

Terms of Reference

Vertical Aviation Safety Team (VAST) Regulations Working Group

Background:

Under the VAST, working groups may be established to assist regional safety teams and/or global VTOL stakeholders in any number of duties including the collection, analysis, and distribution of useful information germane to the Vertical Takeoff and Landing (VTOL) industry. VAST working groups operate in a collaborative manner under the direction of the VAST Advisors and with the guidance of the VAST Steering Committee.

Objectives:

The VAST Regulations Working Group (R-WG) is established to review and assess the full scope of industry issues related to the implementation of vertical flight rules, regulations, standards and supporting documents. The primary function of the R-WG is to identify opportunities to harmonize international rules, regulations, and standards. In addition, the R-WG shall function to:

- Evaluate industry needs to provide meaningful data related to international issues impacting VTOL operations;
- Work closely with international safety teams to assist in their efforts;
- Provide recommendations for best practices where appropriate; and
- Review and/or develop useful materials including correspondence, studies, reports, industry guidelines and training aids to assist international VTOL operators.

The R-WG is an established body of the VAST. As such, any and all products developed by the R-WG shall be approved by the VAST prior to distribution.

Organization:

The VAST R-WG is staffed by members of the regional safety teams, safety authorities (as defined in the VAST Charter), and other global VTOL stakeholders (organizations including councils, committees, industry original equipment manufacturers, training providers, and others as appropriate). It will be managed by two co-chairs, normally one from the industry stakeholders and one from the aviation authorities. Co-chairs are chosen by a majority vote of the R-WG voting members and are responsible for ensuring adherence to procedural guidance provided by the VAST Steering Committee. There are no limits to the number of voting members in R-WG. However, only one (1) representative from any company or organization may be a voting member of the group. The two co-chairs will be voting members. The working group may bring in other non-voting experts to advise on technical and other issues.

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