

DMS Release 6.4

DMS Release 6.4 is now operational and changes the Pre-approval Workflow for Special Airworthiness Certificates. The following are changes as a result of this action.

Manufacturing Function Codes include Special Airworthiness Certificates which are not valid for flight operations outside the United States and this limitation is in the function code description. The designee is required to coordinate with the MIDO Managing Specialist when they have an applicant for these certifications outside the U.S.

The Pre-approval Workflow

The pre-approval workflow now requires the designee to make a selection for any special airworthiness certificate. The new feature is a question, “Are you requesting this activity outside the United States?” This question requires a Yes or No response. If No is selected no further action is required. If Yes is selected the designee must enter the country where the aircraft certification will take place and any other countries where the aircraft will operate.

FAA Order 8130.2, Airworthiness Certification of Aircraft, states:

4-3. Flight Operations Outside the United States. A special airworthiness certificate does not authorize flight operations over a foreign country without the permission of that country. However, the FAA still issues the certificate when the applicant intends to operate the aircraft over other countries as long as the applicant meets requirements for that certificate. A U.S. special airworthiness certificate is often helpful to a Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) when issuing its permission to operate the aircraft in or over its country. If the FAA knows the affected CAA will not permit operation of the aircraft in or over its country, the FAA cannot deny issuance of the certificate if the applicant has met requirements for that certificate. In any case, an ASI should make the applicable CAA(s) aware of the aircraft, its category or experimental purpose, and the operating limitations for the aircraft.

When Yes is selected the pre-approval workflow reverts to the Manual Pre-approval workflow requiring the Managing Specialist to review the request and gather information from the designee. The Managing Specialist will then coordinate with the Civil Aviation Authority(s) where the applicant desires to operate the aircraft.

Approval Request Data Fields

Select the type of Certification *

Airworthiness Certification

Select Function Type *

Special (40-75)

Are you requesting this activity outside the United States? *

☒ Yes ☐ No

Enter the country where this activity will take place *

(Max length: 4000 / 4000 left)

DMS Manufacturing Function Codes

All DMS manufacturing function codes have been amended to remove the words “located in the U.S.”. This action removes the requirement to request a deviation to allow designees to issue special airworthiness certificates outside the United States.