airline.

 This data is generated during flight, when the aircraft is undergoing maintenance, or while on the ground waiting or being serviced.

* AOD: Aircraft Operational Data



Background

- d on the ground
- New aircraft create huge amounts of data during operation and on the ground
- Industry stakeholders are trying to position re: AOD
- IATA has been involved with airlines and key OEMs to address data governance
 - IATA on the Board of <u>IDCA</u> (Independent Data Consortium for Aviation)
 - IATA on certain SAE and A4A groups dealing with data (policy, standards, applications etc.)
- Airline position has been aligned re: data governance
 - AOD Guiding Principles have been defined, presented and negotiated with airlines and other industry stakeholders



The Basics

- The airline is responsible for the operation of the aircraft
- The aircraft owner has a key role
- Intellectual Property (IP) rights have to be respected



AOD Guiding Principles; Summary

- 1) The operator is the "owner" of the data.
- 2) The operator has the right and the need to understand all data generated by its own aircraft.
- 3) Data should be human or machine readable by the operator and its delegates.
- 4) The operator has a right to control data flows and determine which parameters to work with and with whom.
- 5) The operator has a right to access, use, and derive intelligence from AOD (includes safety risk, technical reliability, monitoring/ predictive/ prescriptive tools...).
- 6) The operator has the right to access an open marketplace* necessary to support healthy and fair competition that drives innovations and results in improved customer experience.
- 7) Airlines recognize the OEMs' AOD needs for product improvement. IATA 19th MAINTENANCE COST CONFERENCE & 2ND MRO SMARTHUB USER FORUM OCTOBER 4-6, 2023



Current challenges

- Certain definitions (e.g., data "ownership"); will be solved with Legal's engagement
 - Owner cannot restrict operator's access to data
- Separate data encryption, compression (IT protection of data) vs. Intellectual Property matters (legal protection of data)
 - The OEM should not impose restrictions to designated 3rd parties by operator
- List of AOD coming off the equipment (aircraft, engine etc.)
- Define the boundary between raw data and processed data (IP rights)
- Ensure data anonymity is protected
- Airline awareness of AOD; various industry cases





Next Steps re: AOD

- Industry agreement with OEMs; status
 - Role of the EU Data Act
- The OEMs to provide more transparency about AOD
 - What are the parameters monitored?
 - Determine raw data vs. processed data (level of added IP)
 - Storage rules of raw data (how long, what etc.)
- Increase the awareness within the industry: Guidance, workshops
 - Publicize Guiding Principles on IATA's website
 - Develop Guidance Material
 - Share experiences and use cases







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Parts Traceability: Operations-centric



The interaction between these stakeholders involve transactions of aircraft records

• Relationship between all stakeholders: while all of them are somehow linked, the relationship will be **operation-centric**.

• Aircraft operators/owners are the revenue generators of the industry.

• Several transactions involving aircraft records occur between the aviation stakeholders during the aircraft life cycle

^a Note: If Owner is different from Operator



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The Aircraft Records Life Cycle; from birth to decommissioning



- Technical Publication
- Airworthiness
- Records

- Continuing Airworthiness (Historical) Records **Operator 1**
- Operational Data **Operator 1**
- Continuing Airworthiness (Historical) **Records Operator 1**
- Continuing Airworthiness (Historical) **Records Operator x**
- Operational Data operator x

Component / Material reuse

 Continuing Airworthiness Records



Aircraft records' management



• Many factors influence the management of tradeable parts, which **may eventually** affect the residual value of the part.

• Those factors could be considered as variables and subject to environment and level of implementation within the organizations.

• The potential impact on the financial value of the part could be significant

• Although certain expendable parts of immaterial value need to be tracked for airworthiness reasons, most of those parts are not tradeable



Parts Transactions; Regulatory Framework





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Main Aircraft Parts' Transactions



Next Steps re: Parts Traceability

- Guidance on Aircraft Parts Traceability
 - At the footsteps of the <u>Guidance Material</u> and <u>Best Practices for Life-Limited Parts</u> (LLPs) <u>Traceability</u>





Thank you!

Any questions?

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