



ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION AND PREVENTION (AIG) DIVISIONAL MEETING (2008)

Montréal, 13 to 18 October 2008

Agenda Item 1: Annex 13

1.1: Chapter 1 of Annex 13

ANNEX 13 DEFINITIONS

(Presented by the International Federation of Air Line Pilot's Associations
(IFALPA))

SUMMARY

This paper contains specific proposals for the amendment of definitions in Annex 13, Chapter 1.

ACTION PROPOSED

The meeting is invited to consider the following amendments:

Accident

Annex 13 — Aircraft Accident and Incident Investigation defines an accident as an “occurrence associated with the operation of an aircraft which takes place between the time any person boards the aircraft with the intention of flight until such time as all such persons have disembarked. . .”

IFALPA submits that accidents which occur at a time when there are no persons on-board the aircraft with the intention of flight are equally important for investigation.

Accordingly, the meeting should consider deleting the words “which takes place between the time any person boards the aircraft with the intention of flight until such time as all such persons have disembarked”.

Causes

Annex 13 defines “causes” as “actions, omissions, events, conditions, or a combination thereof, which led to the accident or incident.”

IFALPA submits that the word “causes” should be replaced with “factors” and defined as follows:

Factors. Actions, omissions, events, conditions, or a combination thereof, which contributed to or influenced the outcome of a result or circumstance.

The full reasoning for the removal of “causes” in the final report is given in IFALPA's paper for subject 1.4.

Flight recorder

Annex 13 defines a flight recorder as “any type of recorder installed in the aircraft for the purpose of complementing accident/incident investigation.”

IFALPA submits that the reference to “incident” in this Definition should be changed to “serious incident” so that it reads:

“Flight Recorder. Any type of recorder installed in the aircraft for the purpose of complementing accident/serious incident investigation.”

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