

PRINCIPLES FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE C-130 H/POD-SYSTEM CERTIFICATION

As agreed by the informal Working Group on Certification, the OSCC recognizes that the certification of the C-130 H/Pod system is a unique certification event, and as such will require special arrangements.

Considering that it is in the interest of every State Party to make this unique certification event as time- and cost-effective as possible, the Benelux, Canada, France, Greece, Italy, Norway, Portugal and Spain, hereinafter referred to as the "Pod Users", propose to offer one C-130 H and its unique sensor system for a seven-day certification period, valid for all Pod Users, provided that the conduct of the preparation phase as outlined below is found satisfactory by the interested States Parties.

The Pod Users support the principle of openness and transparency and strongly wish to accomplish their certification in that spirit.

To achieve these goals, the Pod Users intend to organize the preparation phase for their certification in the following manner:

1. Provide information on the Pod system itself, in addition to that already released. This information will include photographs and descriptions of the various components of the system.
2. Provide information on the aircraft, stressing the differences between the national C-130 H. This information will include photographs, especially of the cockpit, the navigation and communication equipment, and of the instrument panels, and a detailed description of the various components.
3. In order to collect data prior to certification, all Pod Users will fly their own aircraft equipped with the Pod system, using various sensor configurations in accordance with agreed procedures.
4. The same calibration target will be used throughout the whole data-collection campaign and for the certification.
5. All sensor data collected will be processed in accordance with agreed guidelines and film manufacturers' specifications, and will be presented as a consolidated package.
6. In view of increasing openness and transparency and of making the C-130 H/Pod system certification a successful event, the Pod Users will be ready to consider any further request from interested States Parties.