

**DECLARATION OF INTENT
BETWEEN
THE JAPAN AIRCRAFT AND RAILWAY ACCIDENTS
INVESTIGATION COMMISSION (ARAIC)
AND
THE AUSTRALIAN TRANSPORT SAFETY BUREAU (ATSB)
ON
MATTERS OF AIR AND RAIL SAFETY**

ARAIC and ATSB declare their intent to promote cooperation as set out in the following.

1. Purpose

The purpose of this Declaration Of Intent (DOI) is to assist in enhancing national, regional and international aviation safety and railway safety in our respective countries.

The ATSB and the ARAIC (hereinafter referred to as ‘Parties’) are each committed to undertaking professional accident and incident investigations that do not seek to ascribe ‘blame’. The Parties also commit to publishing investigation reports highlighting any necessary safety action and recommendations to improve future safety. In entering into this DOI, the sole objective of both Parties is the enhancement of transport safety.

2. Conformity with Annex 13 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation

Both Parties cooperate in the accident and serious incident investigation and sharing of information/know-how in conformity with the Standards and Recommended Practices of Annex 13 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation to which each country is a signatory.

3. Cooperation on air safety matters

In addition to Annex 13 requirements, the Parties will seek to cooperate in aviation investigations, safety information transfer and training, and to discuss relevant management issues as resources permit for the mutual benefit of each country.

4. Cooperation on railway safety matters

In respect of rail safety matters, the Parties will seek to advise each other in a timely manner of key issues that arise from safety investigations and data analysis that may be of

interest and relevance to the other party.

5. Confidentiality

The Party that receives materials from the other Party should handle the materials according to their confidentiality or proprietary status, within the bounds of the respective laws of the two states. Drafts, internal, or working documents that have been transmitted, except when explicitly indicated to the contrary, are to be considered as proprietary/confidential documents and treated as such.

6. Points of contact

6.1. ATSB

Primary contact with the ATSB will be by:

Telephone: +61 2 6257 4150
Facsimile: +61 2 6274 6699
Postal address: PO Box 967
Civic Square ACT 2608
Australia

Or

Deputy Director, Air Safety Investigation (Aviation)

Telephone: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Facsimile: [REDACTED]
E-mail: [REDACTED]

Deputy Director, Surface Safety Investigation (Rail)

Telephone: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Facsimile: [REDACTED]
E-mail: [REDACTED]

Any updates to the points of contact and the names of personnel holding these positions will be provided separately as they may be subject to change during the period of operation of the DOI.

6.2. ARAIC

Primary contact with the ARAIC will be by:

Telephone: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Facsimile: [REDACTED]
Postal address: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Or

Investigator General, Aircraft Accident Investigation:

Telephone: [REDACTED]
Facsimile: [REDACTED]
E-mail: [REDACTED]

Investigator General, Railway Accident Investigation:

Telephone: [REDACTED]
Facsimile: [REDACTED]
E-mail: [REDACTED]

Any updates to the points of contact and the names of personnel holding these positions will be provided separately as they may be subject to change during the period of operation of the DOI.

7. Funding

Any funding required for the implementation of the cooperation set out in this DOI will

8. Others

8.1. Power and amendment of the DOI

This DOI is not legally binding. It may be amended at any time by mutual consent of the Parties.

8.2. Validity

This DOI will come into effect on the date of signing and will remain in effect unless terminated by either Party.

Signed in duplicate:



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Australian
Transport Safety
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Date: 3 June 2003