

## RA 4956 - Military Continuing Airworthiness Management Organization Tasks Performed by Other Organizations - MRP Part M Subpart G

### Rationale

The Continuing Airworthiness (CAw) management of Air Systems is a complex task, which is to be solely managed by a single organization – namely the Military Continuing Airworthiness Management Organization (Mil CAMO). Many CAw tasks may be conducted by other parties, such as contractors. The mismanagement or the loss of control of these tasks will compromise Air Safety and undermine any Risk to Life arguments presented by the Aviation Duty Holder or Accountable Manager (Military Flying) (AM(MF)). ► **This RA** ◀ requires ► ◀ all Subcontracted CAw tasks remain the responsibility of the Military Continuing Airworthiness Manager (Mil CAM) regardless of who or where they are being conducted, ensuring the Air Systems remain Airworthy.

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### Acceptable Means of Compliance 4956(1)

#### Subcontracting of Military Continuing Airworthiness Management Organization Tasks

1. Where tasks are carried out on behalf of the Mil CAMO by other parties, the Mil CAM **should** ensure that such activity is sufficient to fulfil CAw requirements and that adequate Assurance and control measures are in place.
2. Where another department within the same organization is performing tasks for which the Mil CAMO is responsible ► ◀, eg typically within a Ministry of Defence (MOD) Delivery Team (DT), then the Mil CAM **should** establish a documented agreement with that department to demonstrate sufficient control of their responsibilities. The agreement **should**:
  - a. Explicitly name the department and the Mil CAMO.
  - b. Define what responsibilities the department fulfils on behalf of the Mil CAMO and the post title of the person responsible for their delivery.
  - c. Define the number and Competence of personnel committed to these tasks to the satisfaction of the Mil CAMO<sup>1</sup>.
  - d. Define a ► **procedure** ◀ by which changes to the resourcing of tasks are communicated and agreed.
  - e. Be referenced in the Continuing Airworthiness Management Exposition (CAME).
  - f. ► **Be endorsed by both parties.** ◀
3. Commercial contracts for the completion of Mil CAMO tasks **should not** authorize the Subcontracted organization to further Subcontract elements of the CAw management tasks to other organizations. In this regard however, the documented agreement in paragraph 2 above is not considered a level of commercial contract.
4. Contracts placed for the conduct of Mil CAMO activity **should** guarantee access for the conduct of Quality Audits<sup>2</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> Refer to RA 4945 – Personnel Requirements - MRP Part M Subpart G.

<sup>2</sup> Refer to RA 4951 – Quality System - MRP Part M Subpart G.

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5. ▶ In this RA ◀ the term “another department within the same organization” refers to arrangements that are made across Top Level Budget holders. Within a large contractor organization, the term may be interpreted as being where the department is not under the control of the AM(MF). The intent of the documented agreement is to ensure that the Mil CAMOs are able to demonstrate appropriate ▶ control ◀ of CAw activity on their Air Systems. The documented agreement may be a separate contract referenced in the CAME, or an Annex to the CAME. ▶ ◀

6. Depending on the construct of the organization it may be appropriate for some Mil CAMO functions to be Subcontracted, delegated to, or carried out by, other organizations (MOD or Contractor) on behalf of the Mil CAMO. This may include ▶ Civil Aviation Authority ◀ approved CAMOs<sup>3</sup> ▶ within the defined ◀ scope, conducting tasks on behalf of the Mil CAM.

7. For the avoidance of doubt, the Mil CAM retains responsibility for all Mil CAMO functions irrespective of who is discharging them or where they are being discharged. Eg Mil CAMO tasks may be discharged by a variety of MOD departments such as a DT, and it may be appropriate for these tasks to be Subcontracted ▶ (see paragraph 3) ◀ to commercial organizations. However, the conduct of these ▶ Mil CAMO ◀ tasks remains the responsibility of the Mil CAM and ▶ ◀ may not be further Subcontracted by the contracted commercial entity.

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<sup>3</sup> Refer to ▶ RA 1165 – UK Civil Aviation Authority Oversight of UK Military Registered Air Systems. ◀