

**International Maintenance Review Board Policy Board (IMRBPB)  
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**Title:** Introduction of MSG-3 for Rotorcraft

**Submitter:** Rotorcraft MPIG (AgustaWestland, Bell Helicopter, Eurocopter, Sikorsky Aircraft, AVIC Helicopter)

**Issue:**

The existing ATA MSG-3 document was originally intended for fixed wing aircraft. The rotorcraft industry is now using the MSG-3 philosophy to develop their maintenance programmes.

**Problem:**

Portions of the original MSG-3 process do not readily match with rotorcraft design and maintenance practices e.g. different regulatory certification and design requirements, definitions (structural components, dynamic components, operating crew, etc.).

**Recommendation (including Implementation):**

- It is hereby proposed the Rotorcraft specific MSG-3 volume to be added to the ATA MSG-3 document. The attached Draft document volume, based on ATA MSG-3 revision 2011.1, is submitted to the IMRBPB for approval.
- This document is to be owned, managed and published by A4A, and the Helicopter Association International (HAI) will administer R-MPIG activities. The Rotorcraft MPIG will oversee the new document in close communication with the MPIG, and will submit it to the IMRBPB for its formal approval (initial document and revisions).

**IMRBPB Position:**

**Date:** April 24, 2013

**Position:** IMRBPB raised one final comment regarding to the CMR/MSG-3 coordination process. Reference to AC 25-19 should be removed from this process for Volume II.

**Status of Issue Paper (when closed state the closure date):** Closed April 24, 2013, as IP 125.

**Recommendation for implementation:** Next revision of MSG-3.

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