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The *LRU*s used for *System* are to be certified by CEMILAC. RCMA is the field establishment to accomplish this work. This document outlines the airworthiness certification plan for the *LRU*.

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1 Introduction

1.1 Scope

This document gives the airworthiness certification plan for *LRU name*. The document covers the necessary aspects from certification perspective that need to be complied by all the concerned agencies for successful design evaluation and productionization of the system.

1.2 Applicability

The requirements given in this document have been tailored from DDPMAS-2002 and are applicable only to *LRU name*. The details given in the document shall be strictly adhered to and any deviation/waiver shall be documented after due concurrence from all concerned.

1.3 Applicable Documents

- 1. Project Proposal/ QR/ CONOPS
- 2. SSA/FHA

2 System Description

2.1 Project – Salient Details

1	LRU Name	
2	Part number	
3	System	
4	LRU Criticality classification	
5	Platform	
6	Design deliverables	

2.2 Introduction & Context Diagram

<Brief introduction of the system not exceeding 1 page and diagram showing all the LRUs and external systems with which it is interfaced>

2.3 Responsibilities of Participating Agencies

Sl.No.	Responsibility	Agency
1	Hardware Design & Development	
2	Software Design & Development	

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3	System Integration
4	Hardware Certification
5	Software Certification
6	LRU/ System Clearance
7	Platform clearance for flight testing
8	IV & V agency
9	Inspection coverage during design
10	Inspection coverage during production
11	Production
12	Customer
13	User

Note: For complex systems/ System of Systems PBS and WBS may be reproduced here.

2.4 Standard Compliance

1. Hardware design : RTCA DO-254, MIL-STD-704F

2. Software development : IEEE 12207/ DO-178C/ DGSD, DO-326

3. Environmental testing : MIL-STD-810H4. EMI/EMC testing : MIL-STD-461G

5. System performance : <Applicable SAE, STANAG, TSO etc>

6. COTS screening : CEMILAC Directive No. 81/2003 Dt. 10-01-2004
 7. SOF Tests : CEMILAC Directive No. 14/2015 Dt. 13-02-2015
 8. Certification Regulations : Subpart C1, C6, T1, T2 of IMTAR-21 Ver 2.0

2.5 Project Milestones

A milestone marks the successful completion of a set of identified activities and indicates the readiness of the project to proceed to next stage in the lifecycle. Various milestones are identified spanning through design, development, testing and production phases of the project, as below.

- 1. System Requirements Review
- 2. System Preliminary Design Review
- 3. System Critical Design Review
- 4. SOF Readiness
- 5. SOF Completion
- 6. Rig/aircraft Integration checks
- 7. Trials
- 8. QT Readiness
- 9. QT Completion
- 10. Provisional Clearance

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- 11. Type Approval
- 12. Service Use clearance
- 13. Continued Airworthiness
- Software Certification will be as per the Approved Software Certification Plan. The mandatory software clearances for each phase are brought out in this document.

3 Design Certification activities

This section gives the detailed coordination of activities between design and certification at each of the milestones mentioned in section 2.5.

3.1.1 System Requirements Review

This is the first activity in the course of design evaluation. The SIPOC table for requirements review process is given below. The input documents are submitted to the review team at least 15 days in advance.

Supplier of	Input	Process	Output	Customer for
inputs				outputs
Customer	1. Operational requirements/ Concept of Utilisation	A review team consisting of representatives of customer, RCMA, DGAQA and system designer shall review the	System Functional Requirements Specification/ SSS	LRU Designer and RCMA
System	2. Draft Interface	requirements and analyze the	Interface control	
designer	control	feasibility, expectations,	document approved	
	document (Buses & electrical) 3. E-Map of all applicable platforms	implications and priority of the requirements. The team shall ensure that functionality, performance, fault tolerance and fail-safe features, safety interlocks, BIT, orientation and other platform	by System designer.	
LRU Designer	4. Draft Tech Spec	related constraints, which of the requirements are unchangeable and which are prone to change etc. are captured in the specification documents.		

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Subsequent to the Requirement Review, the approved documents are baselined and kept under configuration control. Changes to these documents shall be through change notices approved by Customer, System designer and RCMA.

3.1.2 System Preliminary Design Review

After the designer explores various options and decides on the preliminary design, it is presented to the review team for suggestions and validation. The input documents are submitted to the review team at least 15 days in advance.

Supplier of	Input	Process	Output	Customer for
inputs				outputs
LRU Designer	1. System	A review team consisting of	1. Action points to be	LRU Designer
	Requirement	System designer, RCMA and	implemented in the	and RCMA
	Specification/	DGAQA shall review the	preliminary design.	
	QR	preliminary design of hardware		
		including the technology,	2. Final SARAD	
	2. SARAD	architecture, tools, major	absorbing the	
		components, techniques etc.	committee	
	3. SSA/FHA	Mechanical aspects such as	recommendations.	
		weight bearing fixtures, guides,		
		placement of connectors etc		
		shall also be reviewed.		

During the PDR, the action points are given an EDC. RCMA shall keep track of the action points and ensure that they are implemented before proceeding to the next stage. In case any of the points are not implemented, reason and justification shall be given by the designer. The action points are to be closed by RCMA under concurrence from the System designer.

3.1.3 System Critical Design Review

After the designer proceeds from preliminary to detailed design and a working model is ready as proof of concept, it is presented to the review team for suggestions and validation. The input documents are submitted to the review team at least 15 days in advance.

Supplier of	Input	Process	Output	Customer for
inputs				outputs
LRU Designer	1. Hardware	A review team consisting of	1. Action points to be	LRU Designer
	Design Document	RCMA, DGAQA and external	implemented in	and RCMA
		experts shall review the	the detailed	

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2. Firmware	detailed design of hardware	design.
Requirement and	and firmware including	
design Document	optimization, upgradability, interdependence of modules,	2. Tech Spec (and FRS, if applicable) approved by
3.CDR document	thermal analysis, de-rating,	RCMA.
with Signal	computations to prove that the	TOTAL .
integrity,	design conforms to the	3. Test rig
Reliability,	requirements.	specifications
FMECA, Structural	Testing philosophy and test rig	approved by RCMA
and Thermal	specifications are also	
analysis details	discussed during thereview.	

During the CDR, the action points are given an EDC. RCMA shall keep track of the action points and ensure that they are implemented before proceeding to the next stage. In case any of the points are not implemented, reason and justification shall be given by the designer. The action points are to be closed by RCMA.

3.1.4 SOF readiness

When the design of hardware and software are complete and in-house testing is satisfactory, the LRU is offered to RCMA and DGAQA for SOF1. By this stage, it is expected that the Test rig requirements are finalized and Test rig specifications are approved by RCMA. Before commencement of SOF testing, DGAQA & QC shall certify the conformance of Test rig to the specifications. Physical inspection and ESS are carried out by DGAQA. The input documents are submitted at least 15 days in advance.

Supplier of	Input	Process	Output	Customer for
inputs				outputs
LRU Designer	 SOF Test Plan Functional Test Procedure MDI and drawings BOM Derating document Test rig specification 	The test setup and functional test procedure are demonstrated to RCMA and DGAQA. The checksum and version of the baselined software in the UUT, and test software is noted. Calibration status of the test equipment and chambers are verified by DGAQA and QC.	 SOF test plan approved by RCMA FTP approved by RCMA MDI approved by RCMA Test schedule Baselined software Test rig TVPL+TVPR Test rig VDD 	RCMA, DGAQA, QC

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LRU Designer	Approved MDI,	DGAQA, QC carry out physical	1. Physical inspection	1. LRU
	Drawings, BOM	inspection, COTS screening and	report	Designer
		ESS tests on the LRU.	2. Test results of	2. RCMA
			screening and ESS	
			tests	

Gerber checksum to be included as part of MDI. Packing box specification to be included in the MDI

After the test setup and test procedure have been accepted by RCMA and DGAQA, a test schedule is prepared by the designer outlining the dates and venues for carrying out the SOF tests and distributed to RCMA, DGAQA and QC. The approved documents are kept under configuration control.

Note: If there are programmable devices in the LRU, the firmware related requirement/testing/ simulation document also to be approved by RCMA.

3.1.5 SOF completion

When the LRU and test rig are reckoned to be ready for SOF, the actual SOF tests are started.

Supplier of	Input	Process	Output	Customer for
inputs				outputs
LRU Designer	 SOF Test schedule Functional Test Procedure Approved Test rig & test software 	SOF tests are carried out as per the schedule and test results are recorded in the format given in FTP. If there are any failures during the test, Defect investigation and repair/modification actions are taken and test is repeated. In case of repair, DIR is prepared and in case of design modification, ECN is prepared. Test report containing test results, DIRs, ECNs is compiled at the end of the SOF testing.	1. SOF test report 2. Approved ECNs/ DIRs	RCMA, DGAQA, QC

If any discrepancies are noticed during testing, failure analysis, fault identification, corrective action and regression testing are carried out. On receipt of Application for SOF certificate, the LRU is cleared for rig/aircraft integration.

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3.1.6 Rig Integration checks

The LRU shall undergo rig integration checks before fitment in the aircraft, to check the interfaces and acceptability of the outputs by the platform division.

Supplier of	Input	Process	Output	Customer for
inputs				outputs
System designer	1. Software & firmware Clearance for flight trials 2. ITP for rig integration approved by platform RCMA	The LRU is integrated with the rest of the system in the rig/ aircraft. The interfaces, timings, IO signal levels are checked. Full functional tests on the integrated system are carried out. Discrepancies, if any, are analyzed and corrective action taken. Modifications are noted in ECNs (for hw)/SCNs (for sw).	Integration Test Report	RCMA, DGAQA, System designer, LRU designer.

RCMA shall clear the LRU for flight trials based on the satisfactory integration tests. Hardware and software SOP are noted in the clearance.

3.1.7 Trials

The integrated System Is cleared for flight trials after satisfactory rig/ aircraft integration.

Supplier of	Input	Process	Output	Customer for
inputs				outputs
Customer	1. Flight Test Plan approved by Platform RCMA	The integrated system is subjected to flight trials and all the operational requirements are checked thoroughly. RCMA shall co-ordinate the preparation of flight test parameters to explore full capabilities and various conditions to be tested in detail. Discrepancies, if any, are analyzed and corrective action taken. Modifications are noted in ECNs (for hardware) / SCNs (for software).	 Flight test report Post Flight Analysis 	RCMA, DGAQA, System designer, LRU designer.

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The changes in hardware/ software are to be done based on the aircraft requirement, pilot inputs and QR parameters.

3.1.8 QT Readiness

After flight trials, the changes done in SOF1, SOF2 are absorbed in the QT model of the LRU. The SOP at this point is fairly stable and no major hardware or software modification is envisaged. The QT unit shall undergo physical inspection and ESS tests similar to SOF units.

Supplier of	Input	Process	Output	Customer for
inputs				outputs
LRU Designer	1. Qualification Test Plan. 2. Latest approved MDI, Drawings. 3. TRTM 4. TARB Committee	The process documents, maintenance manuals for system and test rig, module specifications and test procedure etc are discussed at this stage. Test Requirements	 QT schedule QTP TRTM Compliance TARB recommendations 	RCMA, DGAQA, LRU designer
DGAQA, QC	Physical inspection report	Traceability Matrix will demonstrate that all requirements (functional, performance and environmental) are met by the design. The inputs required for smooth transition from design to production stage will be finalized. If TARB is constituted, the committee will review the adequacy of TRTM and recommend changes, if required.		

A schedule for carrying out QT tests with dates and venues are prepared by the LRU designer and forwarded to RCMA, DGAQA and QC.

3.1.9 QT Completion

After the SOP of hardware, software, ATE/test rigs are frozen, qualification tests can commence.

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inputs				outputs

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LRU Designer	1. Module level	Tests as per the QTP are	1.Qualification Test	RCMA,
	specification and	completed in the presence of	Report	DGAQA, QC
	test procedure	RCMA, DGAQA and QC.	2.Compliance Matrix	
	2.Tuning and	During this time IV & V team		
	Testing	shall complete all the software		
	Document	evaluation activities and submit		
		a report/ recommendation to		
DGAQA, QC	Physical inspection	RCMA regarding adequacy/		
	report	limitations of the software.		

The unit which undergoes QT shall be yellow-banded.

3.1.10 Provisional Clearance

On successful completion of QT and satisfactory flight trial feedback, the SOP of the LRU is cleared for production. By this time software and firmware certification as per their respective certification plans shall be completed. If Software and firmware clearance for production is not available at this time, PC cannot be issued, LoTA will be issued.

Supplier of	Input	Process	Output	Customer for
inputs				outputs
LRU Designer	 Qualification Test Report Compliance Matrix Approved Software & Firmware Flight test report 	The unit will be accorded Provisional Clearance certificate which enables the designers to transfer the technology to production agency and prepare the formalities for Type Approval. The PC will be valid for one year from the date of issue.	Provisional Clearance/ LoTA Certificate SOP document ToT documents for production	LRU Designer, Production agency.

3.1.11 Type Approval

Supplier of	Input	Process	Output	Customer for
inputs				outputs
LRU Designer	Type Approval application and documentation as per IMTAR-21	The unit will be accorded Type Approval certificate by CEMILAC which regularizes the production for next 5 years	Type Approval Certificate	LRU Designer, Production agency.

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3.1.12 Service Use Clearance

Supplier of	Input	Process	Output	Customer for
inputs				outputs
LRU Designer	1. PC or TA	On satisfactory User Trials, the	Service Use Clearance	Production
	2. User Trials	units from production will be	by system RCMA	agency,
	Report	accorded Service Use clearance		User
		where they can be		
		incorporated in the platform		
		delivered to the user.		

3.1.13 Continued Airworthiness

The modifications in SOP which may arise due to requirement changes, field failures etc shall be put up to LMC for analysis and implementation methodology.

Supplier of	Input	Process	Output	Customer for
inputs				outputs
LRU Designer	 Problem Report AMI Trial mod report 	During production or field exploitation, if repeated failures occur in the airborne store, modifications may be proposed by the designer. These modifications are initially cleared in limited numbers for trials. After satisfactory trials, the mod is ratified in LMC for incorporation in production and field units.	1. Mod Leaflet 2. Modified SOP	Production agency, User

The production agency shall apply for renewal of Type Approval in the prescribed format with latest SOP.

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4 Abbreviations

ATP Acceptance Test Procedure
ATE Automatic Test Equipment

BOM Bill Of Material

CDR Critical Design Review

CEMILAC Centre for Military Airworthiness and Certification
DGAQA Director General of Aeronautical Quality Assurance

DIR **Defect Investigation Report ECN Engineering Change Note EDC Expected Date of Completion** ESS **Environmental Stress Screening** FHA **Functional Hazard Analysis** FTP **Functional Test Procedure** HDD Hardware Design Document ICD Interface Control Document

IMTAR Indian Military Technical Airworthiness Regulations

LMC Local Modification Committee

LRU Line Replaceable Unit

MDI Master Drawing Index. Same as Drawing Applicability List

PC Provisional Clearance

PDR Preliminary Design Review

QC Quality Control of Design Agency

QT Qualification Testing

QTP Qualification Test Procedure

RCMA Regional Centre for Military Airworthiness

SARAD System Architecture and Requirements Allocation Description

SCN Software Change Note

SOFT Safety of Flight Test Procedure

SOP Standard of Preparation

SIPOC Supply, Input, Process, Output, Customer

SSA System Safety Analysis

SyRS System Requirement Specification

TA Type Approval

TARB Test Adequacy Review Board

TRTM Test Requirement Traceability Matrix

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	Review	• ICD	Refer
		 Functional Specifications/ SSS 	Approve
		 E-map of platform(s) 	Refer
2	System PDR	System Requirements	Review
		• SARAD	Refer
		System PDR doc	Refer
		• SSA/FHA	Review
3	System CDR	Technical Specifications	Approve
		 Hardware Design Document 	Refer
		• CDR Doc	Refer
		 Derating document 	Review
		Reliability prediction	Review
		Thermal analysis	Review
		Structural analysis	Review
		Signal Integrity	Review
		EMI/EMC analysis	Review
		• FMECA	Review
4	SOFT	SOFT Plan	Approve
		 Functional Test Procedure 	Approve
		MDI & Drawings	Approve
		• BOM	Approve
		Test rig specifications	Approve
		Test rig VDD	Approve
		SOFT report	Refer
5	Flight Trial Clearance	Rig/ aircraft integration test plan	Approve

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6	QT	• QTP	Approve
		• TRTM	Review
		 Module level specification and test 	Approve
		procedure	
		Tuning and testing document	Approve
7	PC	Flight test report	Refer
		• QTR	Refer
		Compliance matrix	Review
		Maintenance & Repair manuals for	Refer
		system	
		 User Manual for system 	Refer
		Maintenance & Repair manuals for	Refer
		test rig	
		User Manual for test rig	Refer
8	TA	Documentation as per IMTAR	Review
	Service Use clearance	User feedback	Refer
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	airworthiness	 Analysis reports 	Review
		Test reports	Review
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