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1.0 Introduction

The Commission Regulation (EU) 965/2012 Part ARO.GEN.305 states that the competent authority shall establish and maintain an oversight programme covering the oversight activities required by ARO.GEN.300 and by ARO.RAMP.

2.0 General

In cases where an operator's fleet or part thereof is based at a location other than the principal place of business¹ the authority must plan its oversight activity to ensure that arrangements are in place to include necessary inspections at the location where the aircraft is based.

There is no agreed definition or guidance material available that indicate what constitutes an aircraft base. The aircraft can be considered 'out-based' in a particular location if it operates from that base for a period in excess of one month.

2.1 Mutual Exchange of Information

ARO.GEN.200(c) requires that the competent authority establishes procedures for participation in a mutual exchange of all necessary information with other competent authorities concerned including on all findings raised and follow-up actions taken as a result of oversight of persons and organisations exercising activities in the territory of a Member State, but certified or authorised by or making declarations to the competent authority of another Member State or the Agency.

This means that the CAD will enter into an information exchange programme with other Member States authorities where aircraft operated by Maltese operators are based.

3.0 Action

To assist the Flight Operations Inspectorate in planning its oversight activity as required by ARO.GEN.305, operators are now required to report 'out-based' activities by means of the revised quarterly mandatory report (refer to OAN 05/2015 Rev 01).

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¹ Principal place of business means the head office or registered office of the organisation within which the principal financial functions and operational control of the activities referred to Regulation (EU) 965/2012 are exercised.