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AIRWORTHINESS APPROVAL AND OPERATIONAL CRITERIA FOR RNP AUTHORISATION REQUIRED (RNP AR) OPERATIONS

INTRODUCTION

1. *This AIC provides a means of compliance for applicants for an airworthiness approval to conduct Required Navigation Performance Authorisation Required (RNP AR) Operations and the applicable criteria to obtain an operational approval. Additional guidance material can be found in the ICAO Performance Based Navigation Manual, Document 9613, Volume II, Chapter 6, as contained in ICAO State Letter AN 11/45-07/22.*

2. *This AIC provides a means of compliance for the airworthiness approval of area navigation systems and their use for RNP AR operations that range from nominal (i.e. where general aircraft qualification is matched to standard AR procedure design) to those more demanding in operational and performance requirements. The assurance of consistency with and conformance to the target level of safety (TLS) objectives for RNP AR operations results from the specific compliance criteria of this AIC and the associated standard RNP AR procedure design.*

3. *This AIC is generally consistent with material in the ICAO Performance-Based Navigation Manual, as well as in EUROCONTROL publications dealing with related operational and functional requirements for area navigation. The material contained in this AIC reflects the fundamental change associated with RNP in the roles, responsibilities and requirements for the regulator, manufacturer, operator and procedure designer.*

4. *This AIC is based on barometric-vertical navigation (BARO-VNAV) and RNAV multi-sensor navigation systems, as well as the system concepts, guidance and standards defined in the RTCA DO-236()/EUROCAE ED-75 MASPS. RNP AR builds on the RNP concept that requires the ability of the aircraft navigation system to monitor its achieved navigation performance, and to identify to the pilot whether the operational requirement is or is not being met during an operation.*

5. *This AIC addresses general certification considerations, including functional requirements, accuracy, integrity, continuity of function and system limitations.*

6. *This AIC introduces some provisions for aircraft qualification to RNP AR Departure protected with customised procedure design criteria. These provisions will be completed in a next issue of the AIC, once ICAO has published public procedure design criteria for departures.*

7. *This AIC is based on the criteria developed in FAA AC 90-101, with inclusion of more stringent criteria (see Appendix 6), including notably a focus on aircraft performance in Non-Normal conditions.*

8. *Compliance with this AIC provides, but by itself does not constitute, a basis for an operational approval to conduct RNP operations. The special procedure design criteria contained in the RNP AR procedure design manual may necessitate additional operational evaluation depending upon the operator needs or operating conditions.*

9. *Aircraft operators should apply to the SACAA for such an approval. Since this AIC has been harmonised with other RNP implementation and operations approval criteria i.e. Europe/EuroControl, USA/FAA, it is expected to facilitate interoperability and ease the effort in obtaining operational approval by airline operators.*

PURPOSE

10. *This AIC establishes an acceptable means of compliance for an applicant to obtain airworthiness approval of an RNP system and the operational criteria for use in designated South African airspace blocks where RNP AR*

operations have been implemented by the SACAA. An applicant may elect to use an alternative means of compliance. However, those alternative means of compliance must meet safety objectives that are acceptable to the SACAA. Compliance with this AIC is not mandatory hence the use of the terms shall and must apply only to an applicant who elects to comply with this AIC in order to obtain airworthiness approval.

BACKGROUND

11. *The application of RNP AR to terminal area and approach operations provides an opportunity to utilise modern aircraft capability and performance to improve safety, efficiency and capacity. Safety is improved when RNP AR procedures replace visual procedures or non-precision approaches, and efficiency is improved through more repeatable and optimum flight paths. Capacity can be improved by de-conflicting traffic during instrument conditions.*

12. *RNP AR includes unique capabilities that require aircraft and aircrew authorisation similar to Category (CAT) II/III ILS operations. All RNP AR procedures have reduced lateral obstacle evaluation areas and vertical obstacle clearance surfaces predicated on the aircraft and aircrew performance requirements of this AIC. In general, RNP AR procedures are expected to be developed to not only address specific operational needs or requirements but also to enable benefits to the broadest segment of the RNP AR aircraft population possible. As a result, there are some aspects of RNP AR approach procedure design that will be used only as necessary.*

13. *A critical component of RNP is the ability of the aircraft navigation system to monitor its achieved navigation performance, and to identify to the pilot whether the operational requirement is or is not being met during an operation.*

14. *The criteria (both procedure design and certification) may take account of the fact that aircraft with different flight guidance capabilities will be used to fly the procedures. However, the procedure design criteria do reflect specific levels of aircraft performance and capability for the barometric VNAV aspects of the operation. The operator authorisation may be extended where the operational requirements can be met by aircraft but require more stringent performance criteria.*

SCOPE

15. *This material provides airworthiness approval criteria related to RNAV systems with lateral navigation (LNAV) and BARO-VNAV capabilities, intended to be used under Instrument Flight Rules, including Instrument Meteorological Conditions, in designated South African airspace blocks where RNP Authorisation Required (AR) operations have been implemented per a decision of the SACAA. It addresses general certification requirements, including functional requirements, accuracy, integrity, continuity of function, and system limitations.*

16. *The material contained in this AIC is unique and represents the fundamental change associated with RNP in the roles, responsibilities and requirements for the regulator, manufacturer, air operator and procedure designer. The assurance of consistency with and conformance to the target level of safety (TLS) objectives for RNP AR operations results from the specific compliance criteria of this AIC, a flight operational safety assessment and the associated standard RNP AR procedure design.*

17. *The material and criteria contained herein also provide a means for development and approval of an RNP AR capability consistent with the RNP AR procedures implemented using the ICAO PBN RNP AR Procedure Design Manual. However, it should be recognised that in order to perform RNP AR operations there are three key aspects of this AIC that must be considered. The first is that where an operator/manufacturer satisfies all criteria contained herein, they should be considered operationally ready to conduct RNP AR operations using procedure design and alternatives defined by the ICAO PBN RNP AR Procedure Design Manual. The second is that there are three elements of the procedure design criteria that will only be used on the occasions where there is a specific operational need or benefit. As a result, operators can be authorised for all or any subset of these types of procedures.*

    a. *Reduced lateral obstacle evaluation area on the missed approach or departure (also referred to as a procedure requiring RNP less than 1.0) or,*
    b. *When conducting a RNP AR approach using a line of minima less than RNP 0.3 and/or a missed approach or departure that requires RNP less than 1.0. and*
    c. *Ability to fly a published arc (also referred to as a RF leg).*

18. *These aspects of instrument procedures are reflected in the guidance and criteria of the ICAO PBN RNP AR procedure design manual. Therefore, an operator/manufacturer with aircraft lacking some or all of these capabilities should recognise that this will result in operational limitations, i.e. the more complex or demanding operations using these procedure criteria may not be performed. The third aspect is that there will be specific situations where even full compliance to the AIC may be insufficient to conduct procedures that are tailored to aircraft specific performance.*

19. *This AIC recognises that published criteria for demonstrated aircraft performance may be insufficient to enable RNP AR operations where the performance required is less than 0.3 NM. Consequently, this AIC provides the criteria necessary to support airworthiness approval to these lower values and criteria including guidance for the assessment of:*

a. *Training and Crew Qualification (see APPENDIX 2)*
b. *RNP Operational Considerations (see APPENDIX 3)*
c. *Flight Technical Error (see APPENDIX 4)*
d. *Flight Operation Safety Assessment (see APPENDIX 5)*

20. *This AIC also contains criteria reflecting the SACAA's opinion that parts of the ICAO PBN Navigation Specification for RNP AR APCH are not appropriate for the RNP AR operations that the SACAA will authorise. As a result, select criteria in the AIC are different and are clearly noted as such.*

21. *Paragraphs 24 to 30, of this AIC refers to documents which contribute to the understanding of the RNP concept and which may support an application for approval. However, it is important that an applicant evaluates his aircraft system against the criteria of this AIC.*

22. *Compliance with this AIC provides, but by itself does not constitute, a basis for, an operational approval to conduct RNP operations. While an objective of this AIC is interoperability and to ease operator operational approvals, some operators and manufacturers will need to consider the noted differences in requirements from the ICAO PBN Manual and FAA AC 90-101 and this AICXX.XX to determine what additional aircraft or system changes are necessary, or what operational limitations must be implemented.*

23. *A glossary of terms and acronyms used in this AIC is given in APPENDIX 1.*

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

24. *SACAA*

AIC 25-7	*PBN Navigation Specifications*
AIC 25-9	*RNP APCH and BARO-VNAV*

25. *ICAO*

ICAO Doc 8168	*PANS OPS (Procedures for Air Navigation Services Aircraft Operations)*
ICAO Doc 9613	*Performance Based Navigation Manual (PBN)*
ICAO Doc 9881	*Guidelines for Electronic Terrain, Obstacle and Aerodrome Mapping Information*
ICAO Doc 9905	*Required Navigation Performance Authorization Required (RNP AR) Procedure Design Manual*

26. *EASA*

AMC 20-5	*Airworthiness Approval and Operational Criteria for the use of the Navstar Global Positioning System (GPS)*
AMC 20-26	*Airworthiness Approval and Operational Criteria for RNP Authorisation Required (RNP AR) Operations*
AMC 25-11	*Electronic Flight Deck Display*
EASA OPINION Nr. 01/2005	*Conditions for Issuance of Letters of Acceptance for Navigation Database Suppliers by the Agency (i.e. an EASA Type 2 LoA).* *EASA OPINION Nr. 01/2005 on "The Acceptance of Navigation Database Suppliers" dated 14 Jan 05*

27. *EUROCONTROL*

T1.ST16-001	*tion Strategy for ECAC*
ent 003-93	*avigation Equipment: Operational Requirements and Functional Requirements*

28. *FAA*

AC 25-11	*Electronic Display Systems*
AC 20-129	*Airworthiness Approval of Vertical Navigation (VNAV) Systems or use in the U.S. National Airspace System (NAS) and Alaska*
AC 20-130	*Airworthiness Approval of Navigation or Flight Management Systems Integrating Multiple Navigation Sensors.*

AC 20-138	*Airworthiness Approval of NAVSTAR Global Positioning System (GPS) for use as a VFR and IFR Supplemental Navigation System*
AC 25-4	*Inertial Navigation Systems (INS)*
AC 25-15	*Approval of Flight Management Systems in Transport Category Airplanes*
AC 90-97	*Use of Barometric Vertical Navigation (VNAV) for Instrument Approach Operations using Decision Altitude*
Order 8260.52	*United States Standard for Required Navigation Performance (RNP) Approach Procedures with Special Aircraft and Aircrew Authorization Required (SAAAR)*
AC 90 - 101	*Approval for Required Navigation Performance (RNP) Procedures with Special Aircraft and Aircrew Authorisation Required (SAAAR)*
AC 120 -29A	*Criteria for Approval of Category I and Category II Weather Minima for Approach*
AC 20-153	*Acceptance of Data Processes and Associated Navigation Databases*

29. *TECHNICAL STANDARD ORDERS*

ETSO-C115/TSO-C 115	*Airborne Area Navigation Equipment using Multisensor Inputs.*
ETSO-C129/TSO-C 129	*Airborne Supplemental Navigation Equipment Using the Global Positioning System (GPS)*
ETSO-C145/TSO-C 145	*Airborne Navigation Sensors Using the Global Positioning System (GPS) Augmented by the Wide Area Augmentation System (WAAS)*
ETSO-C146/TSO-C 146	*Stand-Alone Airborne Navigation Equipment Using the Global Positioning System (GPS) Augmented by the Wide Area Augmentation System (WAAS)*
ETSO-C151/TSO-C 151	*Terrain Awareness and Warning System (TAWS)*

30. *EUROCAE/RTCA, SAE AND ARINC*

ED-75/DO-236	*Minimum Aviation System Performance Standards: Required Navigation Performance for Area Navigation*
DO-283A	*Minimum Operational Performance Standards for Required Navigation Performance for Area Navigation*
ED-76/DO-200A	*Standards for Processing Aeronautical Data*
ED-77/DO-201A	*Standards for Aeronautical Information*
DO-229	*Minimum Operational Performance Standards for Global Positioning System/Wide Area Augmentation System Airborne equipment*
ARINC 424	*Navigation System Data Base*

ASSUMPTIONS

31. *Applicants should note that this AIC is based on the following assumptions concerning the measures taken by the responsible airspace authorities and service providers to safeguard RNP AR operations in the South African region:*

NAVAID INFRASTRUCTURE CONSIDERATIONS

32. *RNP AR approaches are only authorised based on GNSS as the primary Navaid infrastructure. The use of DME/DME as a reversionary capability (e.g. extraction when on an approach or continuation for departures) is only authorised for individual operators where the infrastructure supports the required performance. RNP AR operations should not be used in areas of known navigation signal (GNSS) interference.*

Note 1: Most modern RNAV systems will prioritise inputs from GNSS and then DME/DME positioning. Although VOR/DME positioning is usually performed within a flight management computer when DME/DME positioning criteria do not exist, avionics and infrastructure variability pose serious challenges to standardisation.

Note 2: Procedure validation will entail use of an infrastructure navigation performance tool that is capable of analysing the flight procedure path and profile relative to the ground navigation aid infrastructure. This type of tool is likely to only approximate results for the actual procedure. However, due to the cost of flight checking, increased efficiency is anticipated in flight checking when augmented with an infrastructure navigation performance tool.

Note 3: With or without an infrastructure navigation performance tool, a flight check aircraft is expected to be used. Where State flight check aircraft systems do not reflect the types of aircraft or systems intending to conduct the RNP AR procedure, use of operator aircraft with systems that also provides real time calculations of their achieved performance along the procedure flight path and profile should also be used to evaluate a procedure. The selected aircraft are intended to provide confidence in the interoperability of differing systems and implementations.

Note 4: For procedures that allow aircraft to rely only on GNSS, (see paragraph 78-79), the acceptability of the risk of degraded navigation performance beyond the requirements for the operation for multiple aircraft due to satellite failure or RAIM holes, has been considered by the responsible airspace authority.

COMMUNICATION & ATS SURVEILLANCE CONSIDERATIONS

33. *RNP AR operations described herein do not require any unique communication or ATS Surveillance considerations.*

OBSTACLE CLEARANCE AND ROUTE SPACING

34. *All RNP AR procedures:*

a. *Are published by an Aeronautical Information Service Provider certified according to article 7 of Regulation 550/ 2004 ; or*
b. *Are consistent with the relevant parts of ICAO Doc 8168 PANS OPS and ICAO PBN RNP AR Procedure Design Manual;*
c. *Take account of the functional and performance capabilities of RNP systems and their safety levels as detailed in this AIC;*

Note: Particular attention should be given to the constraints implied by the Airworthiness Certification objectives of paragraph 6

d. *Require that barometric vertical navigation capability be used;*
e. *Support reasonableness checking by the flight crew by including, on the charts, fix data (e.g. range and bearing to navigational aids or waypoint to waypoint);*
f. *Terrain and obstacle data in the vicinity of the approach is published in accordance with ICAO Annex 15 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation and Doc 9881, Guidelines for Electronic Terrain, Obstacle and Aerodrome Mapping Information;*
g. *If the contingency procedure allows a reversion in aircraft use of navigation infrastructure, e.g. GNSS to DME/DME, the obstacle clearance assessment is based on an RNP that allows either infrastructure;*
h. *Barometric altitude compensation for low temperature effects is accounted for in the procedure design, and any necessary limitations are specified in the AIP;*
i. *The Safety Case assessment for RNP AR operations accounts for the regulatory determination and documentation of compliance to the AICs detailed requirements for the navigation system, aircraft operational capability, crew procedures and continuing airworthiness, as meeting or exceeding their TLS objectives for the procedure and/or spacing;*
j. *Are designated RNAV e.g. RNAV (RNP) and throughout the AIP and on aeronautical charts, will specify either the sensors allowed or the RNP value required;*
k. *May have attributes that depart from the standard applications of procedures described in the ICAO RNP AR Procedure Design Manual.*

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

35. *Guidance in this chapter does not supersede the applicable operational requirements for equipage.*

36. *Current local pressure setting must be provided to support RNP AR approaches, where the aircraft's achieved vertical path is dependent on that setting. Failure to report a correct setting can lead to aircraft leaving the obstacle clearance area.*

FLIGHT VALIDATION

37. *As RNP AR approaches do not have a specific underlying navigation facility, there is no requirement for flight inspection of navigation signals. However, due to the importance of publishing correct data, it is recommended that flight validation be used prior to publication for procedure validation and obstacle validation. Flight validation can be accomplished through ground evaluation (e.g. simulator assessment) and actual flight.*

38. *Procedure validation includes confirmation of the basic flyability of the procedure in accordance with the procedure design. A thorough flyability assessment is not required prior to publication, since flyability is*

individually assessed by the operator as part of their database updating and maintenance process due to the unique nature of RNP AR approaches. The flight validation prior to publication should confirm track lengths, bank angles, descent gradients, runway alignment and compatibility with predictive terrain hazard warning functions (e.g. ETSO-C151/TSO-C151 compliant Terrain Awareness and Warning Systems). A Flight Inspection Truth System is typically not required. Due to variations in aircraft speeds, flight control system design, and navigation system design this flight evaluation does not confirm flyability for all of the various aircraft conducting RNP AR approaches.

39. *Obstacle validation through flight validation may be used to validate the obstacle data used to design the procedure. An obstacle flight validation may not be necessary if obstacle validation can be accomplished through ground inspection or validated survey techniques to the appropriate accuracy.*

PUBLICATION

40. *The AIP clearly indicates the navigation application is RNP AR approach and specific authorisation is required.*

41. *All procedures are based upon WGS 84 coordinates.*

42. *The navigation data published in the relevant AIP for the procedures and supporting navigation aids must meet the requirements of Annex 15 and Annex 4 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation (as appropriate). The original data defining the procedure should be available to the operators in a manner suitable to enable the operator to verify their navigation data.*

43. *The navigation accuracy for all RNP AR approach procedures is clearly published in the AIP.*

44. *The navigation data for the procedure(s) to be loaded into the flight management system is from database supplier holds a Type 2 Letter of Acceptance (LoA) or equivalent and has been independently validated by the operator.*

45. *Where reliance is placed on the use of radar to assist contingency procedures, its performance has been shown to be adequate for that purpose, and the requirement for a radar service is identified in the AIP.*

CONTROLLER TRAINING

46. *Air traffic controllers, who will provide control services at airports where RNP approaches have been implemented, have completed the appropriate training.*

STATUS MONITORING

47. *The Navaid infrastructure is monitored and, where appropriate, maintained by a service provider certified for navigation services according to CAR Part 171. For the use of non-South African navigation service providers, timely warnings of outages (NOTAM) should be issued. Also status information should be provided to Air Traffic Services in accordance with ICAO Annex 11 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation for navigation facilities or services that may be used to support the operation.*

ATS SYSTEM MONITORING

48. *When available, radar observations of each aircraft's proximity to track and altitude are typically noted by Air Traffic Service (ATS) facilities and aircraft track keeping capabilities are analysed. If an observation/analysis indicates that a loss of separation or obstacle clearance has occurred, the reason for the apparent deviation from track or altitude should be determined and steps taken to prevent a recurrence.*

SYSTEM DESCRIPTION

LATERAL NAVIGATION (LNAV)

49. *For lateral navigation, the RNAV equipment enables the aircraft to be navigated in accordance with appropriate routing instructions along a path defined by waypoints held in an on-board navigation database.*

Note: LNAV is typically a flight guidance systems mode, where the RNAV equipment provides path steering commands to the flight guidance system, which then controls flight technical error through either manual pilot control with a path deviation display or through coupling to the flight director or autopilot.

50. *Altimeter sensor requirement for APV BAROVNAV operation*

51. *For the purposes of this AIC, RNP AR operations are based upon the use of RNAV equipment that automatically determines aircraft position in the horizontal plane using inputs from the following types of positioning sensor (in no specific order of priority or combination) but whose primary basis for positioning is GNSS:*

    a. *Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS).*
    b. *Inertial Navigation System (INS) or Inertial Reference System (IRS).*
    c. *Distance Measuring Equipment giving measurements from two or more ground stations (DME/DME).*

VERTICAL NAVIGATION

52. *For Vertical Navigation, the system enables the aircraft to fly level and descend relative to a linear, point to point vertical profile path that is held in an on-board navigation database. The vertical profile will be based upon altitude constraints or vertical path angles where appropriate, associated with the LNAV path waypoints.*

Note 1: VNAV is typically a flight guidance systems mode, where the RNAV equipment containing VNAV capability provides path steering commands to the flight guidance system, which then controls flight technical error through either manual pilot control with a vertical deviation display or through coupling to the flight director or autopilot.

Note 2: The ARINC 424 specification data allows the definition of a vertical angle; however some system implementations preclude the specification of a vertical angle on a flight leg. In such a case it may be necessary to examine the leg types available that do and determine if the resulting lateral path is acceptable for the surrounding airspace.

Note 3: The specification of vertical angles on multiple path fixes in descent may lead to possible vertical path discontinuities (e.g. temperature effect). This type of procedure should be assessed to determine if the system response and performance can be accommodated in this situation and for other systems, or if the procedure must be changed. Climb paths are typically not included in a vertical profile e.g. departure or missed approach.

Note 4: Additionally, some system implementations may allow the manual specification of a vertical angle for a path or path segment. This capability may need to be evaluated to determine if it has the potential to alter or impact a VNAV procedure and the possible means of mitigating the potential condition e.g. design change or operational procedure.

Note 5: The system may provide the capability to determine performance optimised paths. A performance optimised path is defined by a series of straight line path segments that are designed to hold an aircraft at a specified speed while holding thrust to a constant value (e.g. typically near idle for descent) and guiding to the series of straight line paths. The elements required for the determination of the performance optimised path include gross weight, lift, drag and speed. This path capability and aircraft operation may be acceptable where the vertical path is specified with flexibility (e.g. altitude windows, AT/ABOVE). However, in the case where a linear point to point path or flight path angle is specified, this type of systems capability with its associated vertical path errors may be unacceptable for the required operations.

Note 6: Systems may implement vertical profiles specified by AT/ABOVE constraints as a point to point path defined by AT constraints. This type of characteristic in system path definition may be acceptable.

Note 7: Systems that allow vertical paths to be defined by a combination of altitude constraints, and flight path angles, may be subject to vertical discontinuities, where a smooth or continuous vertical path is not possible. System responses to this condition may vary from possible level off manoeuvres to vertical speed captures of the flight path. The aircraft system performance must be assessed on a case by case basis for its acceptability for the required operation, and still may not be acceptable.

53. *Temperature Compensation Systems: Systems that provide temperature based corrections to the barometric VNAV guidance must comply with EUROCAE ED-75B, Appendix H.2. This applies to the final approach segment. Compliance to this standard should be documented to enable the operator to conduct RNP approaches when the actual temperature is below or above the published procedure design limit.*

AIRWORTHINESS CERTIFICATION OBJECTIVES

54. *The following performance certification criteria are defined for the airborne systems on the basis that the Assumptions of Paragraphs 31 through 45 in context of this AIC are valid.*

ACCURACY

55. *Aircraft performance is evaluated around the path defined by the published procedure and EUROCAE/ED-75B, Section 3.2. All vertical paths used in conjunction with the final approach segment will be defined by a Flight Path Angle (EUROCAE/ED-75B, Section 3.2.8.4.3) as a straight line emanating from a fix and altitude.*

LATERAL

56. *During operations on approaches notified exclusively for RNP equipped aircraft, the lateral track keeping accuracy and along-track positioning error of the on-board navigation system shall be equal to or better than the RNP for 95% of the flight time.*

Note 1: The lateral track keeping accuracy is dependent on the navigation total system error (a combination of path definition error, position estimation error, display error and Flight Technical Error (FTE)).

a) Refer to APPENDIX 4 for the assessment of FTE for RNP AR operations authorised with RF legs, reduced lateral obstacle evaluation, e.g. less than 0.3 NM in final approach, less than 1.0 NM for missed approach.

Note 2: Provided that paragraph 75 has been shown to be valid in respect of typical GNSS performance, then, for RNAV systems that have been declared (e.g. in the Aircraft Flight Manual) to be compliant with the navigation accuracy criteria of FAA AC 20-130, or FAA AC 20-138 or AMC20-5 or AMC20-27 and the accuracy requirements of this AIC including a statement of the operational RNP capability, the intent of this paragraph is considered as satisfied and no further accuracy demonstration is required. However, such a Flight Manual statement, by itself, does not constitute an airworthiness approval for RNP AR operations and compliance with all other criteria of this AMC will need to be shown.

Note 3: Some RNP system implementations may provide for multi-sensor mixing in the calculation of aircraft position. While this is not required, it provides for smoothing when positioning sources change and a means to optimise the calculation of aircraft position that is not possible for single source systems. Manufacturers should consider the effects of sensor failure or errors on lateral position during the conduct of RNP AR operations, and the potential departure, approach and missed approach RNP, in implementing system architecture, sensor switching, and redundancy.

VERTICAL

57. *During operations on instrument approach procedures notified exclusively for RNP aircraft and where the Vertical Error Budget(VEB) applies, the vertical system error includes altimetry error (assuming the temperature and lapse rates of the International Standard Atmosphere), the effect of along-track error, system computation error, data resolution error, and flight technical error. The 99.7% of system error in the vertical direction during the stabilised constant descent path must be less than the following (in feet):*

$$\sqrt{\left((6076.115)(1.225)\mathrm{RNP}\cdot\tan\theta\right)^2+\left(60\tan\theta\right)^2+75^2+\left(\left(-8.8\cdot10^{-8}\right)(h+\Delta h)^2+\left(6.5\cdot10^{-3}\right)(h+\Delta h)+50\right)^2}$$

58. *Where θ the vertical navigation (VNAV) path angle, h is the height of the local altimetry reporting station and Δh is the height of the aircraft above the reporting station.*

59. *The 99.7% altimetry system error for each aircraft (assuming the temperature and lapse rates of the ISA) shall be less or equal to than the following with the aircraft in the approach configuration:*

$ASE = -8.8\cdot10^{-8}\cdot H^2\cdot + 6.5\cdot10^{-3}\cdot H + 50$ *(ft)*

60. *Where H is the true altitude of the aircraft.*

Note 1: Current guidance for VNAV such as AC20-129, and AC90-97 has less stringent performance requirements. A supplemental analysis, assessment and regulatory approval (i.e. airworthiness) will be necessary in meeting the requirements.

Note 2: For the vertical system error above, vertical angle error is not included and is not considered since data and database processes associated with DO-200A and DO-201A are required. In addition ATIS, automatic terminal information service temperature error is not included and is accounted for in the procedure design.

RNP SYSTEM PERFORMANCE

61. *The required demonstration of RNP system performance, including lateral and vertical path steering performance (FTE), will vary according to the type of AR operation being considered e.g. low RNP for obstacle clearance or separation in an obstacle rich environment or high density air traffic environment. It will be for the competent Authority, responsible for the approval of the procedure, to assess the RNP level for the considered operation in accordance with the Flight Operations Safety Assessment (FOSA) see APPENDIX 5.*

62. *In supporting the FOSA exercise, the applicant will be required to demonstrated the aircraft capability in terms of RNP system performance under a variety of operational conditions, rare normal conditions and non-normal conditions – see also APPENDIX 4. For the non-normal conditions the applicant should conduct a safety impact assessment, which identifies from the existing aircraft System Safety Assessments (SSA), those Failure Conditions that have an impact on the RNP system performance. This safety assessment process should encompass the additional Failure Conditions introduced by any specific feature designed and implemented as mitigation for RNP AR operations (e.g. lateral deviation display) and also identify and document any additional flight crew procedures and training, necessary to support the overall safety of the operation.*

63. *Specific evaluations should be conducted to assess the path excursions upon failures and the resulting RNP levels. Results should be documented in the Aircraft Flight Manual (AFM), AFM Supplement or appropriate aircraft operational support document and made available to the operator, thereby alleviating the need for similar operational evaluations.*

64. *Acceptable criterion to be used for assessing RNP significant failures under limit performance conditions (see Appendix 4 Paragraph 4) is as follows:*

    a. *The lateral excursions observed as a result of Probable failures should be documented against an objective of containment within 1xRNP.*

Note 1: The System Safety Assessment of the aircraft systems supporting RNP AR operations (RNAV systems, Flight Controls Systems, Flight Guidance Systems, etc.) should therefore be revisited to identify these Probable failures. Probable failures are failures with a probability greater than 10-5 per operation.

Note 2: This demonstration can rely on crew action to intervene and place the aircraft back on the target track, or apply a contingency procedure when the guidance is lost.

b. The lateral excursions observed as a result of One Engine Inoperative (OEI) should be documented against an objective of containment within 1xRNP.

Note 1: This demonstration can rely on crew action to intervene and place the aircraft back on the target track.

c. The lateral excursions observed as a result of Remote failures should be documented against an objective of containment within 2xRNP.

Note 1: The demonstration should evaluate the contributions of:

i. Remote systems failures that may impact the RNP capability
ii. GNSS satellite outages

Note 2: Remote system failures should include latent failures (integrity) and detected failures (continuity). For the detected failures, the monitor limit of the alert, the time to alert, the crew reaction time, and the aircraft response should all be considered when ensuring that the aircraft does not exit the obstacle clearance volume. Remote failures are failures with a probability and between 10^{-5} and 10^{-7} per operation.

d. A demonstration should be made that the aircraft remains manoeuvrable and a safe extraction may be flown for all Extremely Remote failures.

Note 1: Extremely Remote failures are failures with a probability between 10^{-7} and 10^{-9}.

65. *For conditions a, b and c above, the vertical excursion should not exceed 75 feet below the desired path.*

INTEGRITY

SYSTEM,

66. *RNP and Barometric VNAV aircraft (e.g. FMS RNAV/VNAV equipped). This AIC provides a detailed acceptable means of compliance for aircraft that use an RNP system based primarily on GNSS and a VNAV system based on barometric altimetry. Aircraft complying with this AIC provide the requisite airspace containment (i.e. satisfactory assurance that the aircraft will remain within the obstacle clearance volume) through a variety of monitoring and alerting (e.g. 'Unable RNP', GNSS alert limit, path deviation monitoring).*

67. *Other systems or alternate means of compliance. For other systems or alternate means of compliance, the probability of the aircraft exiting the lateral and vertical extent of the obstacle clearance volume (defined in ICAO PBN RNP AR Procedure Design Manual) must not exceed 10^{-7} per operation, including the departure, approach and missed approach. The use of such alternatives may be satisfied by the flight operational safety assessment (see APPENDIX 5).*

Note 1: The 10^{-7} requirement applies to the total probability of excursion outside the obstacle clearance volume, including events caused by latent conditions (integrity) and by detected conditions (continuity) if the aircraft does not remain within the obstacle clearance volume after annunciation of the failure. The monitor limit of the alert, the latency of the alert, the crew reaction time, and the aircraft response should all be considered when ensuring that the aircraft does not exit the obstacle clearance volume. The requirement applies to a single approach, considering the exposure time of the operation and the Navaid geometry and navigation performance available for each published approach.

Note 2: This containment requirement derives from the operational requirement. This requirement is notably different than the containment requirement specified in RTCA/DO-236B (EUROCAE ED-75B). The requirement in RTCA/DO-236B (EUROCAE ED-75B) was developed to facilitate airspace design and does not directly equate to obstacle clearance.

DISPLAY

68. *The system design must be consistent with at least a major failure condition for the display of misleading lateral or vertical guidance on an RNP AR approach.*
Note: The display of misleading lateral or vertical RNP guidance is considered a hazardous (severe-major) failure condition for RNP AR approaches with an RNP value less than RNP 0.3. Systems designed consistent with this effect should be documented as it may eliminate the need for some operational mitigations for the aircraft.

CONTINUITY OF FUNCTION

69. *With respect to the airborne systems, it shall be shown that:*

a. The probability of loss of all navigation information is Remote.
b. The probability of non-restorable loss of all navigation and communication functions is Extremely Improbable.

Note 1: In addition to the equipment required by SA-CAR Part 91 subpart 4, 135 subpart 5 and 121 subpart 5.for IFR flight (or equivalent national requirements), at least one area navigation system is required. Where continued operation is required for a procedure with RNP on either the approach or missed approach, dual systems will be needed (see 67)

Note 2: Systems approved for RNP operations may have to comply with additional continuity requirements to ensure that the RNP capability is available for a specified RNP and operational environment e.g. dual equipage, independent systems for cross checking, etc.

Note 3: Probability terms are defined in CS AMC 25.1309, AC 23.1309-1, AC 27-1B or AC 29-2C.

FUNCTIONAL CRITERIA

MINIMUM REQUIRED FUNCTIONS FOR RNP AR OPERATIONS

70. *Table 1 lists and describes the system functions and features required where RNP AR operations are predicated on nominal RNP AR procedure design criteria e.g. FAA Notice 8260.52, ICAO RNP AR Procedure Design Manual.*

Item	***Function/Feature***
Displays	
1.	*Continuous Display of Deviation. The navigation system must provide the capability to continuously display to the pilot flying, on the primary flight instruments for navigation of the aircraft, the aircraft position relative to the defined lateral and vertical path (both lateral and vertical deviation) and manoeuvre anticipation. The display must allow the pilot to readily distinguish if the cross-track deviation exceeds the RNP (or a smaller value) or if the vertical deviation exceeds 75 feet (or a smaller value). Where the minimum flight crew is two pilots, means for the pilot not flying must be provided to verify the desired path and the aircraft position relative to the path.* *To achieve this, an appropriately scaled non-numeric deviation display (i.e. lateral deviation indicator and vertical deviation indicator) located in the pilot's primary field of view may be provided.* *Alternatively:* *For lateral data presentation only For RNP 0.3 and above,* • *a navigation map display, readily visible to the flight crew, with appropriate map scales, giving equivalent functionality to an appropriately scaled non-numeric lateral deviation display, except that scaling may be set manually by the flight crew or* • *a numeric display of the lateral deviation, readily visible to the flight crew, with a minimum resolution of 0.1 NM and direction relative to the track* *For RNP <0.3* • *a numeric display of the lateral deviation, in the primary field of view, with a resolution of 0.01 NM and direction relative to the track* *Note: A fixed-scale CDI is acceptable as long as the CDI demonstrates appropriate scaling and sensitivity for the intended navigation accuracy and operation. With a scalable CDI, the scale should be derived from the selection of RNP, and shall not require the separate selection of a CDI scale. Where a CDI is relied upon, alerting and annunciation limits must also match the scaling values. If the equipment uses default navigation accuracy to describe the operational mode (e.g. en-route, terminal area and approach), then displaying the operational mode is an acceptable means from which the flight crew may derive the CDI scale sensitivity.*
2.	*Identification of the Active (To) Waypoint. The navigation system must provide a display identifying the active waypoint either in the pilot's primary field of view, or on a readily accessible and visible display to the flight crew.*
3.	*Display of Distance and Bearing. The navigation system should provide a display of distance and bearing to the active (To) waypoint in the pilot's primary field of view. Where not viable, a readily accessible page on a control display unit, readily visible to the flight crew, may display the data.*

Item	Function/Feature
Displays	
4.	Display of Groundspeed and Time. The navigation system should provide the display of groundspeed and either estimated time of arrival or time to the active (To) waypoint in the pilot's primary field of view. Where not viable, a readily accessible page on a control display unit, readily visible to the flight crew, may display the data.
5.	Display of To/From the active fix. The navigation system must provide a To/From display in the pilot's primary field of view. Systems with electronic map display in the pilot's primary field of view having designation of the active waypoint fulfil this requirement.
6	Desired Track Display. The navigation system must have the capability to continuously display to the pilot flying the aircraft the RNAV desired track. This display must be on the primary flight instruments for navigation of the aircraft.
7.	Display of Aircraft Track. The navigation system must provide a display of the actual aircraft track (or track angle error) either in the pilot's primary field of view, or on a readily accessible and visible display to the flight crew.
8.	Slaved Course Selector. The navigation system must provide a course selector automatically slaved to the RNAV computed path. An acceptable alternative is an integral navigation map display.
9.	RNAV Path Display. Where the minimum flight crew is two pilots, the navigation system must provide a readily visible means for the pilot not flying to verify the aircraft's RNAV defined path and the aircraft's position relative to the defined path.
10.	Display of Distance to Go. The navigation system must provide the ability to display distance to go to any waypoint selected by the flight crew.
11.	Display of Distance Between Flight Plan Waypoints. The navigation system must provide the ability to display the distance between flight plan waypoints.
12.	Display of Barometric Altitude. The aircraft must display barometric altitude from two independent altimetry sources, one in each pilots' primary field of view. The altimeter setting input must be used simultaneously by the aircraft altimetry system and by the RNAV system. Note 1: This display supports an operational cross-check (comparator monitor) of altitude sources. If the aircraft altitude sources are automatically compared, the output of the independent altimetry sources, including independent aircraft static air pressure systems, must be analysed to ensure that they can provide an alert in the pilot's primary field of view when deviations between the sources exceed ±75 feet. Such comparator monitor function should be documented as it may eliminate the need for an operational mitigation. Note 2: A single input is necessary to prevent possible crew error. Separate altimeter setting for the RNAV system is prohibited.
13.	Display of Active Sensors. The aircraft must display the current navigation sensor(s) in use that are readily accessible to the flight crew.
Performance, Monitoring and Alerting	
14.	Navigation performance: The system should include a capability to monitor for its achieved lateral navigation performance (e.g. EPU, EPE, ACTUAL or equivalent), and to identify for the flight crew whether the operational requirement is or is not being met during an operation (e.g. 'UNABLE RNP', 'Nav Accur Downgrad', path deviation monitoring, GNSS alert limit). For vertical navigation, this may be achieved by system vertical monitoring and alerting or by a combination of indications such as barometric altitude display and vertical deviation display in combination with procedural crosschecks. Signals radiated by GNSS augmentation systems managed by certified navigation service providers may be taken into account.
15.	For multi-sensor systems, automatic reversion to an alternate navigation sensor if the primary navigation sensor fails. Note: This does not preclude means for manual navigation source selection.
16.	When DME is used in RNP AR operations, automatic tuning of DME navigation aids used for position updating together with the capability to inhibit individual navigation aids from the automatic selection process. Note: Further guidance may be found in EUROCAE ED-75B / RTCA DO-236B, Section 3.7.3.1.
17.	Capability for the RNAV system to perform automatic selection (or de-selection) of navigation sources, a reasonableness check, an integrity check, and a manual override or deselect. Note 1: The reasonableness and integrity checks are intended to prevent navigation aids being used for navigation update in areas where the data can lead to radio position fixing errors due to co-channel interference, multipath, stations in test, changes in station location and direct signal screening. In lieu of using radio navigation aid designated operational coverage (DOC), the navigation system should provide checks which preclude use of duplicate frequency navaids within range, over-the-horizon navaids, and use of navaids with poor geometry.

Item	Function/Feature
Performance, Monitoring and Alerting	
	Note 2: Further guidance may be found in EUROCAE ED-75B/RTCA DO-236B, Section 3.7.3.1.
18.	*Failure Annunciation. The aircraft must provide a means to annunciate failures of any aircraft component of the RNAV system, including navigation sensors. The annunciation must be visible to the pilot and located in the primary field of view.*
19.	*Navigation Database status: The system should provide the means to display the validity period of the navigation database to the flight crew.*
Path Definition and Flight Planning	
20.	*Maintaining Track and Leg Transitions. The aircraft must have the capability to execute leg transitions and maintain tracks consistent with the following paths:* *i) A geodesic line between two fixes (TF)* *ii) A direct path to a fix (DF)* *iii) A specified track to a fix, defined by a course (CF)* *Note 1: Industry standards for these paths can be found in RTCA DO-236B and ARINC Specification 424, which refer to them as TF, DF, CF path terminators. EUROCAE ED-75A/RTCA DO-236B and EUROCAE ED-77/RTCA DO-201A describe the application of these paths in more detail.* *Note 2: Use of CF may be acceptable in missed approach only, subject to local approval.*
21.	*Fly-By and Fly-Over Fixes. The aircraft must have the capability to execute fly-by and fly-over fixes.* *The fly-over turn does not provide for repeatable paths, and is not compatible with RNP flight tracks. The fly-by turn may be used for limited RNP AR path changes under TF-TF or DF-TF transitions subject to procedure design requirements.* *When fly-by turns are required for specific RNP AR operations, the navigation system must limit the path definition within the theoretical transition area defined in RTCA DO-236B under the wind conditions identified in the ICAO PBN RNP AR Procedure Design Manual Doc 9905.*
22.	*Waypoint Resolution Error. The navigation database must provide sufficient data resolution to ensure the navigation system achieves the required accuracy. Waypoint resolution error must be less than or equal to 60 feet, including both the data storage resolution and the RNAV system computational resolution used internally for construction of flight plan waypoints. The navigation database must contain vertical angles (flight path angles) stored to a resolution of hundredths of a degree, with equivalent computational resolution.*
23.	*Capability for a "Direct-To" Function. The navigation system must have a "Direct-To" function the flight crew can activate at any time. This function must be available to any fix. The navigation system must also be capable of generating a geodesic path to the designated "To" fix, without "S-turning" and without undue delay.*
24.	*Capability to define a vertical path. The navigation system must be capable of defining a vertical path by a flight path angle to a fix. The system must also be capable of specifying a vertical path between altitude constraints at two fixes in the flight plan. Fix altitude constraints must be defined as one of the following:* *i) An "AT or ABOVE" altitude constraint (for example, 2400A, may be appropriate for situations where bounding the vertical path is not required);* *ii) An "AT or BELOW" altitude constraint (for example, 4800B, may be appropriate for situations where bounding the vertical path is not required);* *iii) An "AT" altitude constraint (for example, 5200); or* *iv) A "WINDOW" constraint (for example, 2400A3400B);* *Note: For RNP AR procedures, any segment with a published vertical path will define that path based on an angle to the fix and altitude.*
25.	*Altitudes and/or speeds associated with published terminal procedures must be extracted from the navigation database.*
26.	*The system must be able to construct a path to provide guidance from current position to a vertically constrained fix.*
27.	*Capability to Load Procedures from the Navigation Database. The navigation system must have the capability to load the entire procedure(s) to be flown into the RNAV system from the onboard navigation database. This includes the approach (including vertical angle), the missed approach and the approach transitions for the selected airport and runway.*

Item	Function/Feature
Path Definition and Flight Planning	
28.	Means to Retrieve and Display Navigation Data. The navigation system must provide the ability for the flight crew to verify the procedure to be flown through review of the data stored in the onboard navigation database. This includes the ability to review the data for individual waypoints and for navigation aids.
29.	Magnetic Variation. For paths defined by a course (CF path terminator), the navigation system must use the magnetic variation value for the procedure in the navigation database.
30.	Changes in Navigation accuracy. RNP changes to lower navigation accuracy must be complete by the fix defining the leg with the lower navigation accuracy, considering the alerting latency of the navigation system. Any operational procedures necessary to accomplish this must be identified.
31.	Automatic Leg Sequencing. The navigation system must provide the capability to automatically sequence to the next leg and display the sequencing to the flight crew in a readily visible manner.
32.	A display of the altitude restrictions associated with flight plan fixes must be available to the pilot. If there is a specified navigation database procedure with a flight path angle associated with any flight plan leg, the equipment must display the flight path angle for that leg.
33.	The aircraft navigation system must use an on-board navigation database containing current navigation data officially promulgated for civil aviation by a certified AIS provider, which can: a) be updated in accordance with the AIRAC cycle and b) from which terminal airspace procedures can be retrieved and loaded into the RNAV system. The resolution to which the data is stored must be sufficient to ensure that the assumption of no path definition error is satisfied. The database must be protected against flight crew modification of the stored data. Note: When a procedure is loaded from the database, the RNAV system is required to fly it as published. This does not preclude the flight crew from having the means to modify a procedure or route already loaded into the RNAV system. However, the procedure stored in the database must not be modified and must remain intact within the database for future use and reference.

Table 1: Required Functions

ADDITIONAL REQUIRED FUNCTIONS SUPPORTING RNP AR OPERATIONS.

71. Table 2 lists and describes the system functions and features required for more demanding operations e.g. where RNP AR operations are predicated on use of RF legs, RNP less than 0.3 or RNP less than 1.0 on missed approach.

Item	Operation/Function
Where RNP AIR Operations use RF Legs:	
1	1. The navigation system must have the capability to execute leg transitions and maintain tracks consistent with an RF leg between two fixes. 2. The aircraft must have an electronic map display of the selected procedure. 3. The navigation system, the flight director system and autopilot must be capable of commanding a bank angle up to 25 degrees at or above 400 feet AGL and up to 8 degrees below 400 feet AGL. (These values are consistent with those published in the ICAO Doc 9905). 4. Upon initiating a go-around or missed approach (through activation of TOGA or other means), the flight guidance mode should remain in LNAV to enable continuous track during an RF leg. Other means or mitigations may be acceptable depending on the aircraft, demonstrated path tracking performance, procedures and associated FOSA for go-around and missed approach procedures that require an RNP 0.3 or greater. 5. When evaluating flight technical error on RF legs, the effect of rolling into and out of the turn should be considered. The procedure is designed to provide 5 degrees of manoeuvrability margin, to enable the aircraft to get back on the desired track after a slight overshoot at the start of the turn. Note: It should be noted that a radius to fix (RF) leg is considered a procedure design tool that is available to solve a specific operational requirement or problem. As such it may be considered a highly desired option for select RNP AR operations. In some instances, the RF will be applied in the final or missed approach, requiring additional consideration in a FOSA.

Item	Operation/Function
Where RNP AIR Operations use RF Legs:	
	Systems lacking such capability should have sufficient means to ensure that operators are aware of this limitation and that it precludes the conduct of RNP AR procedures containing an RF leg.
Where RNP AR Operations are less than RNP 0.3:	
2	1. *No single-point-of-failure. No single-point-of-failure can cause the total loss of guidance compliant with the navigation accuracy associated with the approach. Typically, the aircraft must have at least the following equipment: dual GNSS sensors, dual flight management systems, dual air data systems, dual autopilots, and a single inertial reference unit (IRU). A single autopilot is acceptable provided dual independent flight directors are available and the approach permits use of the flight directors to either continue the approach or execute a missed approach.* *Note: If automatic switching is not available, it must be demonstrated that the time required to switch to an alternate system does not result in the aircraft exceeding the RNP value.* 2. *Hazardous Failure. The system design must be consistent with at least a hazardous failure condition (as per AMC 25-1309) for the loss or display of misleading of lateral or vertical guidance.* 3. *Go-around guidance. Upon initiating a go-around or missed approach (through activation of TOGA or other means), the flight guidance mode should remain in LNAV to enable continuous track guidance during an RF leg.* 4. *Loss of GNSS. After initiating a go-around or missed approach following loss of GNSS, the aircraft must automatically revert to another means of navigation that complies with the navigation accuracy for the time necessary to fly the go-around or the missed approach.*
Where Missed Approach is less than RNP 1.0:	
3	1. *Single-point-of-failure. No single-point-of-failure can cause the total loss of guidance compliant with the navigation accuracy associated with a missed approach procedure. Typically, the aircraft must have at least the following equipment: dual GNSS sensors, dual flight management systems, dual air data systems, dual autopilots, and a single inertial reference unit (IRU). A single autopilot is acceptable provided dual independent flight directors are available and the approach permits use of the flight directors to either continue the approach or execute a missed approach.* *Note: If automatic switching is not available, it must be demonstrated that the time required to switch to an alternate system does not result in the aircraft exceeding the RNP value.* 2. *Major Failure. The system design assurance must be consistent with at least a major failure condition (as per AMC 25.1309) for the loss of lateral or vertical guidance.* 3. *Go-Around Guidance. Upon initiating a go-around or missed approach (through activation of TOGA or other means), the flight guidance mode should remain in LNAV to enable continuous track guidance during an RF leg. For go-around and missed approach procedures that require an RNP 0.3 or greater other means and/or mitigations may be acceptable depending on the aircraft, demonstrated path tracking performance, procedures and associated FOSA.* 4. *Loss of GNSS. After initiating a go-around or missed approach following loss of GNSS, the aircraft must automatically revert to another means of navigation that complies with the navigation accuracy for the time necessary to fly the go-around or the missed approach.*

Table 2: Procedure Specific Required Functions

AIRWORTHINESS COMPLIANCE

GENERAL

72. *The following compliance guidelines assume that the aircraft is equipped in accordance with SA-CAR Part 91 subpart 4, 135 subpart 5 and 121 subpart 5 for IFR flight for aeroplanes involved in commercial air transportation.*

73. *Due to the unique requirements for RNP AR operations and the need for crew procedures that are specific to each particular aircraft and navigation system, RNP AR operational support documentation is required from the manufacturer. The document(s) should describe the navigation capabilities of applicant's aircraft in the context of RNP AR operations, and provide all the assumptions, limitations and supporting information necessary for the safe conduct of RNP AR operations.*

74. *It is expected that operators will use the manufacturer recommendations when developing their procedures and application for approval. Installation of equipment is not sufficient by itself to obtain approval for use on RNP AR.*

NEW OR MODIFIED INTALLATIONS

75. *In demonstrating compliance with this AIC, the following specific points should be noted:*

a. *The applicant will need to submit, to the Agency, a compliance statement which shows how the criteria of this AIC have been satisfied in establishing aircraft eligibility. The statement should be based on a certification plan, agreed by the Agency at an early stage of the implementation programme. The plan should identify the data to be submitted which should include, as appropriate, a system description together with evidence resulting from the activities defined in the following paragraphs.*

b. *Aircraft Qualification.*

i. *Compliance with the airworthiness requirements for intended function and safety may be demonstrated by equipment qualification, system safety analysis, confirmation of appropriate software design assurance level (i.e. consistent with paragraph 68 and if applicable paragraph 71), performance analyses, and a combination of ground and flight tests. To support the approval application, design data will need to be submitted showing that the objectives and criteria of paragraph 54-71 of this AIC have been satisfied.*

ii. *Use of the RNAV systems and the manner of presentation of lateral and vertical guidance information on the flight deck must be evaluated to show that the risk of flight crew error has been minimised. In particular, during the transition to the final approach, the display of ILS or other approved landing system information simultaneously with RNAV information to a flight crew member will need careful consideration.*

iii. *Equipment failure scenarios involving conventional navigation sensors and the RNAV system(s) must be evaluated to demonstrate that adequate alternative means of navigation are available following failure of the RNAV system, and that reversionary switching arrangements do not lead to misleading or unsafe display configurations. The evaluation must consider also the probability of failures within the switching arrangements.*

iv. *The coupling arrangements for the RNAV system to flight director/automatic pilot must be evaluated to show compatibility and that operating modes, including RNAV system failures modes and RNP alerts, are clearly and unambiguously indicated to the flight crew.*

v. *To comply with paragraph 70, Table 1, item 20. (in particular when intercepting a CF leg) must be shown to be possible without the need for manual intervention, i.e. without disengaging the RNAV mode, and then a manual course selection. This does not preclude means for manual intervention when needed.*

vi. *MEL requirements and maintenance procedures should be consistent with the aircraft RNP systems availability and performance requirements.*

EXISTING INSTALLATIONS

76. *The applicant will need to submit to the SACAA, a compliance statement which shows how the criteria of this AIC have been satisfied for existing installations. Compliance may be established by inspection of the installed system to confirm the availability of required features and functionality. The performance and integrity criteria of Paragraphs 51 to 67 may be confirmed by reference to statements in the Aircraft Flight Manual or to other applicable approvals and supporting certification data. In the absence of such evidence, supplementary analyses and/or tests will be required. Paragraph 80 addresses Aircraft Flight Manual changes that might be necessary.*

DATABASE INTEGRITY

77. *The navigation database should be shown to comply with EUROCAE ED-76/RTCA DO- 200A, or equivalent approved procedures.*

USE OF GPS

78. *The sensor must comply with the guidelines in AC 20-138(). For systems that comply with AC 20-138(), the following sensor accuracies can be used in the total system accuracy analysis without additional substantiation: GPS sensor accuracy is better than 36 meters (95%), and augmented GPS (GBAS or SBAS) sensor accuracy is better than 2 meters (95%).*

79. *In the event of a latent GPS satellite failure and marginal GPS satellite geometry (e.g. Horizontal Integrity Limit (HIL) equal to the horizontal alert limit), the probability that the aircraft remains within the obstacle clearance volume used to evaluate the procedure must be greater than 95% (both laterally and vertically).*

Note: GNSS-based sensors output a HIL, also known as a Horizontal Protection Level (HPL) (see FAA AC 20-138A Appendix 1 and RTCA/DO-229C for an explanation of these terms). The HIL is a measure of the position estimation error assuming a latent failure is present. In lieu of a detailed analysis of the effects of latent failures on the total system error, an acceptable means of compliance for GNSS-based systems is to ensure the HIL remains less than twice the navigation accuracy, minus the 95% of FTE, during the RNP AR operation.

USE OF INERTIAL REFERENCE SYSTEM (IRS)

80. *An inertial reference system must satisfy the criteria of US 14 CFR part 121, Appendix G, or equivalent. While Appendix G defines the requirement for a 2 NM per hour drift rate (95%) for flights up to 10 hours, this rate may*

not apply to an RNAV system after loss of position updating. Systems that have demonstrated compliance with FAR Part 121, Appendix G can be assumed to have an initial drift rate of 8 NM/hour for the first 30 minutes (95%) without further substantiation. Aircraft manufacturers and applicants can demonstrate improved inertial performance in accordance with the methods described in Appendix 1 or 2 of FAA Order 8400.12A.

Note 1: Integrated GPS/INS position solutions reduce the rate of degradation after loss of position updating. For "tightly coupled" GPS/IRUs, RTCA/DO-229C, Appendix R, provides additional guidance.

Note 2: INS/IRS by itself is not considered suitable for the types of RNP applications described herein. However, it is recognised that many multi-sensor navigation systems utilise INS/IRS within their navigation calculations to provide continuity when the other higher accuracy sensor(s) are momentarily unavailable.

USE OF DISTANCE MEASURING EQUIPMENT (DME)

81. *Initiation of all RNP AR procedures is based on GNSS updating. Except where specifically designated on a procedure as Not Authorised, DME/DME updating can be used as a reversionary mode during the approach or missed approach when the system complies with the RNP. Aircraft manufacturer and applicants should identify any constraints on the DME infrastructure or the procedure for a given aircraft to comply with this requirement.*

Note 1: In general, Distance Measurement Equipment (DME) (i.e. position updating from two or more ground stations, DME/DME) will not be sufficient to achieve RNP AR operations where the performance required is less than 0.3 NM. However, where DME is sufficient, it is expected that they meet ICAO Annex 10 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation and are listed in the AIP.

USE OF VHF OMNI-DIRECTIONAL RANGE STATION (VOR)

82. *For the initial RNP AR implementation, the RNAV system may not use VOR updating. The manufacturer should identify any constraints on the VOR infrastructure or the procedure for a given aircraft to comply with this requirement.*

Note: This requirement does not imply an equipment capability must exist providing a direct means of inhibiting VOR updating. A procedural means for the flight crew to inhibit VOR updating or executing a missed approach if reverting to VOR updating may meet this requirement.

INTERMIXING OF EQUIPMENT

83. *Installation of area navigation systems with different crew interfaces can be very confusing and can lead to problems when they have conflicting methods of operation and conflicting display formats. There can be problems even when intermixing different versions of the same equipment. For approach operations, intermixing of RNAV equipment will only be permitted when specific factors have been addressed satisfactorily. As a minimum, consideration must be given to the following potential incompatibilities particularly where the flight deck architecture includes cross coupling capabilities (e.g. GNSS-2 switched to drive the number 1 displays).*

a. *Data entry: The two systems must have consistent methods of data entry, and similar pilot procedures for accomplishing common tasks. Any differences should be evaluated for pilot workload. If the wrong procedures are used, (for example, the data entry procedures for the offside system are used by mistake for the onside), there must be no misleading information and it must be easy to identify and recover from the mistake.*
b. *CDI scaling: Sensitivity must be consistent or annunciated.*
c. *Display symbology and mode annunciation: There must be no conflicting symbols or annunciation (e.g. a common symbol used for two different purposes), and differences should be specifically evaluated to evaluate the potential confusion they may cause.*
d. *Mode logic: The modes internal to the equipment and their interface to the rest of the aircraft must be consistent.*
e. *Equipment failure: The effect of failure of one unit must not result in misleading information.*
f. *Displayed data: The display of primary navigation parameters must use consistent units and a consistent notation.*
g. *Database differences: Due to the inherent data conflict, differences in the area navigation database will not be permitted.*

AIRCRAFT FLIGHT MANUAL/PILOT OPERATING HANDBOOK

84. *For new or modified aircraft, the Aircraft Flight Manual (AFM) or the Pilot's Operating Handbook (POH), whichever is applicable, should provide at least the following information:*

a. *A statement which identifies the equipment and aircraft build or modification standard certificated for RNP operation or having specific statement of RNP capability. This may include a very brief description of the RNAV/GNSS system, including the RNAV/GNSS airborne equipment software version, CDI/HSI equipment and installation and a statement that it is suitable for RNP operations.*
b. *Appropriate amendments or supplements to cover RNP operations in the following sections:*

i. *Limitations – including use of FD and AP; currency of navigation database; crew verification of navigation data; availability of RAIM or equivalent function; restrictions on use of GNSS for conventional Non Precision Approaches.*
ii. *Normal Procedures.*
iii. *Abnormal Procedures – including actions in response to a Loss of Integrity (e.g. 'RAIM Position Warning', (or equivalent) message or a 'RAIM not available', (or equivalent) message or ' UNABLE REQ NAV PE RF', 'NAV ACCUR DOWNGRAD', (or equivalent) or other RNP messages).*

Note: This limited set assumes that a detailed description of the installed system and related operating instructions and procedures are available in other approved operational or training manuals.

OPERATIONAL CRITERIA

GENERAL

85. *This section plus the considerations provided in APPENDIX 3 are provided to assist an operator in developing the necessary processes and materials supporting their application for an operational approval to conduct RNP AR operations. This includes standard operating procedures, flight operations documentation and training package. The operational criteria assume that the corresponding installation/airworthiness approval has been granted by the Agency.*

86. *Operations of the RNAV system should be in accordance with the AFM or AFM supplement. The (Master) Minimum Equipment List (MMEL/MEL) should be amended to identify the minimum equipment necessary to satisfy operations using the RNAV system.*

FLIGHT OPERATIONS DOCUMENTATION

87. *The relevant parts and sections of the Operations Manual and check lists must be revised to take account of the operating procedures detailed below (Normal Procedures and Abnormal Procedures). The operator must make timely amendments to the Operations Manual to reflect relevant RNAV AR procedure and database checking strategies. Manuals and check lists need to be submitted for review by the responsible authority as part of the approval process.*

88. *The aircraft operator should propose an amendment to the Minimum Equipment List (MEL) appropriate to RNP AR operations.*

QUALIFICATION AND TRAINING

89. *Each pilot should receive appropriate training, briefings and guidance material in order to safely conduct RNP AR procedures. The material and training should cover the normal and abnormal procedures. Standard training and checking such as recurrent training and proficiency checks should include RNP procedures. Based on this, the operator should determine what constitutes a qualified crew.*

90. *The operator should ensure that effective methods are used to implement applicable RNP AR procedures to ensure that in line operations each pilot can perform assigned duties reliably and expeditiously for each procedure to be flown, both in normal circumstances, and for probable non-normal circumstances. Additional guidance is provided in APPENDIX 2 and 3, as well as the RNP AR APCH navigation specification contained in the ICAO Performance Based Navigation Manual, Volume II.*

NAVIGATION DATABASE MANAGEMENT

INITIAL DATA VALIDATION

91. *The operator must validate every RNP AR procedure before flying the procedure in instrument meteorological conditions (IMC) to ensure compatibility with their aircraft and to ensure the resulting path matches the published procedure. As a minimum, the operator must:*

a. *Compare the navigation data for the procedure(s) to be loaded into the flight management system with the published procedure.*
b. *Validate the loaded navigation data for the procedure, either in a simulator or in the actual aircraft in visual meteorological conditions (VMC). The depicted procedure on the map display must be compared to the published procedure. The entire procedure must be flown to ensure the path is flyable, does not have any apparent lateral or vertical path disconnects, and is consistent with the published procedure.*
c. *Once the procedure is validated, retain and maintain a copy of the validated navigation data for comparison to subsequent data updates.*

OPERATOR INVOLVED IN THE OPERATION OF AEROPLANES FOR COMMERCIAL AIR TRANSPORTAION

92. *EU-OPS 1.873 for the management of navigation database applies.*

OPERATOR NOT INVOLVED IN THE OPERATION OF AEROPLANES FOR COMMERCIAL AIR TRANSPORTATION

93. *The operators should not use a navigation database for RNP APCH operations unless the navigation database supplier holds a Type 2 Letter of Acceptance (LoA) or equivalent.*

94. *An EASA Type 2 LoA is issued by EASA in accordance with EASA OPINION Nr. 01/2005 on "The Acceptance of Navigation Database Suppliers" dated 14 Jan 05. The FAA issues a Type 2 LoA in accordance with AC 20-153, while Transport Canada (TCCA) is issues an Acknowledgement Letter of an Aeronautical Data Process using the same basis. Both the FAA LoA and the TCCA Acknowledgement Letter are seen to be equivalent to the EASA LoA.*

95. *EUROCAE/RTCA document ED-76/DO-200A Standards for Processing Aeronautical Data contains guidance relating to the processes that the supplier may follow. The LoA demonstrates compliance with this standard.*

NON-APPROVED SUPPLIERS

96. *If the operator's supplier does not hold a Type 2 LoA or equivalent, the operator should not use the electronic navigation data products unless the Authority has approved the operator's procedures for ensuring that the process applied and the delivered products have met equivalent standards of integrity.*

QUALITY MONITORING

97. *The operator should continue to monitor both the process and the products i n accordance with the quality system required by the applicable operational regulations.*

DATA DISTRIBUTION

98. *The operator should implement procedures that ensure timely distribution and insertion of current and unaltered electronic navigation data to all aircraft that require it.*

AIRCRAFT MODIFICATIONS

99. *If an aircraft system required for RNP AR operations is modified (e.g. software change), the operator is responsible for validation of RNP AR procedures with the navigation database and the modified system. This may be accomplished without any direct evaluation if the manufacturer verifies that the modification has no effect on*

the navigation database or path computation. If no such assurance from the manufacturer is available, the operator must conduct initial data validation with the modified system.

REPORTABLE EVENTS

100. *A reportable event is one that adversely affects the safety of the operation and may be caused by actions/events external to the operation of the aircraft navigation system. The operator should have in place a system for investigating such an event to determine if it is due to an improperly coded procedure, or a navigation data base error. Responsibility for initiating corrective action rests with the operator.*

101. *For those operators for whom approval is granted under EU OPS-1, following events should be the subject of Occurrence Reports.*

102. *Technical defects and the exceeding of technical limitations, including:*

a. *Significant navigation errors attributed to incorrect data or a database coding error.*
b. *Unexpected deviations in lateral/vertical flight path not caused by pilot input or erroneous operation of equipment.*
c. *Significant misleading information without a failure warning.*
d. *Total loss or multiple navigation equipment failure.*
e. *Loss of integrity (e.g. RAIM) function whereas integrity was predicted to be available during the pre-flight planning.*

FLEET APPROVALS

103. *Normally, operational approvals for RNAV AR Procedures will be fleet specific.*

RNP MONITORING PROGRAMME

104. *The operator should have an RNP monitoring programme to ensure continued compliance with the guidance of this AMC and to identify any negative trends in performance. At a minimum, this programme must address the following information.*

105. *During the initial 90 day interim approval period, the operator must submit the following information every 30 days to the authority granting their authorisation. Thereafter, the operator must continue to collect and periodically review this data to identify potential safety concerns, and maintain summaries of this data.*

a. Total number of RNP AR procedures conducted
b. Number of satisfactory approaches by aircraft/system (Satisfactory if completed as planned without any navigation or guidance system anomalies)
c. Reasons for unsatisfactory approaches, such as:
i. UNABLE REQ NAV PERF, NAV ACCUR DOWNGRAD, or other RNP messages during approaches
ii. Excessive lateral or vertical deviation
iii. TAWS warning
iv. Autopilot system disconnect
v. Nav data errors
vi. Pilot report of any anomaly
d. Crew comments

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS

106. *JAA documents are available from the JAA publisher Information Handling Services (IHS). Information on prices, where and how to order is available on the JAA website and at www.jaa.nl.*

107. *EASA documents may be obtained from EASA (European Aviation Safety Agency), 101253, D50452 Koln, Germany. Website: www.easa.europa.eu.*

108. *EUROCAE documents may be purchased from EUROCAE, 102 rue Etienne Dolet, 92240 MALAKOFF, France (Fax: 33 1 46 55 62 65). Website: http://boutique.eurocae.net/catalog/.*

109. *FAA documents may be obtained from Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 204029325, USA. Website: http://www.gpoaccess.gov/.*

110. *RTCA documents may be obtained from RTCA Inc, 1828 L Street, NW., Suite 805, Washington, DC 20036, USA (Tel: 1 202 833 9339; Fax 1 202 833 9434). Website: www.rtca.org.*

111. *ICAO documents may be purchased from Document Sales Unit, International Civil Aviation Organisation, 999 University Street, Montreal, Quebec, Canada H3C 5H7, (Fax: 1 514 954 6769, email: sales unit@icao.org).*

Further notices in respect of implementation will follow.

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APPENDIX 1: GLOSSARY

The following are definitions of key terms used throughout this AIC.

Area navigation (RNAV): *A method of navigation which permits aircraft operation on any desired flight path within the coverage of stationreferenced navigation aids or within the limits of the capability of selfcontained aids, or a combination of these.*

Note: RNAV functional capability is typically viewed as navigation operations in the horizontal plane, which is known also as Lateral Navigation Mode. However, an RNAV system may include functional capabilities for operations in the vertical plane, known as Vertical Navigation Mode.

Accuracy: *The degree of conformance between the estimated, measured, or desired position and/or the velocity of a platform at a given time, and its true position or velocity. Navigation performance accuracy is usually presented as a statistical measure of system error and is specified as predictable, repeatable and relative.*

Availability: *An indication of the ability of the system to provide usable service within the specified coverage area and is defined as the portion of time during which the system is to be used for navigation during which reliable navigation information is presented to the crew, automatic pilot, or other system managing the flight of the aircraft.*

Continuity of Function: *The capability of the total system (comprising all elements necessary to maintain aircraft position within the defined airspace) to perform its function without nonscheduled interruptions during the intended operation.*

Integrity: *The ability of a system to provide timely warnings to users when the system should not be used for navigation.*

Receiver Autonomous Integrity Monitoring (RAIM): *A technique whereby a GNSS receiver/processor determines the integrity of the GNSS navigation signals using only GPS signals or GPS signals augmented with altitude. This determination is achieved by a consistency check among redundant pseudorange measurements. At least one satellite in addition to those required for navigation should be in view for the receiver to perform the RAIM function.*

Vertical Navigation: *A method of navigation which permits aircraft operation on a vertical flight profile using altimetry sources, external flight path references, or a combination of these.*

The following acronyms are used in the document:

AFM	*Aircraft Flight Manual*
AGL	*Above Ground level*
AIP	*Aeronautical Information Publication*
AIRAC	*Aeronautical information regulation and control*
AP	*Autopilot*
APCH	*Approach*
AR	*Authorisation Required*
ATC	*Air Traffic Control*
ATS	*Air Traffic Service*
BARO	*Barometric*
CAT	*Category*
CDI	*Course Deviation Indicator*
CF	*Course to Fix*
CRM	*Collision risk model*
CRM	*Crew resource management*
DA/H	*Descent Altitude/Height*
DF	*Direct to Fix*
DME	*Distance Measuring Equipment*
EC	*European Commission*
EFIS	*Electronic flight instrument system*
EGNOS	*European Geostationary Navigation Overlay Service*
ETA	*Estimated Time of Arrival*
EU	*European Union*
FAF	*Final Approach Fix*
FD	*Flight Director*
FOM	*Flight Operations Manual*
FMC	*Flight Management Computer*
FMS	*Flight Management System*
F/O	*First Officer*
FOSA	*Flight Operations Safety Assessment*

FTE	*Flight Technical Error*
GBAS	*Ground-based augmentation system*
GNSS	*Global Navigation Satellite System*
GPS	*Global Positioning System*
GPWS	*Ground Proximity Warning System*
HIL	*Horizontal Integrity Limit*
HSI	*Horizontal situation indicator*
IAF	*Initial Approach Fix*
IAP	*Instrument approach procedure*
ICAO	*International Civil Aviation Organisation*
IFR	*Instrument Flight Rules*
ILS	*Instrument Landing System*
IMC	*Instrument meteorological conditions*
INS	*Inertial Navigation System*
IRS	*Inertial Reference System*
IRU	*Inertial Reference Unit*
ISA	*International standard atmosphere*
KIAS	*Knots indicated airspeed*
LoA	*Letter of Acceptance*
LOE	*Line Oriented Evaluation*
LOFT	*Line Oriented Flight Training*
LNAV	*Lateral Navigation*
MASPS	*Minimum Aviation System Performance Standards*
MEL	*Minimum Equipment List*
MMEL	*Master Minimum Equipment List*
NAV	*Navigation*
NM	*Nautical Mile*
NOTAM	*Notice to Airmen*
OEI	*One Engine Inoperative*
OEM	*Original Equipment Manufacture*
PBN	*Performance Based Navigation*
PC	*Proficiency Check*
POH	*Pilot Operating Handbook*
PT	*Proficiency Training*
RAIM	*Receiver Autonomous Integrity Monitoring*
RF	*Radius to Fix*
RNAV	*Area Navigation*
RNP	*Required Navigation Performance*
RTA	*Required Time of Arrival*
SBAS	*Satellite-based augmentation system*
SSA	*System Safety Assessments*
STC	*Supplemental Type Certificates*
TAWS	*Terrain Awareness Warning System*
TC	*Type Certificates*
TERPS	*Terminal Instrument Procedures*
TF	*Track to Fix*
TLS	*Target Level Of Safety*
TOGA	*Take off/Go around*
VDI	*Vertical Deviation Indicator*
VEB	*Vertical Error Budget*
VMC	*visual meteorological conditions*
VNAV	*Vertical Navigation*
VOR	*VHF Omni-directional Range*
WGS	*World Geodetic System*

APPENDIX 2: TRAINING AND CREW QUALIFICATION ISSUES

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The operator must provide training for key personnel (e.g. flight crewmembers and dispatchers) in the use and application of RNP AR procedures. A thorough understanding of the operational procedures and best practices is critical to the safe operation of aircraft during RNP AR operations. This programme must provide sufficient detail on the aircraft's navigation and flight control systems to enable the pilots to identify failures affecting the aircrafts RNP capability and the appropriate abnormal/emergency procedures. Required training must include both knowledge and skill assessments of the crewmembers and dispatchers duties.

1.2 ***FLIGHT CREW TRAINING***

1.2.1 *Each operator is responsible for the training of flight crews for the specific RNP AR operations exercised by the operator. The operator must include training on the different types of RNP AR procedures and required equipment. Training must include discussion of RNP AR regulatory requirements. The operator must include these requirements and procedures in their flight operations and training manuals (as applicable). This material must cover all aspects of the operator's RNP AR operations including the applicable AR authorisation. An individual must have completed the appropriate ground and or flight training segment before engaging in RNP AR operations.*

1.2.2 *Flight training segments must include training and checking modules representative of the type of RNP AR operations the operator conducts during line flying activities. Many operators may train for RNP AR procedures under the established training standards and provisions for any advanced qualification programmes. They may conduct evaluations in Line Oriented Flight Training (LOFT) scenarios, selected event training scenarios or in a combination of both. The operator may conduct required flight-training modules in Flight Training Devices, Aircraft Simulators, and other enhanced training devices as long as these training mediums accurately replicate the operator's equipment and RNP AR operations.*

1.3 ***FLIGHT CREW QUALIFICATION TRAINING***

1.3.1 *Operators must address initial RNP AR training and qualifications during initial, transition, upgrade, recurrent, differences, or stand-alone training and qualification programmes in a respective qualification category. The qualification standards assess each pilot's ability to properly understand and use RNP AR procedures. The operator must also develop recurrent qualification standards to ensure their flight crews maintain appropriate RNP AR knowledge and skills (RNP AR Recurrent Qualification).*

1.3.2 *Operators may address RNP AR operation topics separately or integrate them with other curriculum elements. For example, an RNP AR flight crew qualification may key on a specific aircraft during transition, upgrade, or differences courses. General training may also address RNP AR qualification (e.g. during recurrent training or checking events such as recurrent proficiency check/proficiency training (PC/PT), line oriented evaluation (LOE) or special purpose operational training. A separate, independent RNP AR qualification programme may also address RNP AR training (e.g. by completion of a special RNP AR curriculum at an operator's training centre or at designated crew bases).*

1.3.3 *Operators intending to receive credit for RNP training, when their proposed programme relies on previous training (e.g. Special RNP IAP's) must receive specific authorisation from their approving authority. In addition to the current RNP training programme, the operator will need to provide differences training between existing training programme and the RNP AR training requirements.*

1.4 ***FLIGHT DISPATCHER TRAINING***

1.4.1 *Training for flight dispatchers must include: training on the different types of RNP AR procedures, the importance of specific navigation equipment and other equipment during RNP AR operations and discuss RNP AR regulatory requirements and procedures. Dispatcher procedure and training manuals must include these requirements (as applicable). This material must cover all aspects of the operator's RNP AR operations including the applicable authorisation. An individual must have completed the appropriate training course before engaging in RNP AR operations. Additionally, the dispatchers' training must address how to determine: RNP AR availability (considering aircraft equipment capabilities), MEL requirements, aircraft performance, and navigation signal availability (e.g. GPS RAIM/predictive RNP capability tool) for destination and alternate airports.*

2. ***GROUND TRAINING SEGMENTS***

2.1 *Ground training segments must address the following subjects as training modules in approved RNP AR academic training during the initial introduction of a crewmember to RNP AR systems and operations. For recurrent programmes, the curriculum need only review initial curriculum requirements and address new, revised, or emphasised items.*

2.2 ***GENERAL CONCEPTS OF RNP AR OPERATION***

2.3 *RNP AR academic training must cover RNP AR systems theory to the extent appropriate to ensure proper operational use. Flight crews must understand basic concepts of RNP AR systems operation, classifications, and limitations. The training must include general knowledge and operational application of RNP AR instrument approach procedures. This training module must address the following specific elements:*

2.3.1 *Definitions of RNAV, RNAV (GPS), RNP, RNP AR, RAIM, and containment areas.*

2.3.2 *The differences between RNAV and RNP.*

2.3.3 *The types of RNP AR approach procedures and familiarity with the charting of these procedures.*

2.3.4 *The programming and display of RNP and aircraft specific displays (e.g. Actual Navigation Performance).*

2.3.5 *How to enable and disable the navigation updating modes related to RNP.*

2.3.6 *RNP values appropriate for different phases of flight and RNP AR instrument procedures and how to select (if required).*

2.3.7 *The use of GPS RAIM (or equivalent) forecasts and the effects of RAIM "holes" on RNP AR procedures (flight crew and dispatchers).*

2.3.8 *When and how to terminate RNP navigation and transfer to traditional navigation due to loss of RNP and/or required equipment.*

2.3.9 *How to determine if the FMC database is current and contains required navigational data.*

2.3.10 *Explanation of the different components that contribute to the total system error and their characteristics (e.g. effect of temperature on BARO-VNAV, drift characteristics when using IRU with no radio updating, considerations in making suitable temperature corrections for altimeter systems).*

2.3.11 *Temperature Compensation. Flight crews operating avionics systems with compensation for altimetry errors introduced by deviations from ISA may disregard the temperature limits on RNP AR procedures, if pilot training on use of the temperature compensation function is provided by the operator and the compensation function is utilised by the crew. However the training must also recognise the temperature compensation by the system is applicable to the VNAV guidance and is not a substitute for the flight crew compensating for the cold temperature effects on minimum altitudes or the decision altitude.*

2.3.12 *The effect of wind on aircraft performance during RNP AR procedures and the need to positively remain within RNP containment area, including any operational wind limitation and aircraft configuration essential to safely complete an RNP AR procedure.*

2.3.13 *The effect of groundspeed on compliance with RNP AR procedures and bank angle restrictions that may impact the ability to remain on the course centreline. For RNP procedures aircraft are expected to maintain the standard speeds associated with applicable category.*

2.3.14 *Relationship between RNP and the appropriate approach minima line on an approved published RNP AR procedure and any operational limitations if the available RNP degrades or is not available prior to an approach (this should include flight crew procedures outside the FAF versus inside the FAF).*

2.3.15 *Understanding alerts that may occur from the loading and use of improper RNP values for a desired segment of an RNP AR procedure.*

2.3.16 *Understanding the performance requirement to couple the autopilot/flight director to the navigation system's lateral guidance on RNP AR procedures requiring an RNP of less than RNP 0.3.*

2.3.17 *The events that trigger a missed approach when using the aircraft's RNP capability to complete an RNP AR procedure.*

2.3.18 *Any bank angle restrictions or limitations on RNP AR procedures.*

2.3.19 *Ensuring flight crews understand the performance issues associated with reversion to radio updating, know any limitations on the use of DME and VOR updating.*

2.4 ***ATC COMMUNICATION AND COORDINATION FOR USE OF RNP AR***

2.5 *Ground training must instruct the flight crews on proper flight plan classifications and any Air Traffic Control (ATC) procedures applicable to RNP AR operations. The flight crews must receive instruction on the need to advise ATC immediately when the performance of the aircraft's navigation system is no longer suitable to support continuation of an RNP AR procedure. Flight crews must also know what navigation sensors form the basis for their RNP AR compliance, and they must be able to assess the impact of failure of any avionics or a known loss of ground systems on the remainder of the flight plan.*

2.6 ***RNP AR EQUIPMENT COMPONENTS, CONTROLS, DISPLAYS, AND ALERTS***

2.7 *Academic training must include discussion of RNP terminology, symbology, operation, optional controls, and display features including any items unique to an operator's implementation or systems. The training must address applicable failure alerts and limitations. The flight crews and dispatchers should achieve a thorough understanding of the equipment used in RNP operations and any limitations on the use of the equipment during those operations.*

2.8 ***AFM INFORMATION AND OPERATING PROCEDURES***

2.9 *The AFM or other aircraft eligibility evidence must address normal and abnormal flight crew operating procedures, responses to failure alerts, and any limitations, including related information on RNP modes of operation. Training must also address contingency procedures for loss or degradation of RNP capability. The flight operations manuals approved for use by the flight crews (e.g. Flight Operations Manual (FOM) or Pilot Operating Handbook (POH)) should contain this information.*

2.9.1 *Temporary Limitations on Minima. Where Operators are new to RNP operations and whose initial application is for RNP < 0.3, it is appropriate to establish a temporary limitation for minima consistent with RNP 0.3, until operational experience is gained. This period could be based upon time (i.e. 90 days) and/or number of conducted operations (e.g. 100 RNP approaches), as agreed upon by the regulator and operator.*

2.10 ***MEL OPERATING PROVISIONS***

2.11 *Flight crews must have a thorough understanding of the MEL requirements supporting RNP AR operations.*

3. ***FLIGHT TRAINING SEGMENTS***

3.1 *In addition to the academic training, the flight crews must receive appropriate operational use training. Training programmes must cover the proper execution of RNP AR procedures in concert with the OEM's documentation. The operational training must include RNP AR procedures and limitations; standardisation of the set-up of the cockpit's electronic displays during an RNP AR procedure; recognition of the aural advisories, alerts and other annunciations that can impact compliance with an RNP AR procedure; and the timely and correct responses to loss of RNP AR capability in a variety of scenarios embracing the breadth of the RNP AR procedures the operator plans to complete. Such training may also use approved flight training devices or simulators. This training must address the following specific elements:*

3.1.1 *Procedures for verifying that each pilot's altimeter has the current setting before beginning the final approach of an RNP AR procedure, including any operational limitations associated with the source(s) for the altimeter setting and the latency of checking and setting the altimeters for landing.*

3.1.2 *Use of aircraft RADAR, TAWS, GPWS, or other avionics systems to support the flight crew's track monitoring and weather and obstacle avoidance.*

3.1.3 *Concise and complete flight crew briefings for all RN P AR procedures and the important role Cockpit Resource Management (CRM) plays in successfully completing an RNP AR procedure.*

3.1.4 *The importance of aircraft configuration to ensure the aircraft maintains any required speeds during RNP AR procedures.*

3.1.5 *The potentially detrimental effect of reducing the flap setting, reducing the bank angle or increasing airspeeds may have on the ability to comply with an RNP AR procedure.*

3.1.6 *Develop flight crew knowledge and skills necessary to properly conduct RNP AR operations (RNP AR Procedure Training).*

3.1.7 *Ensure flight crews understand and are capable of programming and operating the FMC, autopilot, auto-throttles, RADAR, GPS, INS, EFIS (including the moving map), and TAWS in support of RNP AR procedures.*

3.1.8 *Handling of TOGA while in a turn.*

3.1.9 *Monitoring of FTE and related go-around operation.*

3.1.10 *Handling of loss of GPS during a procedure.*

3.1.11 *Flight crew contingency procedures for a loss of RNP capability during a missed approach. Due to the lack of navigation guidance, the training should emphasise the flight crew contingency actions that achieve separation from terrain and obstacles. The operator should tailor these contingency procedures to their specific, approved AR procedures.*

3.1.12 *As a minimum, each pilot must complete two RNP approach procedures that employ the unique AR characteristics of the operator's approved procedures (i.e., RF legs, RNP missed). One procedure must culminate in a transition to landing and one procedure must culminate in execution of an RNP missed approach procedure.*

4. **EVALUATION**

4.1 **INITIAL EVALUATION OF RNP AR KNOWLEDGE AND PROCEDURES**

4.2 The operator must evaluate each individual flight crewmember on their knowledge of RNP AR procedures prior to employing RNP AR procedures. As a minimum, the review must include a thorough evaluation of pilot procedures and specific aircraft performance requirements for RNP AR operations. An acceptable means for this initial assessment includes one of the following:

4.2.1 An evaluation by an examiner using an approved simulator or training device.

4.2.2 An evaluation by an authorised instructor evaluator or check airman during line operations, training flights, PC/PT events, operating experience, route checks, and/or line checks.

4.2.3 Line Oriented Flight Training (LOFT)/Line Oriented Evaluation (LOE). LOFT/LOE programmes using an approved simulator that incorporates RNP AR operations that employ the unique AR characteristics (i.e., RF legs, RNP missed) of the operator's approved procedures.

4.3 **SPECIFIC ELEMENTS THAT MUST BE ADDRESSED IN THIS EVALUATION MODULE ARE:**

4.3.1 Demonstrate the use of any RNP AR limits/minimums that may impact various RNP AR operations.

4.3.2 Demonstrate the application of radio-updating procedures, such as enabling and disabling ground-based radio updating of the FMC (i.e., DME/DME and VOR/DME updating) and knowledge of when to use this feature. If the aircraft's avionics do not include the capability to disable radio updating, then the training must ensure the flight crew is able to accomplish the operational actions that mitigate the lack of this feature.

4.3.3 Demonstrate the ability to monitor the actual lateral and vertical flight paths relative to programmed flight path and complete the appropriate flight crew procedures when exceeding a lateral or vertical FTE limit.

4.3.4 Demonstrate the ability to read and adapt to a RAIM (or equivalent) forecast including forecasts predicting a lack of RAIM availability.

4.3.5 Demonstrate the proper setup of the FMC, the weather RADAR, TAWS, and moving map for the various RNP AR operations and scenarios the operator plans to implement.

4.3.6 Demonstrate the use of flight crew briefings and checklists for RNP AR operations with emphasis on CRM.

4.3.7 Demonstrate knowledge of and ability to perform an RNP AR missed approach procedure in a variety of operational scenarios (i.e., loss of navigation or failure to acquire visual conditions).

4.3.8 Demonstrate speed control during segments requiring speed restrictions to ensure compliance with an RNP AR procedure.

4.3.9 Demonstrate competent use of RNP AR approach plates, briefing cards, and checklists.

4.3.10 Demonstrate the ability to complete a stable RNP AR approach: bank angle, speed control, and remaining on the procedure's centreline.

4.3.11 Know the operational limit for deviation below the desired flight path on an RNP AR approach and how to accurately monitor the aircraft's position relative to vertical flight path.

5. **RECURRENT TRAINING OF RNP AR KNOWLEDGE AND PROCEDURES**

5.1 RNP AR Recurrent Training. The operator should incorporate recurrent RNP training that employs the unique AR characteristics of the operator's approved procedures as part of the overall programme.

5.2 A minimum of two RNP AR approaches must be flown by each pilot for each duty position (pilot flying and pilot monitoring), with one culminating in a landing and one culminating in a missed approach, and may be substituted for any required "precision-like" approach.

NOTE: Equivalent RNP approaches may be credited toward this requirement

APPENDIX 3: RNP OPERATIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

GENERAL

1. *This appendix provides an acceptable means to conduct of RNP operations where authorisation is required (AR). In addition, the operator must continue to ensure they comply with the general RNAV operating requirements; checking Notices to Airmen (NOTAMS), availability of Navigational Aids (NAVAID), airworthiness of aircraft systems, and aircrew qualification.*

2. ***OPERATIONAL CONSIDERATIONS***

2.1 *Minimum Equipment List. Operators minimum equipment list should be developed/revised to address the equipment requirements for RNP instrument approaches. Guidance for these equipment requirements is available from the aircraft manufacturer. The required equipment may depend on the intended navigation accuracy and whether or not the missed approach requires RNP less than 1.0. For example, GNSS and autopilot are typically required for small navigation accuracy. Dual equipment is typically required for approaches when using a line of minima less than RNP-0 . 3 and/or where the missed approach has an RNP less than 1.0. An operable Class A Terrain Awareness Warning System (TAWS) is required for all RNP AR approach procedures. It is recommended that the TAWS use altitude that is compensated for local pressure and temperature effects (e.g. corrected barometric and GNSS altitude), and include significant terrain and obstacle data. The flight crew must be cognisant of the required equipment.*

2.2 *Autopilot and Flight Director. RNP procedures with RNP values less than RNP 0.3 or with RF legs require the use of autopilot or flight director driven by the RNAV system in all cases. Thus, the autopilot/flight director must operate with suitable accuracy to track the lateral and vertical paths required by a specific RNP AR approach procedure. When the dispatch of a flight is predicated on flying an RNP AR approach requiring the autopilot at the destination and/or alternate, the flight crew must determine that the autopilot is installed and operational.*

2.3 *Dispatch RNP Assessment. The operator should have a predictive performance capability, which can determine whether or not the specified RNP will be available at the time and location of a desired RNP operation. This capability can be a ground service and need not be resident in the aircraft's avionics equipment. The operator should establish procedures requiring use of this capability as both a pre-flight dispatch tool and as a flight-following tool in the event of reported failures. The RNP assessment should consider the specific combination of the aircraft capability (sensors and integration), as well as their availability.*

2.3.1 *RNP assessment when GNSS updating. This predictive capability must account for known and predicted outages of GNSS satellites or other impacts on the navigation system's sensors. The prediction programme should not use a mask angle below 5 degrees, as operational experience indicates that satellite signals at low elevations are not reliable. The prediction must use the actual GPS constellation with the (RAIM) (or equivalent) algorithm identical to that used in the actual equipment. For RNP AR approaches with high terrain, use a mask angle appropriate to the terrain.*

2.3.2 *Initially, RNP AR approach procedures require GNSS updating.*

2.4 *NAVAID Exclusion. The operator should establish procedures to exclude NAVAID facilities in accordance with NOTAMs (e.g. DMEs, VORs, localisers). Internal avionics reasonableness checks may not be adequate for RNP operations.*

Navigation Database Currency. During system initialisation, pilots of aircraft equipped with an RNP-certified system, must confirm that the navigation database is current. Navigation databases are expected to be current for the duration of the flight. If the AIRAC cycle will change during flight, operators and pilots must establish procedures to ensure the accuracy of navigation data, including suitability of navigation facilities used to define the routes and procedures for flight. Traditionally, this has been accomplished by verifying electronic data against paper products. One acceptable means is to compare aeronautical charts (new and old) to verify navigation fixes prior to dispatch. If an amended chart is published for the procedure, the database must not be used to conduct the operation.

3. ***FLIGHT CONSIDERATIONS***

3.1 *Modification of Flight Plan. Pilots should not be authorised to fly a published RNP procedure unless it is retrievable by the procedure name from the aircraft navigation database and conforms to the charted procedure. The lateral path must not be modified; with the exception of accepting a clearance to go direct to a fix in the approach procedure that is before the FAF and that does not immediately precede an RF leg. The only other acceptable modification to the loaded procedure is to change altitude and/or airspeed waypoint constraints on the initial, intermediate, or missed approach segments flight plan fixes (e.g. to apply cold temperature corrections or comply with an ATC clearance/instruction).*

3.2 *Required Equipment. The flight crew should have either a required list of equipment for conducting RNP approaches or alternate methods to address in flight equipment failures that would prohibit RNP approaches (e.g. crew warning systems, quick reference handbook).*

3.3 *RNP Management. The flight crew's operating procedures should ensure the navigation system uses the appropriate RNP values throughout the approach. If the navigation system does not extract and set the navigation accuracy from the on-board navigation database for each leg of the procedure, then the flight crew's operating procedures must ensure that the smallest navigation accuracy required to complete the approach or the missed approach is selected before initiating the approach (e.g. before the initial approach fix (IAF)). Different IAF's may have different navigation accuracy, which are annotated on the approach chart.*

3.4 *Loss of RNP. The flight crew must ensure that no loss of RNP annunciation is received prior to commencing the RNP AR approach. During the approach, if at any time a loss of RNP annunciation is received, the flight crew must abandon the RNP AR approach unless the pilot has in sight the visual references required to continue the approach.*

3.5 *Radio Updating. Initiation of all RNP AR procedures is based on GNSS updating. Except where specifically designated on a procedure as Not Authorised, DME/DME updating can be used as a reversionary mode during the approach or missed approach when the system complies with the navigation accuracy. VOR updating is not authorised at this time. The flight crew must comply with the operator's procedures for inhibiting specific facilities.*

3.6 *Approach Procedure Confirmation. The flight crew must confirm that the correct procedure has been selected. This process includes confirmation of the waypoint sequence, reasonableness of track angles and distances, and any other parameters that can be altered by the flight crew, such as altitude or speed constraints. A procedure must not be used if validity of the navigation database is in doubt. A navigation system textual display or navigation map display must be used.*

3.7 *Track Deviation Monitoring. The flight crew must use a lateral deviation indicator, flight director and/or autopilot in lateral navigation mode on RNP AR approach procedures. The flight crew of aircraft with a lateral deviation indicator must ensure that lateral deviation indicator scaling (full-scale deflection) is suitable for the navigation accuracy associated with the various segments of the RNP AR approach procedure. All flight crew are expected to maintain procedure centrelines, as depicted by onboard lateral deviation indicators and/or flight guidance during all RNP operations described in this manual unless authorised to deviate by ATC or under emergency conditions. For normal operations, cross-track error/deviation (the difference between the RNP system computed path and the aircraft position relative to the path) should be limited to the navigation accuracy (RNP) associated with the procedure segment.*

3.8 *Vertical deviation should be monitored above and below the glide-path; The vertical deviation must be within ±75 feet of the glide-path during the final approach segment.*

3.9 *Flight crew must execute a Missed Approach if the lateral deviation exceeds 1xRNP or the vertical deviation exceeds 75 feet, unless the pilot has in sight the visual references required to continue the approach.*

3.9.1 *Where a moving map, low-resolution vertical deviation indicator (VDI), or numeric display of deviations are to be used, flight crew training and procedures must ensure the effectiveness of these displays. Typically, this involves demonstration of the procedure with a number of trained crews and inclusion of this monitoring procedure in the recurrent RNP AR approach training programme.*

3.9.2 *For installations that use a CDI for lateral path tracking, the aircraft flight manual (AFM) or aircraft qualification guidance should state which navigation accuracy and operations the aircraft supports and the operational effects on the CDI scale. The flight crew must know the CDI full-scale deflection value. The avionics may automatically set the CDI scale (dependent on phase of flight) or the flight crew may manually set the scale. If the flight crew manually selects the CDI scale, the operator must have procedures and training in place to assure the selected CDI scale is appropriate for the intended RNP operation. The deviation limit must be readily apparent given the scale (e.g. full-scale deflection).*

3.10 *System Cross-check. For approaches with RNP value less than RNP 0.3, the flight crew should ensure the lateral and vertical guidance provided by the navigation system is consistent with other available data and displays provided by an independent means.*

Note:This cross-check may not be necessary if the lateral and vertical guidance systems have been developed and/or evaluated consistent with extremely remote failure conditions and if the normal system performance supports 1xRNP containment.

3.11 *Procedures with RF Legs. An RNP procedure may require the ability to execute an RF leg to avoid terrain or obstacles. As not all aircraft have this capability, flight crews should be aware of whether or not they can conduct these procedures.*

3.11.1 *If initiating a go-around during or shortly after the RF leg, the flight crew must be aware of the importance of maintaining the published path as closely as possible. Operational procedures are required for aircraft that do not stay in LNAV when a go-around is initiated to ensure the RNP AR APCH ground track is maintained.*

3.11.2 *Pilots must not exceed the maximum airspeeds shown in Table 1 throughout the RF leg segment. For example, a Category C A320 must slow to 160 KIAS at the FAF or may fly as fast as 185 KIAS if using Category D minima. A missed approach prior to DA may require the segment speed for that segment be maintained.*

Indicated Airspeed (Knots)					
Segment	***Indicated Airspeed by Aircraft Category***				
	Cat A	***Cat B***	***Cat C***	***Cat D***	***Cat E***
Initial & Intermediate (IAF to FAF)	*150*	*180*	*240*	*250*	*250*
Indicated Airspeed (Knots)					
Segment	***Indicated Airspeed by Aircraft Category***				
Final (FAF to DA)	*100*	*130*	*160*	*185*	*As Specified*
Missed Approach (DA to MAHP)	*110*	*150*	*240*	*265*	*As Specified*
*Airspeed Restriction**	*As Specified*				

Table 1: Maximum Airspeed by Segment and Category

**Airspeed restrictions may be used to reduce turn radius regardless of aircraft category.*

3.12 *Temperature Compensation. For aircraft with temperature compensation, flight crews may disregard the temperature limits on RNP procedures if the operator provides pilot training on the use of the temperature compensation function. Temperature compensation by the system is applicable to the VNAV guidance and is not a substitute for the flight crew compensating for the cold temperature effects on minimum altitudes or the decision altitude. Flight crews should be familiar with the effects of the temperature compensation on intercepting the compensated path described in EUROCAE ED-75B/RTCA DO- 236B Appendix H.*

3.13 *Altimeter Setting. Due to the performance based obstruction clearance inherent in RNP instrument procedures, the flight crew should verify the most current airport altimeter is set prior to the final approach fix (FAF). Operators should take precautions to switch altimeter settings at appropriate times or locations and request a current altimeter setting if the reported setting may not be recent, particularly at times when pressure is reported or is expected to be rapidly decreasing. Execution of an RNP instrument procedure requires the current altimeter setting for the airport of intended landing. Remote altimeter settings are not allowed.*

3.14 *Altimeter Cross-check. The flight crew should complete an altimetry crosscheck ensuring both pilots' altimeters agree within ±100 feet prior to the final approach fix (FAF) but no earlier than when the altimeters are set for the airport of intended landing. If the altimetry cross-check fails then the procedure must not be continued.*
Note:This operational cross-check is not necessary if the aircraft systems automatically compare the altitudes to within 75 feet.

3.15 *Go-Around or Missed Approach. Where possible, the missed approach will require RNP 1.0. The missed approach portion of these procedures is similar to a missed approach of an RNP APCH procedure. Where necessary, navigation accuracy less than RNP 1.0 will be used in the missed approach. To be approved to conduct these approaches, equipage and procedures must meet criteria in paragraph 71, Table 2 (Requirements for Approaches with Missed Approach less than RNP 1.0).*

3.15.1 *In many aircraft when executing a go-around or missed approach activating Take-off/Go-around (TOGA) may cause a change in lateral navigation. In many aircraft, activating TOGA disengages the autopilot and flight director from LNAV guidance, and the flight director reverts to track-hold derived from the inertial system. LNAV guidance to the autopilot and flight director should be re-engaged as quickly as possible.*

3.15.2 *The flight crew procedures and training must address the impact on navigation capability and flight guidance if the pilot initiates a go-around while the aircraft is in a turn. When initiating an early go-around, the flight crew should follow the rest of the approach track and missed approach track unless issued a different clearance by ATC. The flight crew should also be aware that RF legs are designed based on the maximum true airspeed at normal altitudes, and initiating an early go-around will reduce the manoeuvrability margin and potentially even make holding the turn impractical at missed approach speeds.*

3.15.3 *Upon loss of GNSS updates, the RNAV guidance may begin to "coast" on IRU, if installed, and drift, degrading the navigation position solution. Thus, when the RNP AR APCH missed approach operations rely on IRU "coasting" the inertial guidance can only provide acceptable navigation performance for a specified amount of time.*

3.16 ***Contingency Procedures***

3.16.1 *Failure while En Route. The aircraft RNP capability is dependent on operational aircraft equipment and GNSS satellites. The flight crew should be able to assess the impact of equipment failure on the anticipated RNP approach and take appropriate action.*

3.16.2 Failure on Approach. The operator's contingency procedures should address at least the following conditions:

3.16.2.1 Failure of the RNP system components, including those affecting lateral and vertical deviation performance (e.g. failures of a GPS sensor, the flight director or automatic pilot)

3.16.2.2 Loss of navigation signal-in-space (loss or degradation of external signal)

3.17 Engine-Out Procedures. Aircraft may demonstrate acceptable flight technical error with one engine inoperative to conduct RNP AR operations. Otherwise, flight crews are expected to take appropriate action in event of engine failure during an approach so that no specific aircraft qualification is required. The aircraft qualification should identify any performance limits in event of engine failure to support definition of appropriate flight crew procedures.

APPENDIX 4: ACCEPTABLE METHODS FOR FLIGHT TECHNICAL ERROR ASSESSMENT FOR RNP

1. This appendix outlines criteria for assessment of "Flight Technical Error" (FTE) related to RNP capability and other navigation applications (e.g. instrument approach capability, etc.). These criteria are available for use for FMS/EFIS based applications, RNP applications, or other navigation applications related to this AMC or as otherwise determined to be acceptable by the appropriate regulatory authority. It may be used in lieu of FTE assumptions referenced in other Advisory Circulars.

2. **BACKGROUND**

2.1 45 industry standard default values for FTE e.g. RTCA DO-208, AC20-130, etc are used and present a convenience to an operator or applicant in enabling a quick determination of what combinations of systems, capabilities, features and performance are allowable for the conduct of operations. However, the default value is the dominant error as RNP values are reduced below 0.3 NM. As a result, use of the standard defaults limit the extent that a system may be utilised, i.e. for RNP 0.15 an FTE of 0.125 NM is assumed when coupled to an autopilot. For RNP less than 0.15 NM, the standard FTE values are insufficient such that an aircraft may not be used even with a precision source such as GNSS, until there is a reduction in FTE.

2.2 FTE estimates or assumptions are typically added to navigation system error characteristics to permit specification of "protected airspace" for obstacle clearance or aircraft-to-aircraft separation (using various mathematical statistical methods such as "Root Sum Squared"). Protected airspace may pertain to procedure obstacle clearance surfaces, establishing route or airway widths, setting oceanic track separation values, definition of ICAO Obstacle Clearance Limits, or other similar applications.

2.3 Previous FTE assessments were based on very limited samples of normal performance of a population of aircraft that included "worst case aircraft types and least capable systems" and is not representative of modern, advanced aircraft. This penalises, or does not appropriately credit, modern systems which have resulted in improved FTE performance.

2.4 Further, some assessments of FTE usually consider only "normal performance", and do not appropriately assess path displacements for "rare normal performance" (e.g. strong winds), or "non-normal performance" (e.g. flight path performance related to failures - engine failure while on RF turn, extraction, etc).

3. **OBJECTIVES**

3.1 A major element of aircraft and navigation system performance assessment is the proper characterisation of FTE. This appendix provides uniform criteria for assessing FTE to be used in conjunction with AC120-29A, and other relevant regulatory and industry references.

3.2 This FTE method:

3.2.1 Establishes FTE for modern aircraft in a way that provides improved pilot situation information over that provided in previous generation aircraft,

3.2.2 Comprehensively considers the factors which affect FTE,

3.2.3 Establishes a means to provide credit to an aircraft and navigation system design which includes features which provide for significantly reduced FTE,

3.2.4 Permits improved partitioning of the application and use of FTE between airworthiness assessment, operational authorisation, and procedure development and implementation (e.g. for definition of RNP routes, use of PANS-OPS or TERPS applications etc.),

3.2.5 Provides operational incentives, and consequential design incentives for good FTE performance,

3.2.6 *Allows proactive rather than reactive applications (e.g. eliminate the need for lengthy and costly in service data collection)*

3.2.7 *Properly addresses "real" safety factors related to functional hazard assessments,*

3.2.8 *Establishes consistent application with the desired navigation evolution to RNP, 4D, MASPS, etc.*

3.2.9 *Permits the eventual introduction of new methods of risk assessment (i.e. performance based design) as alternatives to the traditional, conservative methods such as "Collision Risk Model (CRM)", and*

3.2.10 *Facilitates the transition to GPS, GNSS, and other modern navigation techniques.*

4. ***CRITERIA***

4.1 *The criteria in the following sections provide a means for applicants to demonstrate improved FTE performance which may be used in lieu of previous standard FTE assumptions that may not be appropriate for certain modern aircraft and systems.*

4.2 *Items in paragraph 31-48 address FTE demonstration criteria. Items in paragraph 49-53 address acceptable methods for data collection and presentation of results.*

5. ***FTE DEMONSTRATION CRITERIA***

5.1 *USE OF REALISTIC TASKS*

5.1.1 *Tasks selected should address relevant flight phases applicable to the FTE measurements sought (e.g. takeoff, climb, cruise, descent, approach, landing, and missed approach.). Tasks should be realistic in providing appropriate lateral, vertical, and longitudinal elements, even though capability in only one or several dimensions is being assessed. Realistic and representative procedures should be used (e.g., number of waypoints, placement of waypoints, segment geometry, leg types, etc.).*

5.2 *REPRESENTATIVE TEST METHODS AND TEST SUBJECTS*

5.2.1 *TEST METHODS*

5.2.1.1 *An acceptable combination of analysis, simulation, and flight verification should be used to establish alternative FTE performance. A plan acceptable to the appropriate regulatory authority should be provided by the applicant prior to testing.*

5.2.2 *TEST SUBJECTS*

5.2.2.1 *Test crews should represent an appropriate mix of flight experience, currency, and qualification (Captain, F/O, etc.).*

5.2.3 *PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT*

5.2.3.1 *Normal performance (straight and turning flight), Rare Normal Performance (e.g. strong winds and wind gradient effects), and Non-Normal Performance (e.g. engine failure, remote and extremely remote effects) should each be considered. Functional hazard assessments should be the basis for deciding how to assess non-normal performance. Characterisation of performance should address "95%" and "limit performance" for a suitable sample size.*

5.2.3.2 *Emphasis should be on practical and realistic flight scenarios rather than on rigorous statistical demonstrations that may not be representative of "in service" conditions.*

5.2.3.3 *Successful demonstration of procedures intended for terminal area applications (e.g. approach, missed approach) may generally be considered to also cover en-route applications.*

Note: Probable failures are in accordance with AMC 25-1309, and 10-5 per operation.

5.2.3.4 *The demonstration of Flight Technical Error must be completed in a variety of operational conditions; rare-normal conditions and non-normal conditions. This should be documented in the appropriate aircraft operational support document. Realistic and representative procedures should be used (e.g. Number of waypoints, placement of waypoints, segment geometry, leg types, wind etc.). The non-normal assessment should consider the following:*

5.2.3.4.1 *Acceptable criteria to be used for assessing probable failures and engine failure during the aircraft qualification is to demonstrate that the aircraft trajectory is maintained within a 1xRNP corridor laterally and 75 feet vertically.*

5.2.3.4.2 *Acceptable criteria to be used for assessing remote failures during the aircraft qualification is to demonstrate that the aircraft trajectory is maintained within a 2xRNP corridor laterally and 75 feet vertically.*

5.2.3.4.3 *Extremely remote failure cases should be assessed to show that under these conditions the aircraft can be safely extracted from the procedure. Failure cases might include dual system resets, flight control surface runaway and complete loss of flight guidance function while in NAV.*

5.2.3.4.4 *The aircraft performance demonstration during the operational evaluations can be based on a mix of analysis and flight technical evaluation using expert judgment.*

5.2.3.5 *RNP AR procedures with navigation accuracy less than RNP 0.3 or with RF legs require the use of autopilot or flight director driven by the RNAV system in all cases. Thus, the autopilot/flight director must operate with suitable accuracy to track the lateral and vertical paths required by a specific RNP AR approach procedure.*

5.2.4 *REFERENCE PATH SELECTION*

5.2.4.1 *For FTE assessments a nominal path may be used (magenta line) that does not include consideration of specific navigation sensor/system anomalies (e.g. DME updating anomaly characteristics etc.). The applicant should, however, indicate how any FTE effects related to navigation system anomalies, if any, should be operationally addressed.*

6. ***PARAMETERS TO BE MEASURED AND PRESENTATION OF RESULTS***

6.1 *FTE ASSESSMENT PARAMETER MEASUREMENT*

6.1.1 *Parameters measured should include:*

6.1.1.1 *Pertinent lateral and vertical path displacements,*

6.1.1.2 *Longitudinal performance as applicable (speed errors, ETA/RTA errors, etc.),*

6.1.1.3 *Other parameters as necessary to assure realistic operational performance (bank angles, pitch attitudes, thrust changes, track/heading variation, G loading, etc.).*

6.2 *FTE ASSESSMENT METHODS*

6.2.1 *Unless otherwise agreed by the regulator, demonstrations should be based on appropriate simulations, and be verified by flight trials.*

6.3 *FTE ASSESSMENT RESULT PRESENTATION*

6.3.1 *Data may be presented in various AFM provisions related to demonstrated performance for levels of "RNP", instrument approach and landing capability, etc.*

7. ***EXAMPLES OF REGULATORY RESPONSIBILITY FOR ASSESSMENT OF FTE AND USE OF FTE EVALUATION RESULTS***

7.1 *The Agency will:*

7.1.1 *Typically conduct assessments of FTE in conjunction with Type Certification/Supplemental Type Certification (TC/STC) projects, when a TC/STC applicant has made such a request. Special circumstances may exist where assessments acceptable to the Agency will be conducted by other organisations (FAA, etc.),*

7.1.2 *Participate in FTE assessments in conjunction with aircraft certification projects, and assure that appropriate flight standardisation provisions are identified,*

7.1.3 *Assure proper application of FTE as specified in AFMs for particular applications (e.g. RNP authorisations),*

7.1.4 *Address crew qualification requirements necessary to achieve the intended FTE performance.*

8. ***FTE ASSESSMENT PROCESS***

8.1 *Applicants apply through normal channels to the SACAA. The SACAA will evaluate the application for applicable criteria and specific evaluation plans.*

APPENDIX 5: FLIGHT OPERATION SAFETY ASSESSMENTS

1. *The safety objective for RNP AR operations is to provide for safe flight operations. Traditionally, operational safety has been defined by a target level of safety and specified as a risk of collision of 10^{-7} per approach. For RNP AR approaches a flight operational safety assessment (FOSA) methodology may be used. The FOSA is intended to provide a level of flight safety that is equivalent to the traditional TLS, but using methodology oriented to performance-based flight operations. Using the FOSA, the operational safety objective is met by considering more than the aircraft navigation system alone. The FOSA blends quantitative and qualitative*

analyses and assessments for navigation systems, aircraft systems, operational procedures, hazards, failure mitigations, normal, rare-normal and abnormal conditions, hazards, and the operational environment. The FOSA relies on the detailed criteria for aircraft qualification, operator approval and instrument procedure design to address the majority of general technical, procedure and process factors. Additionally, technical and operational expertise and experience are essential to the conduct and conclusion of the FOSA.

2. *An overview of the hazards and mitigations is provided to assist States in applying these criteria. Safety of RNP AR approach operations rests with the operator and the air navigation service provider as described in this chapter.*

3. *A FOSA should conducted for each RNP AR approach procedure where more stringent aspects of the nominal procedure design criteria are applied (e.g. RNP 0.1 missed approach, RF legs, and RNP missed approaches less than 1.0) or where the application of the default procedure design criteria is in an operating environment with special challenges or demands to ensure that for each specific set of operating conditions, aircraft, and environment that all failure conditions are assessed and where necessary mitigations implemented to meet the operational safety objective. The assessment should give proper attention to the inter-dependence of the elements of design, aircraft capability, crew procedures and operating environment.*

4. *The following hazard conditions are examples of some of the more significant hazards and mitigations addressed in the aircraft, operational and procedure criteria:*

4.1 *Normal performance: Lateral and vertical accuracy are addressed in the aircraft requirements, aircraft and systems operate normally in standard configurations and operating modes, and individual error components are monitored/truncated through system design or crew procedure.*

4.2 *Rare-Normal and Abnormal Performance: Lateral and vertical accuracy are evaluated for aircraft failures as part of the determination of aircraft qualification. Additionally, other rare-normal and abnormal failures and conditions for ATC operations, crew procedures, infrastructure and operating environment are also assessed. Where the failure or condition results are not acceptable for continued operation, mitigations are developed or limitations established for the aircraft, crew and/or operation.*

5. ***AIRCRAFT FAILURES***

5.1 *System Failure: Failure of a navigation system, flight guidance system, flight instrument system for the approach, or missed approach (e.g. loss of GNSS updating, receiver failure, autopilot disconnect, FMS failure etc.). Depending on the aircraft, this may be addressed through aircraft design or operational procedure to cross-check guidance (e.g. dual equipage for lateral errors, use of terrain awareness and warning system).*

5.2 *Malfunction of air data system or altimetry: Crew procedure cross-check between two independent systems mitigates this risk.*

6. ***AIRCRAFT PERFORMANCE***

6.1 *Inadequate performance to conduct the approach: the aircraft qualification and operational procedures ensure the performance is adequate on each approach, as part of flight planning and in order to begin or continue the approach. Consideration should be given to aircraft configuration during approach and any configuration changes associated with a go-around (e.g. engine failure, flap retraction, re-engagement of LNAV mode).*

6.2 *Loss of engine: Loss of an engine while on an RNP AR approach is a rare occurrence due to high engine reliability and the short exposure time. Operators will take appropriate action to mitigate the effects of loss of engine, initiating a go-around and manually taking control of the aircraft if necessary.*

7. ***NAVIGATION SERVICES***

7.1 *Use of a navigation aid outside of designated coverage or in test mode: Aircraft requirements and operational procedures have been developed to address this risk.*

7.2 *Navigation database errors: Procedures are validated through flight validation specific to the operator and aircraft, and the operator is required to have a process defined to maintain validated data through updates to the navigation database.*

8. ***ATC OPERATIONS***

8.1 *Procedure assigned to incapable aircraft: Operators are responsible for declining the clearance.*

8.2 *ATC vectors aircraft onto approach such that performance cannot be achieved: ATC training and procedures must ensure obstacle clearance until aircraft is established on the procedure, and ATC should not intercept on or just prior to a curved segments of the procedure.*

9. ***FLIGHT CREW OPERATIONS***

9.1 *Erroneous barometric altimeter setting: Crew entry and cross-check procedures mitigate this risk.*

9.2 *Incorrect procedure selection or loading: crew procedure to verify loaded procedure matches published procedure, aircraft requirement for map display.*

9.3 *Incorrect flight control mode selected: training on importance of flight control mode, independent procedure to monitor for excessive path deviation.*

9.4 *Incorrect RNP entry: crew procedure to verify RNP loaded in system matches the published value.*

9.5 *Go-Around/Missed Approach: Balked landing or rejected landing at or below DA (H).*

9.6 *Poor meteorological conditions: Loss or significant reduction of visual reference that may result in or require a go-around.*

10. ***INFRASTRUCTURE***

10.1 *GNSS satellite failure: This condition is evaluated during aircraft qualification to ensure obstacle clearance can be maintained, considering the low likelihood of this failure occurring.*

10.2 *Loss of GNSS signals: Relevant independent equipage (e.g. IRU) is required for RNP AR approaches with RF legs and approaches where the accuracy for the missed approach is less than 1 NM. For other approaches, operational procedures are used to approximate the published track and climb above obstacles.*

10.3 *Testing of ground Navaid in the vicinity of the approach: Aircraft and operational procedures are required to detect and mitigate this event.*

11. ***OPERATING CONDITIONS***

11.1 *Tailwind conditions: Excessive speed on RF legs will result in inability to maintain track. This is addressed through aircraft requirements on the limits of command guidance, inclusion of 5 degrees of bank manoeuvrability margin, consideration of speed effect and crew procedure to maintain speeds below the maximum authorised.*

11.2 *Wind conditions and effect on flight technical error: nominal flight technical error is evaluated under a variety of wind conditions, and crew procedures to monitor and limit deviations ensure safe operation.*

11.3 *Extreme temperature effects of barometric altitude (e.g. extreme cold temperatures, known local atmospheric or weather phenomena, high winds, severe turbulence etc.): The effect of this error on the vertical path is mitigated through the procedure design and crew procedures, with an allowance for aircraft that compensate for this effect to conduct procedures regardless of the published temperature limit. The effect of this error on minimum segment altitudes and the decision altitude are addressed in an equivalent manner to all other approach operations.*