

## **Why is there a National ConDOR for AD Management?**

Approximately one year ago, we issued an AD ConDOR to determine if the air carriers had implemented the guidance found in Advisory Circular 39-9, Airworthiness Directive Management Process. Specifically, we wanted to know if the air carriers implemented an AD Management process and, if so, did the AD Management process include the six elements identified in AC 39-9.

This is the follow-up action to that AD ConDOR. Although the AD Management process is not mandatory it should provide the air carriers with a robust process to address ADs in a logical and comprehensive manner.

We are reissuing the AD ConDOR to provide data to the ARC Project Team as to how many of the air carriers have implemented an AD Management process and if those air carriers have included the six elements into that process.

### **Background**

Based on widespread flight cancellations in March and April 2008, the United States Department of Transportation tasked an Independent Review Team (IRT) to examine the FAA's safety culture and its implementation of safety management. The IRT published a report documenting 13 recommendations, 2 of which focused on the FAA's management of ADs. The FAA also formed an AD Compliance Review Team (AD CRT) to review the circumstances surrounding compliance issues with a specific AD, and the AD process in general. You can access the reports via the following links:

#### **IRT Report**

<https://intranet.faa.gov/faaemployees/org/staffoffices/agc/new/media/IRT%20Report.pdf>

#### **AD CRT Report**

[http://www.faa.gov/aircraft/air\\_cert/continued\\_operation/media/AD%20Process%20Report%207-08-09.pdf](http://www.faa.gov/aircraft/air_cert/continued_operation/media/AD%20Process%20Report%207-08-09.pdf)

#### **AD 2006-15-15 Report**

[http://www.faa.gov/aircraft/air\\_cert/continued\\_operation/media/AD%202006-15-15%20Report%206-3-09.pdf](http://www.faa.gov/aircraft/air_cert/continued_operation/media/AD%202006-15-15%20Report%206-3-09.pdf)

In August 2009, the FAA chartered the AD Implementation Aviation Rulemaking Committee (AD ARC) to evaluate and address the IRT and AD CRT recommendations relating to ADs. *The AD ARC will issue its final report by August 31, 2011.*

The AD ARC's implementation actions included new or revised FAA and industry guidance and training. One of the AD ARC implementation actions was the publication of Advisory Circular (AC) 39-9, Airworthiness Directives Management Process, issued in June 2011.

*The ARC recommends monitoring the implementation and effectiveness of its products, including completion of any open issues. It has a proposed set of metrics and a case study, the analysis of which may identify a need to amend guidance developed by the ARC.*

*One of the metrics was to determine if the airlines had implemented an AD Management Program. Although the AD is mandatory, the requirement for the AD Management Program is voluntary.*

AFS-300/900, under the direction of the AD ARC created the AD Management ConDOR to help collect data that established a "baseline" regarding the air carrier's AD management program. We are reissuing this AD Management ConDOR to gather current data that will assist in the determining the number of air carriers that have implemented the AD Management program. We will use this data to determine the effectiveness of the guidance published in Advisory Circular 39-9, AD Management, as requested by the AD Aviation Rule Making Committee.

## **Action**

PIs can access the ConDOR as follows:

- Go to the ATOS home page
- Under Quick Links, select "Create ConDOR"
- Select "Load Template"
- Choose the ConDOR from the drop-down list.

**Although this is not mandatory, we request your assistance in collecting this data by completing the ConDOR. Please enter ADMGT2011 in the National use block, and complete by 03/28/2014.**

If you have any questions regarding this ConDOR, contact AFS-300 at 202-385-6426.

Thank you for your support!