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Safety Assessment of National Aircraft (SANA) by the UK CAA Safety Assessment of Foreign Aircraft (SAFA) Team

This Information Notice contains information that is for guidance and/or awareness.

Recipients are asked to ensure that this Information Notice is copied to all members of their staff who may have an interest in the information (including any 'in-house' or contracted maintenance organisations and relevant outside contractors).

Applicability:	
Aerodromes:	All Aerodrome Licence Holders
Air Traffic:	Not primarily affected
Airspace:	Not primarily affected
Airworthiness:	All AOC Holders and Aircraft Operators
Flight Operations:	All AOC Holders and Aircraft Operators
Licensed/Unlicensed Personnel:	All Ground Service Providers

1 Introduction

- 1.1 The UK CAA SAFA (Safety Assessment of Foreign Aircraft) team will carry out a limited number of Safety Assessments of National Aircraft (SANA), i.e. UK operated, ramp inspections on behalf of the CAA Safety and Airspace Regulation Group (SARG).
- 1.2 The purpose of this Information Notice is to make UK Aircraft Operator Certificate (AOC) Holders and Aircraft Operators aware of the process and the use to which the information and findings made during these inspections will be used.

2 Scope

- 2.1 ARO.GEN.205(b)(1) Requires the Competent Authority to carry out ramp inspections including unannounced inspections.
- 2.2 AMC2 ARO.GEN.305(b)(1) Requires that SANA Ramp inspections should comply with the requirements of ARO.RAMP which specifies the requirements for the Safety Assessment of Foreign Aircraft (SAFA), and Safety Assessment of Community Aircraft (SACA).
- 2.3 To assist with the above, the UK CAA SAFA team will carry out a small number of SANA ramp inspections on UK Operators targeting AOC holders.
- 2.4 The exact number will be varied, depending on whether the Operator is regularly inspected in Europe, and if so, the Operator's Ratio, and also the scope of the operation. Repeat

inspections will be carried out on an Operator where inspections result in significant (category 2) or major (category 3) findings.

- 2.5 Inspections will be carried out using the SACA protocol, and hence will assess compliance with EASA Standards. The assessment will be recorded on the standard SAFA/SACA/SANA Proof of Inspection Form, a copy of which will be given to the crew.

3 Recording

- 3.1 The results of the inspections will be uploaded to the EASA SAFA database, but will only be visible to the UK CAA and not other Authorities. They will only be used to assist the UK CAA with its oversight of UK operators.
- 3.2 SANA inspections will not be taken into account when calculating the Operator Ratio or other EASA statistical analyses.

4 Queries

- 4.1 Any queries or requests for further guidance as a result of this communication should be addressed to ISPOperationsManagementTeam@caa.co.uk.

5 Cancellation

- 5.1 This Information Notice will remain in force until further notice.