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AND ABBREVIATIONS - AAP-33**

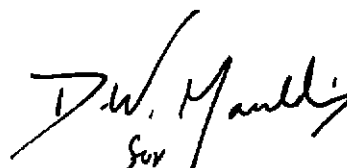
References:

- a. MAS(AIR)92-AVS/3908 dated 15 April 1997 (Edition 2) (Ratification Draft 1)
- b. MAS(AIR)171-AVS/3908 dated 15 May 1984 (Edition 1)

1. The enclosed NATO Standardization Agreement which has been ratified by nations as reflected in page iii is promulgated herewith.
2. The references listed above are to be destroyed in accordance with local document destruction procedures.
3. AAP-4 should be amended to reflect the latest status of the STANAG.

ACTION BY NATIONAL STAFFS

4. National staffs are requested to examine page iii of the STANAG and, if they have not already done so, advise the Air Board, MAS through their national delegation as appropriate of their intention regarding its ratification and implementation.



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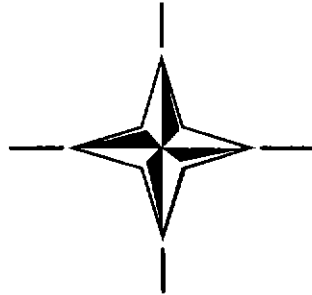
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**MILITARY AGENCY FOR STANDARDIZATION  
(MAS)**

**STANDARDIZATION AGREEMENT  
(STANAG)**

SUBJECT: STANDARDIZED AVIONICS TERMINOLOGY AND  
ABBREVIATIONS - AAP-33

Promulgated on 22 July 1998

  
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RECORD OF AMENDMENTS

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

AGREEMENT

1. This NATO Standardization Agreement (STANAG) is promulgated by the Chairman MAS under the authority vested in him by the NATO Military Committee.
2. No departure may be made from the agreement without consultation with the tasking authority. Nations may propose changes at any time to the tasking authority where they will be processed in the same manner as the original agreement.
3. Ratifying nations have agreed that national orders, manuals and instructions implementing this STANAG will include a reference to the STANAG number for purposes of identification.

DEFINITIONS

4. Ratification is "In NATO Standardization, the fulfilment by which a member nation formally accepts, with or without reservation, the content of a Standardization Agreement" (AAP-6).
5. Implementation is "In NATO Standardization, the fulfilment by a member nation of its obligations as specified in a Standardization Agreement" (AAP-6).
6. Reservation is "In NATO Standardization, the stated qualification by a member nation that describes that part of a Standardization Agreement that it will not implement or will implement only with limitations" (AAP-6).

RATIFICATION, IMPLEMENTATION AND RESERVATIONS

7. Page iii gives the details of ratification and implementation of this agreement. If no details are shown it signifies that the nation has not yet notified the tasking authority of its intentions. Page iv (and subsequent) gives details of reservations and proprietary rights that have been stated.

Agreed English/French Texts

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NATO STANDARDIZATION AGREEMENT  
(STANAG)

STANDARDIZED AVIONICS TERMINOLOGY AND ABBREVIATIONS (AAP-33)

Related Documents:     ADatP-2 -     AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING (ADP)  
   NATO GLOSSARY - ENGLISH AND  
   FRENCH

AIM

1.     The aim of this agreement is to provide the definition of terms and the meaning of abbreviations in the specialist terminology used in the field of NATO avionics systems.

AGREEMENT

2.     Participating nations agree to use the terminology and abbreviations contained in AAP-33 in the field of avionics systems and that AAP-33 be only distributed on electronic media in Microsoft Word 6.0 format by the custodian country.

3.     Changes to AAP-33 will be incorporated into the publication and will be accepted as part of it provided they have been fully offered by the Air Board, MAS to national authorities concerned and have been agreed by them.

DEFINITIONS

4.     Many of the definitions in this glossary have been derived from other national and international standardization bodies. In these cases the source document is indicated after the definition.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT

5.     This STANAG is implemented when a nation has accepted the definitions and abbreviations contained herein for use by specialists in the field of avionics systems.