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Title: Harmonization of MRB Guidance Material

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Issue: There are inconsistencies with Maintenance Review Board (MRB) guidance material available to OEM/TCH/Airlines depending on national regulatory jurisdiction. Although each national authority is responsible for producing regulatory guidance material to assist their local authorities on procedural matters, the MRB process should be coordinated through the IMRBPB.

Problem: Each OEM submits their MRB reports to the authorities (EASA, FAA & TCCA) for approval and acceptance. During this process each regulatory may refer to their own MRB process guidance material, which could have an affect on the approval process and contradict the national requirements of country of origin submitting the MRB reports. This issue has been highlighted with the release of the FAA Maintenance Review Board Report Maintenance Type Board, and OEM/TCH Inspection Program Procedures AC 121-22B dated October 29, 2010, which could have an impact on the OEM/TCH when MRB reports are submitted for approval.

We are of the understanding that one of the IMRBPB prime objectives is to standardize the MRB policy and procedures and promote harmonization with other regulatory authorities regarding all MRB activity. Therefore, this should apply to national authority guidance dealing with MRB processes.

Recommendation (including Implementation):

MPIG requests that the Policy Board (IMRBPB) develop internal procedures that encourage harmonization of new or modified MRB guidance material before it is issued by the National Authority(s). Where harmonization is not possible, guidance should be issued to clarify to the applicant how they should address the differences when approval is required from multiple Authorities.

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Important Note: The IMRBPB positions are not policy. Positions become policy only when the policy is issued formally by the appropriate National Aviation Authority.