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Dear Gentlemen,

In early December one producer of GNSS-FR reported to GAC:

As a producer of GNSS-FR's I have to rely on quite a few different manufacturers of electronic parts. GPS receiver, the data storing unit and the antenna are some electronic components we have to buy from different sources. Due to the technical evolution some of the parts we used are no longer on the market. They are replaced by new developed parts with better performance.

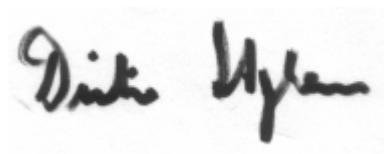
Also the question was raised if, based on this situation, an additional testing is required by GAC.

Based on this report the GAC Bureau has evaluated and discussed the situation and decided:

1. Each authorized GNSS-FR - producer should test his equipment whenever new components are used in the FR - production.
2. The test results must confirm that changed hardware has no negative impact on the performance of the FR and the equipment is still meeting all requirements documented in the Sporting Code, Section 2, Annex 4.
3. When hardware changes took place and the necessary tests are completed the FR producer must notify GAC about the changes and give a written guarantee that the conditions mentioned under figure 2. are met.
4. GAC believes that the above mentioned procedures are offering a realistic and most flexible solution to each FR – producer and will avoid time consuming and expensive testing by FAI officials.

GAC would appreciate if you would follow the above procedures and acknowledge this to us.

Best regards



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