

# **ATM** integration

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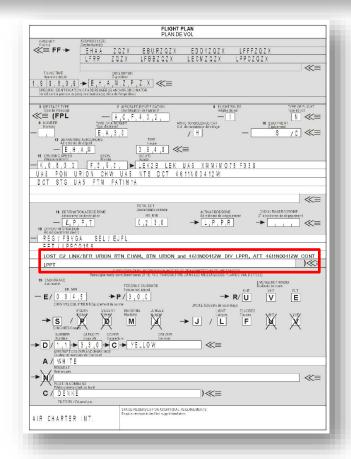
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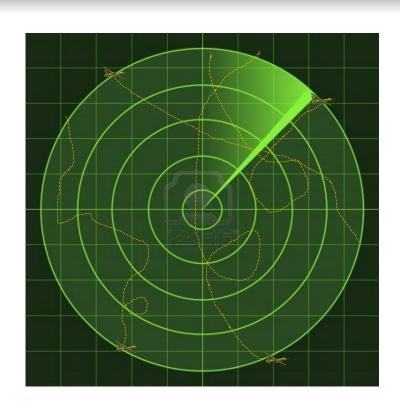


**Current Operations**. At the moment, any RPAS operations are facilitated as a "one off" deal. Consequently what the RPAS will do if there is a lost C2 Link event is negotiated between the RPA Operator and the ANSP(s) involved in the operation.

These agreed procedures may be provided as part of the flight plan.

This is okay for "one at a time" operations. It is not unreasonable to expect air traffic controllers to handle one off, individually agreed procedures when there is a low level of such operations, but...

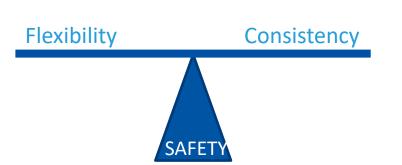




In the (near) future RPA operations are expected to increase dramatically. The one off agreed procedures will soon become too hard to keep track of, and could lead to loss of situational awareness by controllers, with resulting unsafe situations.

What is needed are procedures that are accessible to ATC, consistently applied, and fit for purpose. ICAO does this well – it is called standardization.

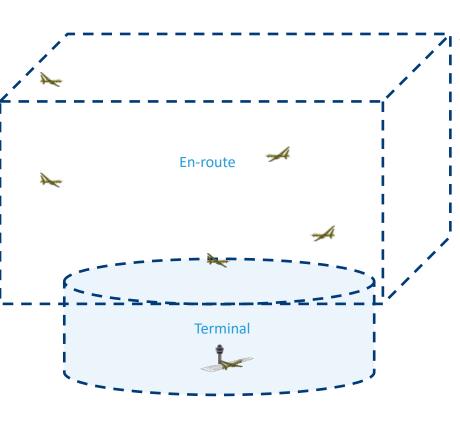




*ICAO has been working on this!* The RPAS Panel and the ATMOPS panel have joined forces, to find ways to address the problem.

**Standardised lost C2 Link Procedures.** These procedures will be **accessible to ATC**, and offer a balance between **consistent application** but still offer a degree **flexibility**.



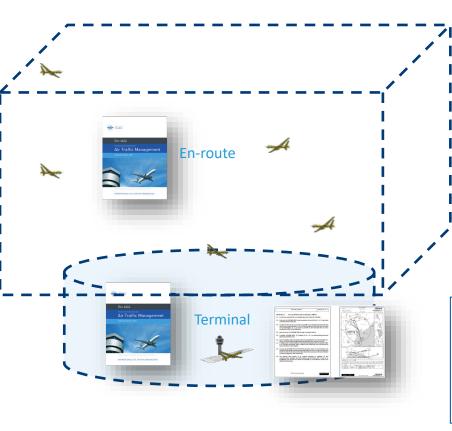


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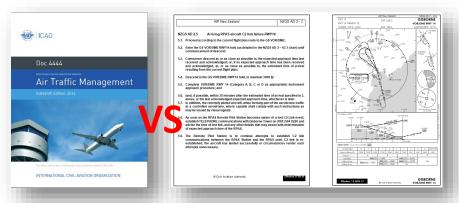
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We are developing **Generic Procedures** for both **Terminal and En-route**, and also allowing **special procedures**, unique to a **specific terminal operation**.





**Generic vs Special.** The decision to use the generic terminal (Arrival and Departure) lost C2 Link procedures or to develop special procedures that better suit the specific operations (complexity, traffic density etc) will need an assessment.

ICAO is developing guidance on how to conduct that assessment.

One size will not fit all!







## **ATM INTEGRATION - DAA**

**Detect and Avoid (DAA)**. Offers two responses to traffic.

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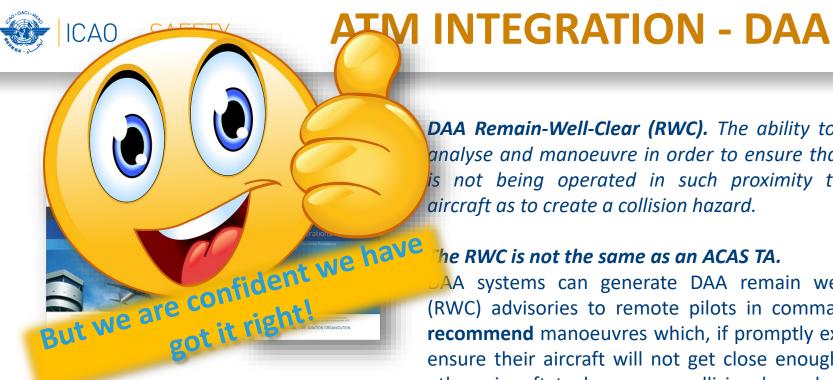
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**You can think of this like an ACAS RA.** Pilots will follow the DRA.

It is relatively simple to add "... and DRA..." to ACAS provisions in PANS-ATM and PANS-OPS.



... RWC...

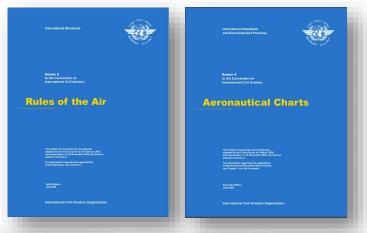
A bit more thought was required to appropriately reflect RWC in PANS provisions. DAA Remain-Well-Clear (RWC). The ability to detect, analyse and manoeuvre in order to ensure that a RPA is not being operated in such proximity to other aircraft as to create a collision hazard.

#### he RWC is not the same as an ACAS TA.

AA systems can generate DAA remain well clear (RWC) advisories to remote pilots in command that **recommend** manoeuvres which, if promptly executed, ensure their aircraft will not get close enough to the other aircraft to become a collision hazard. Remote pilots in command are not authorized to deviate from an ATC clearance to follow a RWC, but may use RWC advisories to request amended clearances or instructions from ATC to execute the recommended DAA RWC manoeuvre.



## **ATM INTEGRATION**



**Expect Amendments to head your way soon.** As with all amendments to ICAO Annexes and PANS, the review and consultative process will be followed.

#### There will be amendments to:

- Annex 2
- Annex 4 (charting)
- PANS-ATM (Doc 4444)
- PANS-OPS (Vol III Aircraft Operating Procedures)
  PANS-AIM.

And various manuals (RPAS Manual, AIM Manual etc)





# But wait.... there's more!

**Interception** of aircraft and RPAS. ICAO has established a Task Force to investigate the facilitation of interception of aircraft that are remotely piloted.

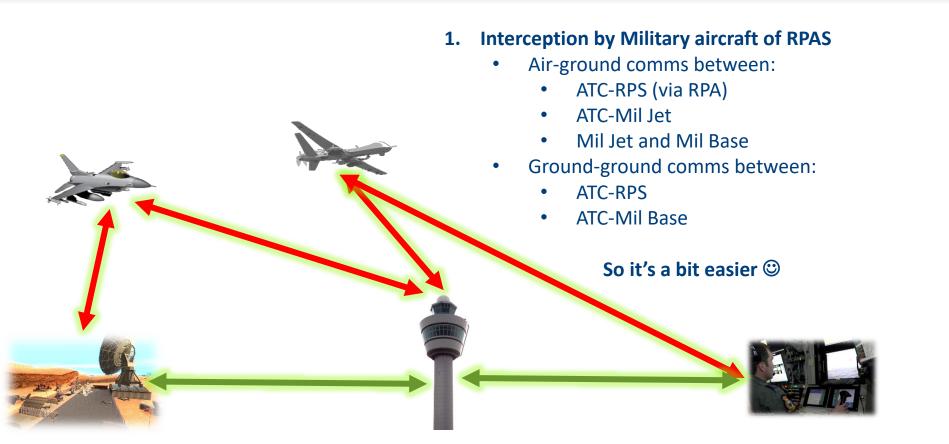
This Task force is looking at the applicability of Annex 2, relevant Appendices and Attachments with regard to:

- 1. Interception by Military aircraft of RPAS
- Interception by Military aircraft of RPAS in a lost C2 Link state

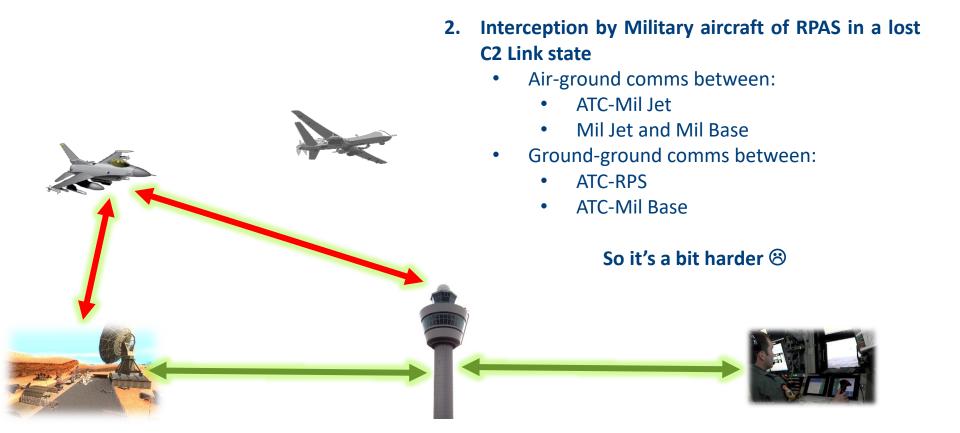


















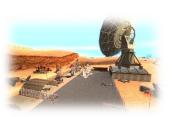
#### Interception by Military aircraft of RPAS in a lost C2 Link state

DAA may initiate automatic avoidance maneuvers when the intercepting aircraft gets close.

This may be interpreted as "suspicious"

So it's actually a lot harder ⊗ ⊗

But we love a challenge ©











THANK YOU