

PRESS RELEASE

**Aircraft airworthiness oversight :
OSAC, a subsidiary of the Apave group, renewed by the Directorate General of Civil
Aviation for a third term**

OSAC, a subsidiary of the Apave Group, has just been chosen for the third time in a row by the DGAC (Direction Générale de l'Aviation Civile) to continue its mission of monitoring the airworthiness of aircraft for a period of 6 years, from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2028.

This decision by the DGAC, translated into a ministerial decree published in the Journal Officiel on 3 August 2022, follows a call for tenders launched over a year ago. For Apave, this renewal is a mark of confidence and recognition of the work accomplished by the OSAC teams over the last 12 years in the service of users and in favour of the safety of all.

During the recent crises that have impacted the aeronautical industry, OSAC has also been able to reinvent itself and accompany users in a context as particular as the Covid pandemic: extension of OSAC's missions to the complementary French and foreign military fields to challenge its organisation, agility in the management of personnel skills, maintenance of the modularity of the information system, reinforcement of internal communication to accompany the changes

Over the next six years, OSAC will continue to ensure compliance with French and European regulations for all civil aviation players, i.e. nearly 14,000 aircraft, from airliners to gliders.

"Our offer for the next six years is based on our recognised experience and rigour, but also on OSAC's ability to reinvent itself and adapt its model to future challenges: a turbulent context, with important new regulatory steps ahead," says Guy TARDIEU, Chairman of OSAC.

The response file to the DGAC call for tenders includes a number of ambitious provisions, such as :

- **Introduction of Risk Based Oversight (RBO)** for production (Part-21G) and maintenance (Part-145) organisations, defined by EASA as "a way of exercising oversight where the programming of oversight taking into account the risk profile of the operator and its implementation focuses, beyond regulatory compliance oversight, on the management of operational risks".
- **Application of the new regulation (Part-IS)** on the implementation of an Information Security Management System aiming at contributing effectively to the protection of the aviation system against cyber attacks and their consequences by introducing provisions for the management of information security risks for production, maintenance (145) and continuing airworthiness management organisations (CAMO), which will be subject to oversight by OSAC.
- **Evolution of oversight modalities** to take into account technological novelties in aircraft and their equipment (electric aircraft, alternative fuels, giant airship for cargo transport, etc.) and the reduction of production requirements in the field of light aviation introduced by Part-21Light.

"The Apave group and all the OSAC staff are honoured by the confidence that the DGAC has just renewed in them. We will do our utmost to meet the expectations expressed and demonstrate our desire to support the players in their safety and risk management challenges, by meeting the current ambitions of the aeronautical sector, while imagining together the innovative and sustainable solutions of tomorrow", says Philippe MAILLARD, Managing Director of the Apave Group.

Within the framework of this new mandate, materializing the renewed confidence of the DGAC, OSAC is committed, in a complicated economic context for the aeronautical sector, to continue to innovate and to adapt in order to maintain a high level of service quality, to optimize its operating methods and to progress towards risk control.

About Apave

Apave is an international group with over 150 years of experience in risk management. An independent company with a turnover of €989 million in 2021, Apave currently has 12,650 employees, 130 agencies in France, 170 training sites in France and abroad and 18 test centres. Apave has an international presence in over 45 countries. Nearly 500,000 customers already place their trust in Apave in France and abroad. www.apave.com

About OSAC

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The purpose of airworthiness oversight is to ensure that aircraft are technically fit to fly safely for property and people on board and on the ground.

This oversight essentially consists of audits and controls to ensure that the various actors in civil aviation apply the European regulations on airworthiness monitoring issued by EASA, the European Civil Aviation Safety Agency.

Since 2010, OSAC has been providing this oversight in France as part of the Authority, and carries out missions outside Europe for EASA as a subcontractor of the DGCA.

Profile of OSAC

- OSAC is a simplified joint stock company (SAS), whose majority shareholder is the Apave Group
- OSAC is managed by a Chairman assisted by a strategic committee composed of representatives of the shareholder and the aeronautical industry,
- 2021 SALES: €24M
- Workforce: 174 people
- The head office is located in Issy-les-Moulineaux (92)
- OSAC started its activity in 2010

Key figures for OSAC monitoring in 2021

- 220 Production organisations including 11 subcontracted by DSAC on behalf of EASA
- 700 maintenance organisations of which 118 are subcontracted by CASD on behalf of EASA
- 160 airworthiness management organisations (CAMO)
- 100 Combined Organisations (CAO)
- 90 training organisations of which 50 are subcontracted by CASD on behalf of EASA
- 12,800 French aircraft maintenance licences
- 14,000 aircraft registered in France
- 6,270 audits performed per year