



Module 2

Autonomous Distress Tracking (ADT) Overview

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Annex 6 — Operation of Aircraft, Part I — International Commercial Air Transport — Aeroplanes

6.18 LOCATION OF AN AEROPLANE IN DISTRESS

6.18.1 All aeroplanes of a maximum certificated takeoff mass of over 27, 000 kg for which the individual
certificate of airworthiness is first issued on or after 1
January 2023, shall autonomously transmit
information from which a position can be determined
by the operator, at least once every minute, when in
distress, in accordance with Appendix 9.





ADT details

- Specific type of device but not technology-specific
- New-built aircraft starting 1 January 2023 but could be installed earlier
- For aircraft in flight
- Requirement is for the aircraft operator (company)
 to receive the information
- Intent was to retain Annex 11 alerting process





ADT details, continued

- ICAO is establishing the 'location of an aircraft in distress repository (LADR)' to store ADT messages
- LADR would notify operator, ATS unit and RCC it has ADT message – LADR does not send the ADT message
 - ELT(DT) message goes to RCC and the LADR
 - ATS culture can be different from SAR culture
 - Notification vs alert in flight emergency vs SAR





ATS culture and SAR culture - Edwards

- ATS often views in flight emergencies as not distress until 'not in the air' focus on (1) aviate, (2) navigate, and (3) communicate.
- ICAO perspective is that ADT device provides notifications, not a distress alert.
- In general, SAR prefers to anticipate a need to plan and "can call back the response".
- Discuss



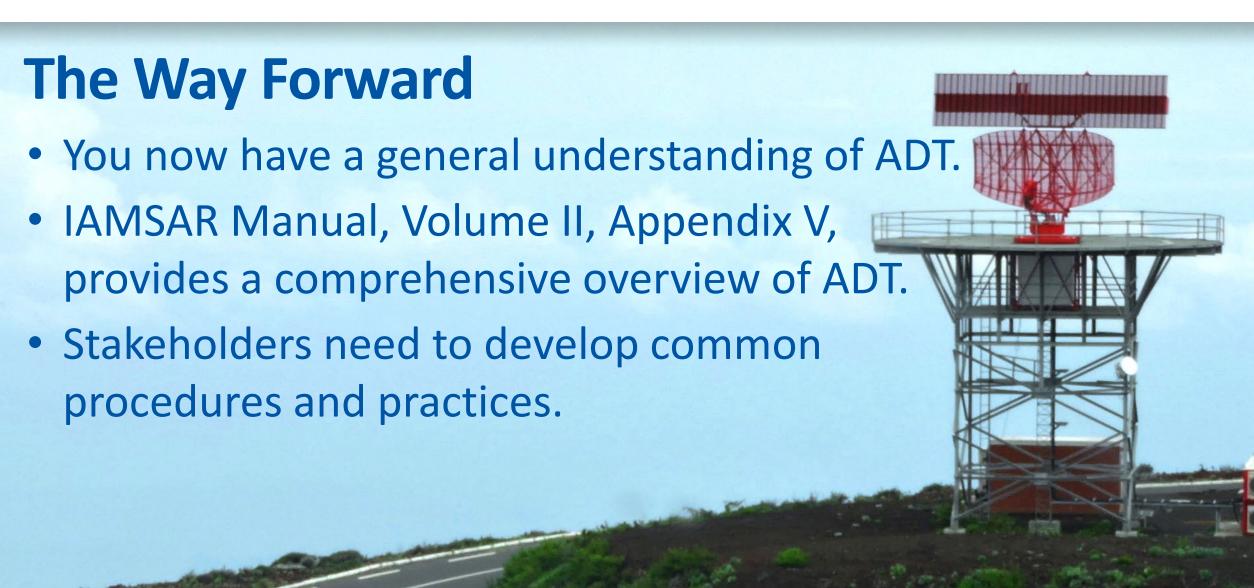


ADT components for discussion

- 1. ADT device and message the ELT(DT)
- 2. Supporting infrastructure LADR and OPS Control Directory
- 3. Operational procedures among stakeholders
- 4. Message distribution: Cospas-Sarsat Mission Control Center











Why we are concerned -

- We all hope that aircraft accidents do not happen often. When accidents happen, history has shown that States, companies and organizations suffer high consequences.
- Proper preparation to make use of ADT will improve the success for all stakeholders and save lives of our citizens.