



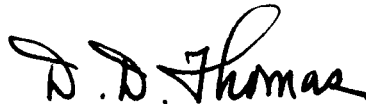
ADVISORY CIRCULAR

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

SUBJECT: CRITERIA FOR ACCEPTANCE OF OWNERSHIP AND SERVICING OF CIVIL
AVIATION INTEREST(S) NAVIGATIONAL AND AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL
SYSTEMS AND EQUIPMENT

1. PURPOSE. This Advisory Circular contains a revised FAA policy under which the FAA accepts conditional ownership of equipment and systems from civil aviation interests, without the use of Federal funds, and operates, maintains, and provides the logistic support of such equipment.
 2. CRITERIA. Airway planning standards contain criteria that permit the FAA to provide navigational and air traffic control systems and equipment for qualified publicly owned airports. However, the airport operators are not bound by these criteria and may, if they so desire, procure and install equipment of their choice to satisfy their respective requirements. Therefore, if civil aviation interests intend to request FAA to participate in the operation, maintenance, and logistic support of the systems and equipment, they should procure and install equipment compatible with FAA requirements.
 3. APPLICABILITY. This Advisory Circular is not applicable to low frequency homer (H/NDB) type facilities. In addition, it is only applicable to those navigational and air traffic control systems and equipment installed subsequent to the issuance of this Advisory Circular.
 4. FAA PARTICIPATION. The FAA will accept, from a civil aviation interest, the conditional ownership of navigational and air traffic control systems and equipment for the purpose of their operation, maintenance, and logistic support if:
 - a. The systems and equipment meet FAA equipment, performance, installation, ground inspection and flight inspection requirements.
 - b. The systems and equipment operational requirements meet approved airway planning standards criteria or will otherwise serve a demonstrable public operational or safety need.
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- c. Legal title to the systems and equipment concerned is transferred to FAA at no cost in accordance with Section 303(c)(1) of the FA Act for a period of time commensurate with the respective operational requirements.
 - d. FAA responsibilities for the operation, maintenance, and logistic support of approved systems and equipment is contingent upon fiscal budgetary approval by FAA. If approved, FAA bears all costs for flight inspection, ground inspection, test equipment, initial and follow-on spare parts required to commission and operate the approved systems and equipment.
5. RELINQUISHMENT OF THE SYSTEMS AND EQUIPMENT. Ownership of systems and equipment concerned may revert back to the respective civil aviation interest(s) when mutually agreed to by the FAA and original owner and/or when the operational requirements on which the systems and equipment were based have diminished to the point where such a requirement will no longer be economically feasible for the FAA to support. The relinquishing of ownership of any systems or equipment by FAA will also absolve the FAA of any further responsibilities for the operation, maintenance, or logistic support of the systems or equipment concerned.
6. HOW TO APPLY. Proposals for FAA acceptance of conditional ownership and operation, maintenance, and logistic support of qualified systems and equipment should be directed to the FAA Regional Director having jurisdiction over the area in which the systems and/or equipment are located. These will, in turn, be forwarded to Washington for final approval.



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