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INTRODUCTION OF A DIGITAL AUDIT MANAGEMENT MODULE WITHIN TÜRKİYE'S CIVIL AVIATION MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE PLATFORM

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This information paper presents the development and implementation of the Digital Audit Management Module within Türkiye's civil aviation management software platform (CTM-ERP) of Corporate Transformation Model (CTM). Designed and operated by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), the module supports comprehensive digital management of risk calculation, audit planning, execution, and findings. The system strengthens regulatory oversight, enhances transparency, and improves the overall safety culture in civil aviation operations.

Strategic	This working paper relates to Strategic Goals Every Flight is Safe and Secure; No Country
Goals:	Left Behind; The Economic Development of Air Transport Assures the Delivery of
	Economic Prosperity and Societal Well-Being for All; and Aviation Delivers Seamless,
	Accessible, and Reliable Mobility for All.
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implications:	
References:	Audit Procedures Manual of DGCA Türkiye (SHT-DENETİM)

1. **INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 Audit activities conducted within the aviation sector play a critical role in ensuring flight safety, monitoring operational compliance, and maintaining full adherence to both national and international regulations. These audits encompass a wide range of complex and dynamic processes applied to various types of aviation organizations, including air operators, maintenance organizations, airport operators etc.
- 1.2 In recent years, the digitalization of audit processes has initiated a significant structural transformation in the way regulatory oversight is conducted. The integration of digital tools for planning, execution, findings management, and reporting enables audit workflows to be managed through a centralized platform. This approach not only enhances operational efficiency but also ensures more effective tracking of preventive and corrective actions, strengthens the accuracy and integrity of audit data,

and fosters a transparent, reliable, and sustainable channel of communication between the regulatory authority and industry organizations.

1.3 Within this context, a web-based audit management module within the national civil aviation digital platform developed and actively used by the national civil aviation authority stands out as a good practice example contributing to both the reinforcement of regulatory compliance and the establishment of a sustainable safety oversight culture.

2. **DIGITAL AUDIT MANAGEMENT MODULE**

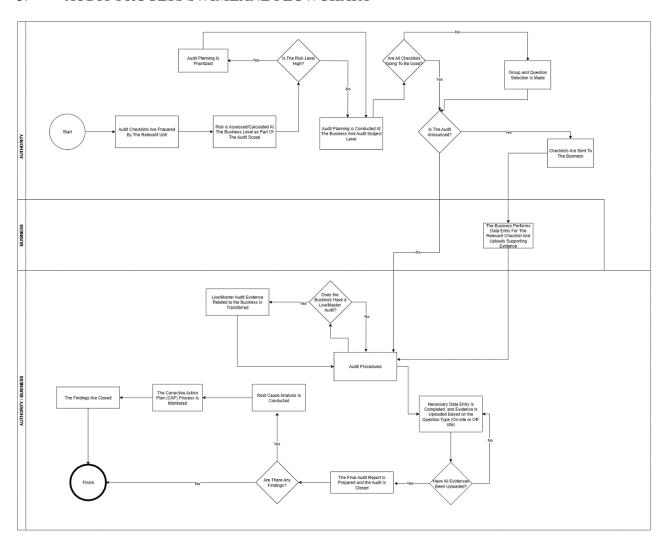
- 2.1 In order to ensure that civil aviation-related processes are conducted in a more centralized, traceable, and efficient manner, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) of Türkiye has developed a national digital transformation platform accessible via "www.ctmerp.shgm.gov.tr" and the KDM ERP (CTM ERP) mobile application.
- 2.2 This platform hosts a wide range of modules designed to digitalize various processes in line with the vision of digitalization in the aviation domain. One of these modules, the audit management module, enables the digital monitoring and management of aviation organizations' compliance with safety and quality standards.
- 2.3 On the web-based platform, the module offers an end-to-end digital audit process that includes core functions such as risk scoring, audit planning, audit execution, and finding management. Within the module, the audit definitions section allows for the configuration of several key elements such as audit domains, checklists, frequently encountered finding types, audit questions, and risk analysis matrices. Through this section, audit processes are standardized, customized forms can be assigned for different types of audits, and performance indicators for operators can be systematically monitored.
- 2.4 All audit checklist items have been reviewed and updated to ensure they are analytically measurable. For example, questions related to bird strikes within the scope of an airport audit have been aligned with statistical data available in the system's occurrence reporting module.
- 2.5 Additionally, risk matrices can be created to categorize non-conformities as low, medium, or high risk, and corrective actions can be prioritized accordingly. The system also allows for the assignment of on-site and off-site checklist questions and supports the definition of performance indicators in key areas such as safety, operations, and maintenance for Air Operators Certificate (AOC) holders.
- 2.6 For on-site audits, inspectors are required to upload evidence in the form of photographs or videos via the mobile application. In mobile inspections, any visual content captured through the application automatically embeds the inspector's user credentials, geolocation data, and timestamp in the bottom right corner of the image or video.
- 2.7 There are four main functions of audit management: risk scoring, audit planning, audit execution, and finding pool. These functions ensure that the entire audit lifecycle is carried out digitally and monitored within a centralized structure.
- 2.8 The risk scoring feature enables the DGCA to evaluate the risk level of each aviation organization based on criteria such as type of operation, previous audit performance, and compliance status. The resulting risk scores are used to determine audit priorities and allocate audit resources efficiently.

2.9 Through the audit planning screen, annual and periodic audit plans are generated based on risk levels; audit teams are assigned, timelines are scheduled, and coordination with relevant units is established. This planning structure supports both scheduled and risk-based auditing approaches.

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- 2.10 The audit execution screen serves as the main interface for managing all audit activities conducted by the DGCA. Through this interface, audit plans are carried out, documents are made accessible, and findings are recorded. All of the questions identified during audits are entered into the system in real time and supported by relevant documentation. The reporting and evaluation of these findings are carried out in accordance with the DGCA Türkiye's "Instruction on Audit Procedures for Aviation Enterprises (SHT-DENETIM)." All findings are consolidated within a centralized finding pool, which facilitates classification, analysis of similar cases, and use as a reference in future audits.
- Within the web-based audit management system, users are provided access to checklists associated with specific audits. For each checklist, a downloadable PDF report is generated that incorporates QR code functionality designed to enhance user guidance and streamline data entry. Specifically, each question within the checklist is accompanied by two distinct QR codes. The first QR code redirects users to a sample response document, offering illustrative guidance on how the question should be answered. The second QR code facilitates direct interaction with the mobile application, allowing users to input their responses within the system. Additionally, the mobile interface includes functionality for uploading supporting documentation, enabling inspectors to submit relevant evidence during the audit process.
- 2.12 Moreover, the system enables continuous oversight of each aviation organization by maintaining open access to master audit records based on checklists. It also allows organizations or authorized auditors to upload supporting evidence immediately upon any change in the current status of checklist items. Through this feature, any audit-relevant change within an aviation organization can be instantly recorded in the system and tracked in real time. The ability to provide supporting documentation at each step of the audit process significantly contributes to the overall accuracy, traceability, and reliability of the findings, thereby strengthening the integrity of the audit outcomes.

3. AUDIT PROCESS SWIMLANE FLOWCHART



4. **SAMPLE SCREENSHOTS**



Preparing Checklist



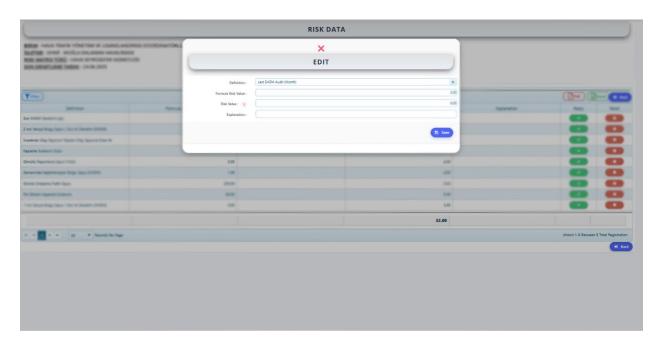
Risk Matrix Definition



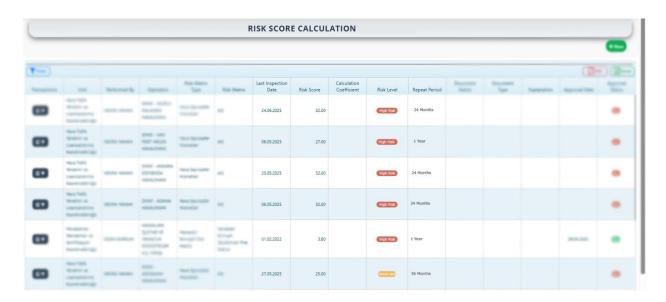
Creating a Risk Matrix Assessment Formula Calculation



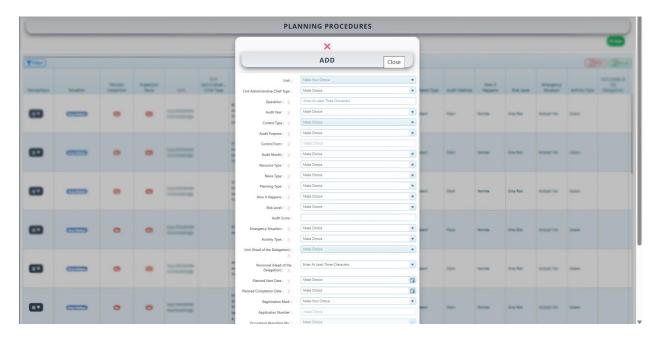
Checklist Question and Sub-Atomic Value Identification



Risk Calculation - Risk Data Entry



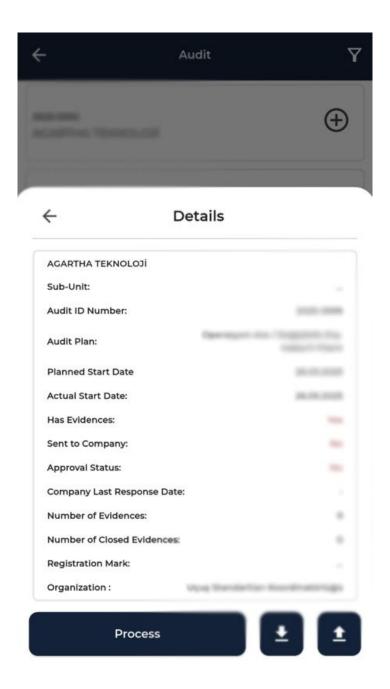
Determination of Audit Intervals Based on Risk Scores



Periodic and Non-Periodic Audit Planning



Mobile Application Overview



Mobile Application Audit Details



Audit Procedures via Mobile Application (On-Site Audit Evidence Sample)

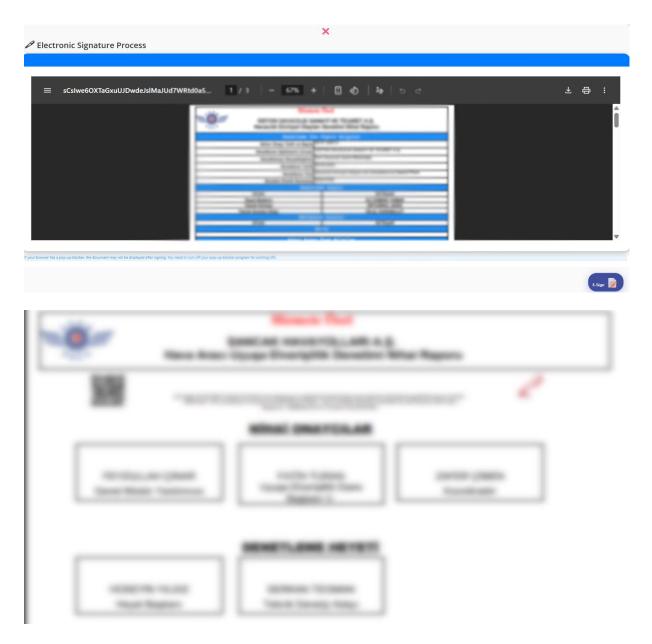


Audit Procedures Archive



Location-Based View of Actual Audit





Final Audit Report with Electronic Signature and QR Code

5. **CONCLUSION**

The digital audit management module developed by Türkiye's Directorate General of Civil Aviation represents a significant advancement in enhancing the efficiency, transparency, and traceability of aviation oversight processes. By enabling end-to-end digital management of audit activities, the system contributes to the continuous improvement of safety performance and regulatory compliance, in alignment with ICAO's strategic objectives and oversight framework.