

Approved Materials List Database Development

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Task Group Background

- In 2013, The ICCAIA (International Coordinating Council of Aerospace Industries Associations) made a request that FAA create an industry task group to formulate a process to develop an approved materials list.



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Subject: Flammability ARAC Follow-up

Reference:

- a) ARAC-TAEIG Recommendation, Materials Flammability Working Group, C.R. Bolt to Margaret Gilligan, August 10, 2012
- b) ARAC Report;
http://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/rulemaking/committees/documents/index.cfm?document/information/document1/1/942 . For excerpts of the Executive summary, see the attachment to this letter.
- c) FAA Tasking Notice, ARAC Tasking, Materials Flammability, Federal Register, August 27, 2010

Dear Mr Duven,

In July of 2012, the ARAC Materials Flammability Working Group released its final report and recommendations regarding a future flammability regulation. The TAEIG parent committee submitted the report to the FAA on August 10, 2012 (ref a & b).

The Cabin Safety Working Group (CSWG) is providing this formal response in support of all the ARAC recommendations. As proposed by the FAA in the Tasking Notice (ref c), this comprehensive regulation reform requires substantial development in many areas as reported by the ARAC. The CSWG is in full agreement with the TAEIG stating that it is critical that several development activities need to be completed before an NPRM is released for public comment. The CSWG would like to request that the FAA provide input on the status to initiate activities to complete the development activities as published in the ARAC report. It is also requested that the FAA provide a general time frame that the NPRM will be released.

With the substantial work needed, the CSWG specifically recommends that the following topics be initiated within the existing Task Groups of the Fire Test Working Group:

- 1) AC Guidance for all new and modified test methods.
- 2) Test method hierarchy and listing of other acceptable industry test standards (e.g. UL94 V0).
- 3) Development of approved materials lists.
- 4) Develop strategy and criteria to perform compliance using “flammability analysis.”
- 5) Applicability definition of the new flame propagation test requirements for inaccessible areas.

It should also be noted that some of the above activities and the output will have considerable value to industry within the context of the current regulation, and after being documented can be implemented through FAA policy.

What is an Approved Materials List?

A database of qualified raw materials/constructions that have been regulatory certified to FAA flammability requirements.¹

Bunsen Burner
Heat Release
Smoke
Radiant Panel
Cargo Oil Burner
Other Newly Proposed Test Methods

¹ End Users would still be required to validate database data is applicable for proposed airplane application.

Material selection from this database would require no further flammability certification testing

Approved Material List Database Key Activities

- I. Develop Listing Specification
- II. Select a Database Host and Determine Costs
- III. Develop New Regulatory Certification Path to Use Database Materials
- IV. Determine Material Manufacturers' Interest to list products!!!



Develop Listing Specification

Key Sections Considered for further development:

- Scope
- References (Regulatory applicability, Policy Statement PS-ANM-25.853-01-R2, etc.)
- Accepted laboratories
- Listing Entity and Responsibilities
- Database data fields
- Listing Process (Including Regulatory and Expert Oversight)
- Continued Compliance (Regular QA oversight testing)
- Use of product data to support similarity
- Requalification Criteria

Select a Database Host and Determine Costs

- Several Industry Database Models Explored
- Best Fit- PRI (Products Research Institute)
- PRI requires a Qualified Products Group (QPG) to authorize product listings which will be comprised of the FAA and industry experts.
- Listing Fees Estimation per product or family of products (excluding testing costs)
 - \$500-1000 initial listing
 - \$800 annual maintenance



Regulatory Path

The FAA would need to create a new path by which materials could be certified by this process.



Gauging Material Manufacturer's Interest

The entire concept depends on Material Manufacturers listing products.

Completion of previously noted activities depend on Material Manufacturers interest in listing products.

Gauging Interest- a survey!



Approved Materials List Benefits

Material Manufacturer's Benefits

- Increase Sales and Market Share- Many End User companies would select materials from this list to avoid certification testing activities.
- Certify listed Materials one time (vs. assisting every end user certifying separately)

End User Benefits

- Reduce certification costs.
- Improve project Schedule.

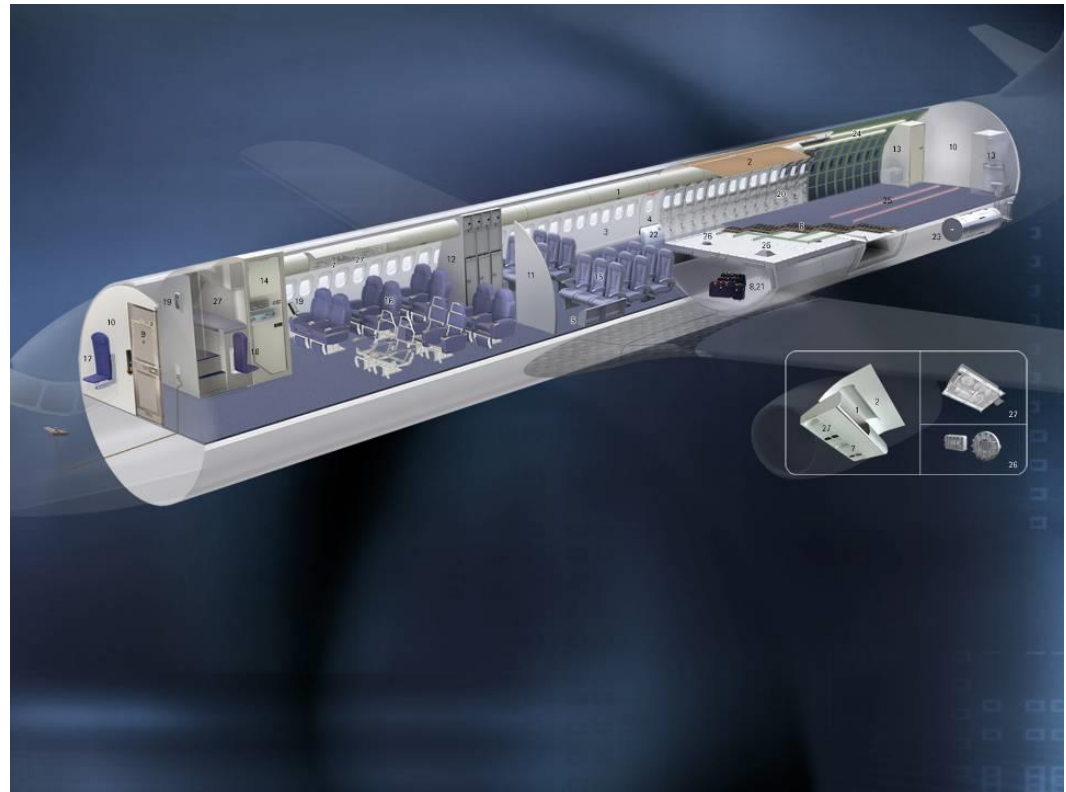
Overall Benefit

- Eliminate Redundant Certification Costs

What Types of Materials?

- Plastics
- Bare Panels
- Carpets
- Textiles
- Electrical Wires
- Tapes¹
- Adhesives¹
- Placards¹
- Hook and Loop¹
- Rub Strips¹
- Insulation Systems (25.856(a))
- Ducting, Foams, etc.

1 See Policy Statement



- 2016- Issue Material Manufacturers Survey
- 1st QTR 2017- Compile Survey Results
- 2017-2018 (if survey is positive)- AML up and running!



Who Wants to List Products?



Questions?

THANK YOU!

