Functions of the Regulatory Authority and implementation of ICAO requirements into the state legal system / Civil Aviation Act and CARs
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Almost every state is a signatory to the Chicago Convention and a member of ICAO.

They are committed to implementing ICAO’s Standards and Recommended Practices.

And the State and all other Member States of the European Union, are subject to the aviation safety regulations developed by the European Aviation Safety Agency and implemented as part of European law. Scope for national rulemaking is heavily constrained.
The functions of an Aviation Safety Regulatory Authority

The NAA, as a national regulator, operates within a framework established by ICAO, the European Union and NAA specific national rules.

The scope and significance of NAA specific rules is diminishing as the scope of the EASA rules expands.

The influence of ICAO however remains very important because one of the objectives of EASA is itself to ensure that the rules it develops will be consist with ICAO standards and recommended practices.
The functions of an Aviation Safety Regulatory Authority

You have had or will get presentations on:
- ICAO
- European legislation and
- the national regulatory structure

I will summarize these, consider how they affect the activities of a national regulator and look at some key issues for a national regulator.
Chicago Convention & ICAO
European Legislation
National Legislation
The Chicago Convention

- ICAO Annexes to the Convention.
- Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPS)
- Not directly binding
The Chicago Convention

- Filing differences to the Convention

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  - Publish differences in the UK Aeronautical Information Publication (AIP)
The Chicago Convention

The Chicago Deal:

- Filing differences
- USOAP & Continuous Monitoring Approach
- NAA Policy
- Directions to NAA
The Chicago Convention
THE NATIONAL AVIATION AUTHORITY

Given to the NAA by the Law

Obligations of NAA to implement Annexes

- NAA to act/Law consistently with NAAs Chicago obligations
- For each *Specified* Annex NAA to consider if necessary to *amend NAA law* to implement ICAO provision
- If so, NAA to propose amendment
- If NAA considers better to implement *using its discretionary powers* NAA to publish and enforce requirements
The Chicago Convention

THE NATIONAL AVIATION AUTHORITY

(Where rulemaking is responsibility of NAA

- CAA to assist in the development of any EU measure
- In many fields - those covered by the Basic EASA and the Single European Sky Regulations, legal competence for rulemaking has transferred to the EU
- The CAA role is to promote and assist in development of EU legislation which will implement ICAO provisions
The Chicago Convention

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European Legislation

- Regulations
- General application
- Binding
- Direct Applicability in Member States
- MS may need to supplement with procedures and penalties
- Directive
- Binding as to the result to be achieved
- Implemented in national legislation
European Legislation

EASA Regulations
European legislation

European Union has established the European Aviation Safety Agency – EASA

Original fields covered were aircraft certification and initial and continuing airworthiness

First extension added operations & licensing
Second extension added aerodromes & air traffic management

Where EASA is given responsibility for a particular field of aviation safety, Member States cease to be legally entitled (competent) to do so
European legislation

- Basic EASA Regulation (EC Regulation 216/2008) as amended
- Existence of EASA
- Objectives – a high and uniform level of civil aviation safety
- Requires EASA to assist Member States in fulfilling their Chicago Convention obligations
- Functions
- Essential requirements
- Authorizes Implementing Rules
European legislation

Basic EASA Regulation

Three functions

1. *Rulemaking* for the fields covered by the Regulation

2. *Issue some certificates & approvals* in those fields

3. *Standardization* of NAAs
European legislation

Basic EASA Regulation Essential Requirements for fields covered by the Regulation

- Aircraft certification
- Continuing airworthiness
- Operations
- Third country operators
- Flight crew licensing
- Aerodromes
- Air traffic management
European legislation

Basic EASA Regulation

- Authorizes Implementing Rules
- Detailed requirements in each field
- So far the only Implementing Rules in force are for aircraft certification and continuing airworthiness
Each Part to each implementing regulation has its own Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material (AMCGM). These AMCG and OM are amended along with the amendments of the regulations. These AMCG/M are so-called ‘soft law’ (non-binding rules), and put down in form of EASA Decisions. A comprehensive explanation on AMCG is found in the FAQ section of the EASA website.

Furthermore, Certification Specifications are also related to the implementing regulations, respectively their parts. Like AMCG/M they are put down in form of Decisions and are non-binding.
European legislation

EASA AND NON-EASA AIRCRAFT
Two categories of aircraft which are not subject to the Basic EASA Regulation or Implementing Rules

- Annex II of Basic EASA Regulation
- aircraft
European legislation

Two categories of non-EASA aircraft:

Annex II of the Basic EASA Regulation

A. historic aircraft
B. aircraft designed or modified for research,
C. aircraft at least 51 % is built by an amateur
D. aircraft which have seen military service
E. micro light aero planes & very light aircraft
F. light gyroplanes
G. ‘gliders’ less than 80 kg (100 kg for two seater)
H. replica historic or military aircraft
I. unmanned aircraft less than 150 kg
J. any other aircraft less than 70 kg
European legislation

Two categories of non-EASA aircraft:

State aircraft

EASA Requirements do not apply to aircraft “while carrying out military, customs, police, search and rescue, firefighting, coastguard or similar activities or services”
European Legislation
EASA Functions
European legislation
EASA functions

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Rulemaking

Three types of deliverable

- Certification specifications adopted by Agency
- Guidance material adopted by the Agency
- Draft regulations to be submitted by the Agency to the Commission for adoption
European legislation  

EASA functions

Issue some certificates & approvals

Type certificates for aircraft
  - Certificates for parts and appliances
  - Environmental certificates
  - Design Organization Approvals
  - Production Organization Approvals
    - Production organizations located within the territory of the Member
    - Outside Member State territories
  - Maintenance and Production Organization Approvals
Standardization of NAAs

“The Agency shall conduct standardization inspections in the fields covered by Article 1(1), in order to monitor the application by national competent authorities of this Regulation and of its Implementing rules, and shall report to the Commission.”
European legislation
NAA functions under EASA Regs
ISSUE MOST CERTIFICATES & APPROVALS

- Individual Certificates of Airworthiness
  - Production Organisation Approvals
  - Maintenance Organisation Approvals
- Individual engineer licences and approvals
- In future – AOCs, flight crew licences, aerodrome certificates, air traffic control certificates and licences
The EASA regulations contain some fairly detailed provisions setting out how a National Aviation Authority must oversee the organisations for which it is responsible – e.g.
Continuing oversight of CAMOs

a) The competent authority shall keep and update a program listing… the dates when audit visits are due and carried out.

b) Each organization shall be completely audited at periods not exceeding 24 months.

c) A relevant sample of the aircraft managed… shall be surveyed in every 24 month period.

d) All findings shall be confirmed in writing to the organization.

e) The competent authority shall record all findings, actions and recommendations.

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EU OPS / Air Operations


EASA Implementing Rule EU Regulation 965/2012 for Air Operations for Commercial Air Transport for aircraft has now been in force since 28 October 2012

Some Member States have elected to derogate the implementation of the Air Operations Regulation until 28 October 2014
NAA

Legislation
European legislation
NAA functions under EASA Regs

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The ANO itself contains enabling powers to make more detailed regulations e.g. the Rules of the Air, the Air Navigation (Dangerous Goods) Regulations and the Air Navigation (General) Regulations.

This gives us a hierarchy of legislation as shown in the Table.
Enforcement
Enforcement

• LICENSE ACTION
Where CAA no longer satisfied as to competence – not for punishment

• PROSECUTION
Where CAA considers individual or organization ought to be Punished.
Investigated by CAA Aviation Regulation Enforcement Department
Prosecuted in ordinary criminal courts
Enforcement

JUST CULTURE

- individuals are not punished for actions, omissions or decisions taken by them that are commensurate with their experience and training but which result in a reportable event; but
- gross negligence, willful violations and destructive acts are not tolerated.
Regulatory Authority and Negligence
Regulatory Authority & Negligence

Negligence and duty of care

Four ingredients of a negligence claim are:

- a person is negligent (failed to meet the standards to be reasonably expected); \textit{AND}
- loss or injury is suffered as a result by some other person; \textit{AND}
- the negligent person owed a \textit{duty of care} to the person who has suffered loss or injury; \textit{AND}
- that loss or injury was reasonably foreseeable
Regulatory Authority & Negligence

Duty of Care

- there must be reasonable foresight of loss
- there must be proximity to (sufficient control over) a
  - it must be fair, just and reasonable to impose a duty of potentially dangerous situation care

No negligence - no liability regardless of duty of care
Regulatory Authority & Negligence

Minimizing risk
Almost always where negligence is proved it turns out that either –

- no proper procedures have been developed at all or
- there are perfectly adequate procedures but they have not been complied with
Regulatory Authority & Negligence

The reasonable organization

- Develops a policy  
  *Reasonable, consult, publish, update*
- Establishes procedures  
  *Publish, train staff, update*
- Complies with the procedures
- Keeps records  
  *Everything relevant  Nothing irrelevant*
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NAA OVERSIGHT
NAA oversight of

- Approximately 0000 aircraft to regulate,
- 00000 Part 145 Maintenance Organizations,(AMOs)
- 000 Production Organizations to audit,
- 0000 Part M continued airworthiness organizations,
- 0000 Engineer License oral exams per year;
- 0000 Air Operators to monitor maintenance arrangements.
- Overseas Government contracts managed through CAA International, with their different legislation, procedures and national cultures. Standardization team per year.
- 0000 Safety Assessment of Foreign Aircraft audits per year.
- 00 MRCOA aircraft monitored.
- 0000 Maintenance Program approved per year.
- 00000 Airworthiness Review Certificates issued or renewed per year.
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Airworthiness Surveyor/Inspector Requirements
Knowledge, Training and Experience required to become a NAA Surveyor

- Engineering degree, Aircraft Maintenance Engineer’s License or equivalent experience
- Proven expert and detailed knowledge of the functioning and management of the aviation industry, preferably gained by working in an aeronautically related engineering discipline
- Proven expert and detailed knowledge of the functioning of aviation regulation gained through relevant experience within an Airworthiness Authority
Knowledge, Training and Experience required to become a NAA Surveyor

- Proven ability to monitor, guide and control technical decisions on a wide range of major safety issues
- Broad understanding of the strategic business issues facing SRG and a good understanding of the technical issues that falls within the remit of Survey
- Capable of using experience and making sound judgments
- Ability to think laterally to identify the wider implications.
- Ability to understand specialist issues and modulate technical views to account for wider business and political considerations
Knowledge, Training and Experience required to become a NAA Surveyor

- Able to challenge information, propositions or assumptions, often of a deep technical nature and across a range of disciplines, affecting safety
- Capable of making timely decisions
- Able to decide when enough information is available to make a decision affecting safety
Key Accountabilities

- Act as technical expert in matters associated with the approval of organizations, individuals and continued airworthiness activities
- Conduct objective oversight of all aspects of approved organizations in order to be satisfied that they comply with national and international regulations and standards
- Conduct objective oversight of all aspects of AOC approval holders’ airworthiness management, including approved continued airworthiness management organizations, in order to be satisfied that they comply with national and international regulations and standards
Key Accountabilities Cont…

- Approve aircraft maintenance and reliability programs to ensure compliance with national and international regulations and standards thereby assuring continued airworthiness and operational safety.
- Make recommendations to Flight Operations in respect of the technical content of an operator’s Minimum Equipment List
- Investigate Mandatory Occurrence Reports and make recommendations to reduce the risk of future similar occurrences.
- Assume type liaison responsibilities on aircraft and make recommendations as appropriate to specialists in other business areas and where appropriate[33]
Key Accountabilities

Cont…. 

- EASA to ensure continued airworthiness and safety standards are met.
- Perform surveys of aircraft and supporting documentation to verify conformity with the appropriate EASA or UK certification basis and continuing airworthiness requirements for C of A and Permit to Fly aircraft.
- Conduct objective oversight of the airworthiness management and perform surveys of Military Registered Civil Owned Aircraft (MRCOA) on behalf of the Ministry of Defence
- Participate in and lead Safety Assessment of Foreign Airlines (SAFA) inspections on behalf of the Department for Transport.
- Evaluate and recommend the acceptability of the maintenance and continued airworthiness arrangements in respect of UK registered aircraft leased to a foreign operator
Key Accountabilities

- Evaluate changes (modifications) to aircraft to ensure conformity with type design and safety standards
- Participate with aircraft manufacturers and industry steering committees in Maintenance Review Boards to ensure that MRB reports comply with national and international regulations and standards
- Participate in, and lead, standardisation inspection teams on behalf of the EASA
- Conduct Aircraft Maintenance Licence oral examinations on behalf of Personnel Licensing
- Represent CAA at national and international forums from a maintenance standpoint in respect of the key responsibilities described above
- Act in an expert advisory capacity to foreign governments to ensure that CAA contractual obligations are discharged
- Provide detailed advice and guidance to organisations and individuals in respect of the key responsibilities described above
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Core Activity
Audit management

- Providing a central, integrated information resource which allows for more efficient planning, scheduling, conducting and reporting of audits
  - Allowing audits to be managed and completed electronically on-site, using mobile technology and eliminating duplication of effort – simple, accurate and mobile
  - Delivering a consistent audit format to all organizations which streamlines the reporting and analysis of industry data
Thank you

Questions?