PROPOSAL TO IGC PLENARY 2018

Year 2

Proposed by IGC Sporting Code committee

Remove SC3 FR technical requirements from 2-Year decision making process

It is proposed:

To replace the current 2 year process for changes of technical requirements for flight recorders in SC3 with the following process:

- 1. Bureau or GFAC makes a request for a change in the rule. In the event that GFAC is requesting such a change, the Bureau must approve the request
- 2. GFAC proposes the recommendation for the requirement change
- 3. Sporting Code Committee drafts the new rule language
- 4. IGC Bureau approves the rule change
- 5. Rule change is adopted in the following publication of SC3 or upon recommendation of the Bureau, immediately, if there is a significant reason to safeguard the integrity of the rules.

This procedure will only apply to technical requirements for Flight Recorders (FRs), not procedures involving how pilots and OOs use FRs to document flights.

This proposal affects:

- IGC Internal Regulations paragraph 2.9
- SC3 rules regarding:
 - Fix sampling rate
 - Required FR calibration time period
 - o Additional HAFR requirements

Discussion:

The adoption of FRs as the way to document sporting performances has shifted the burden of documentation procedures from processes that the pilot and OO must follow to technical requirements that are linked to the software and hardware technology of the FRs.

GFAC is the IGC's body with the most appropriate expertise to make recommendations regarding these technical requirements. This is why we propose that the Plenary remove the rule-making regarding such matters from the normal 2-year process and instead entrust it to the Bureau, which will work with GFAC and SC3 to produce updates to these specific technical requirements, as new issues and needs emerge.