

Regulatory Instruction



27 Oct 11

MAA/RI/09/11 (D Ops) – SERIOUS FAULT REPORTING

Issue

1. Management of the transfer of the Serious Fault Report (SFR) from signal format to Defence Air Safety Occurrence Report (D-ASOR) format, through the Air Safety Information Management System (ASIMS).

Scope

2. This Regulatory Instruction (RI) is supplementary to RA 1410 – Occurrence Reporting, RA 4307 – Fault Reporting and MMAP Ch 7.5.2 – Serious Fault Signal Procedure Para 4. MMAP Ch 7.5.2 will be amended to reflect the intent of this RI once the transition period is complete.

Implementation

3. This RI is effective immediately.

Background

4. For most occurrence reporting, the existing signal-based system was replaced in Apr 09 by the introduction of ASIMS. The SFR was not included in this change. Recent improvements to ASIMS version 2 allow the SFR to be reported via D-ASOR and managed and distributed through ASIMS.

Purpose

5. From 17 Oct 11, the D-ASOR and ASIMS became the primary means for reporting Serious Faults. However, to ensure that the critical information provided by the SFR continues to reach all its intended recipients in a timely and efficient manner, it **shall** be necessary to operate both the old and new systems in parallel for an interim transition period. This precaution will allow confidence in the robustness of ASIMS as the primary method of reporting to build, across the Defence Aviation community, before the signal method is withdrawn. Accordingly each SFR **shall** be reported by both D-ASOR and signal during the transition period.

Transition Period

6. The transition period of dual Serious Fault reporting will continue until 1 Apr 12 at which point any continuing requirement to report via signal will be reassessed. In the interim, all SFR users (especially ODH, DDH and DH-facing organizations) are to report any issues that they may encounter with the new system to the MAA Occurrences Branch (MAA-ASIMS@mod.uk) in order to ensure that they are expeditiously resolved.

Queries

7. Any queries or requests for further guidance on the content of this RI should be submitted, in the first instance, to SO2 R&A, MAA Occurrences Branch (DIIF: MAA-Op FltOp Occ RA SO2 or tel: 9355 67699/01225 467699).

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