



UPDATE

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AWM563, Distribution of Aeronautical Products

The CAR is still working its way through the Justice system. If you haven't already, you might have a look at AN B073 to ensure that you understand where we're headed.

<http://www.tc.gc.ca/civilaviation/maintenance/AARPC/ans/B073.htm>.

There will, of course, be a few implications for Approved Distributors when CAR563 finally makes it through the Gazette process... a new Distribution Manual, a QA system, and an Audit Program, to name a few of the more significant items. Our plan is to have a CAADMO Manual Template that can be used by Members to help incorporate these changes.

Safety Management Systems

The "SMS – Small Operator Pilot Implementation Project" is now complete. The group's Final Report can be seen at <http://www.tc.gc.ca/civilaviation/SMS/menu.htm>. A number of recommendations came out of the Project, the major of which seems to be the need for more implementation procedures and guidance material. We had hoped that our lone CAADMO member on the project (Western Propeller) would be able to provide some more detailed feedback, but it appears that corporate changes within the company forced them to limit their participation. CAADMO is on-record with TC regarding how unhappy we are that more of our members weren't involved in this project. We'll see what, if any, information we can get from some of the other 15 project participants.

As to the implementation timetable for the non-aircraft-operating, specialized-maintenance AMO, TC's website is a bit unclear. I've contacted the SMS Small Pilot Project Team Leader (Brad Fowles) and been advised as follows. "The regulation is forecast to come into force Dec/07. You would then have approximately 39 months to follow a four-phased implementation process." (The details of this four-phased process can be seen in the "Implementation" section of the SMS website, noted above.)

TC Organizational Review / CAADMO's Future

A member's meeting was held on October 26, 2006 at the Delta Meadowvale Hotel in Mississauga in conjunction with the Ontario AME Workshop. A number of items were discussed, most notable of which was the future of CAADMO. The predominant feeling is that the Approved Distributor / "small/medium" AMO really doesn't have a voice in Ottawa other than CAADMO, thus CAADMO continues to serve an essential role.

CAADMO “Update” (Feb/07), Continued...

However, given our present inability to attract a large enough membership to become “significant”, it was felt that an alliance with some of the other large “alphabet” groups would be a good idea. At this time CAADMO has become an Associate member of:

ASA – Aviation Suppliers Association (www.aviationsuppliers.org)

ARSA – Aeronautical Repair Station Association (www.arsa.org)

CAMC – Canadian Aviation Maintenance Council (www.camc.ca)

Both ASA & ARSA send me periodic e-newsletters which I’ll commence to pass along as and when I see them.

None of the above affiliations will necessarily provide any representation at CARAC, but will keep us in touch with regulatory initiatives outside of Canada. We’re still exploring the prospect of Associate status within HAC or AEA Canada.

CARAC Part V Update

The most recent CARAC Part V Technical Committee meeting was held this past month (January 11 & 12) in Ottawa. No topics of huge importance to Distributors or AMO’s were discussed, but I do appreciate the fact that a fellow CAADMO member, Jeff Runciman of Canadian Aero Accessories, was able to join me at the meeting. Jeff has volunteered to become more involved as I attempt to become a bit less involved.

Membership Renewal

Your membership renewal for 2007 is attached. Please stick-handle it toward your Accounting people and have them look after it reasonably quickly as we continue to need your support. As noted above, we continue to look for new members and have also attached a “Why CAADMO” piece that we/you can distribute to prospective members.

As always, if anyone has any questions, comments, or concerns that you’d like to discuss, don’t hesitate to contact us.

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