

# Experience of CSN RNP AR Operational Approval

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## Overview

- ❖ China Southern Airlines (CSN) always attaches great importance to PBN applications. As a kind of PBN technology, RNP AR can improve the safety and efficiency of the flight operation.
- ◆ Based on the CAAC Advisory Circular AC-91FS-05 《特殊航空器和机组(SAAAR)实施所需导航性能(RNP)程序的适航和运行批准准则》, nine CSN RNP AR Operations have been approved.





## Overview

With the guidance of CAAC, CSN has obtained 9 RNP AR Operations Approval:

- ❖Feb 2009, A319-132, Yanji Airport, RNP AR Demonstration flight.
- ♦ Mar 2009, A330-300, Lhasa Airport, RNP AR Operation be approved.
- ❖Jan 2010, A319-115, Lhasa Airport, RNP AR Operation be approved.
- ❖Sep 2010, A319-115, Lijing Airport, RNP AR Operation be approved.
- ❖Mar 2010, A319-115, Jiuzai Airport, RNP AR Operation be approved.
- ❖Jan 2014, A320-232, Zhangjiajie Airport, RNP AR Operation be approved.
- ❖Sep 2014, B737-700, Kanas Airport, RNP AR Operation be approved.
- ❖Apr 2014, B737-800, Zhangjiajie Airport, RNP AR Operation be approved.
- ♦ Mar 2015, A319-115, Linzhi Airport, RNP AR Operation be approved.

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# Management Method

- ❖ Set up Leading Group for CSN PBN implementation
- Project management mode
- ❖ Teamwork: Set up a project team for each RNP AR project





## Leading Group for CSN PBN Implementation

- ❖ CSN set up leading group for CSN PBN implementation in 2007.
- Group Leader: EVP, Flight Operations;
  Group Member: Leadership of CSN relevant divisions.
- The Leading Group take charge of planning and implementation for CSN PBN, including RNP AR. This group unify leadership, organization, guidance, supervision and inspection.



# Project Management Mode

- The project management mode is necessary and efficient.
- While a RNP AR project start, a project team is set up under the leadership of PBN Leading Group.
- ❖ Project team includes the experts from different project execution units. (such as Operation Standard Management Division, Flight Division, Maintenance & Engineering Division and Operation Control Center).
- ❖ The project team cooperate whole heartedly and promote the RNP AR approval process according to the requirements of CAAC AC-91FS-05.





## **Teamwork**

- ❖ As the organizer, the CSN Operation Standard Management Division take charge of overall organization and Coordination.
- ❖ The Project Team discuss and assign the tasks at the face to face meeting.
- ❖ The Project Team members cooperate and communicate actively, drive the project forward as planned.



### Workflow

- ❖ 1、Project Kickoff
- 2. Preliminary work
- ❖ 3、Sign contract with the flight procedure design company
- ❖ 4、Design the RNP AR flight procedure
- ❖ 5、Navigation Data Base (NDB)
- ❖ 6. Test the flight procedure and data base
- ❖ 7、Operation application and document review
- \* 8, Validation on the flight simulator
- ❖ 9、Demonstration flight
- ❖ 10、Trial operation
- 11. Formal approval





# Project Kickoff

- Project Kickoff: Market, Operation requirement, Airport wish etc.
- \* Announce to launch a RNP AR project at the kickoff meeting.





## Preliminary work

Preliminary work should be done if it is the first RNP AR project.

- ♦1. Personnel training: Training by aircraft manufacturer; be familiar with CAAC standard and rules.
- ❖2、Establish the RNP company policy, flight checklist, maintenance program, dispatch program etc.
- ♦3. Check the fleet RNP AR airworthiness, make a modification plan as required.



# Sign Contract

- The airline company should choose a flight procedure design company.
- Sign a contract with the flight procedure design company. Make sure the company will provide necessary application documents, and help airlines to obtain the approval of CAAC.





# Design the RNP AR flight procedure

- ❖ Provide the flight procedure design company with project required documents (PRD) and performance engineering configuration documents (PECD).
- ❖ Flight procedure design company finish the RNP AR flight procedure and provide airline company with design report, engineering report including flight chart, FOSA etc.





## **Navigation Data Base**

- \* Refer to the airplane configuration, choose the proper Navigation Date Base (NDB) supplier.
- ❖ Make Navigation Date Base
- Check the NDB





# Test the flight procedure and data base

- ❖ The flight procedure and NDB should be tested on the flight simulator.
- ❖ Flight procedure and NDB should be adjusted if they are not satisfied.





## Operation application and document review

- ❖ When all prepare work are done, airline could apply to CAAC for RNP AR approval.
- ❖ Cooperate with the CAAC officer to complete the document review.





# Validation on the flight simulator

- ❖ A validation on the flight simulator is required by CAAC Advisory Circular, in order to check the Safety of the RNP AR procedure and the accuracy of NDB.
- Make a validation plan.
- Supervised by CAAC inspector.
- Submit the simulator validation report to CAAC.





## Demonstration flight

- ❖ The purpose of the demonstration flight: check the airplane capability to perform RNP AR procedure, operation and dispatch procedures, maintenance procedures, emergence program etc.
- Make a demonstration flight plan.
- Supervised by CAAC inspector.
- ❖ Submit the demonstration flight validation report to CAAC.



## Trial operation

- \* RNP AR trial operation will be approved after the success of demonstration flight.
- ❖ Collect the data during trial operation period. Submit the trial operation report to CAAC.





## Formal approval

❖ Airline company should apply for RNP AR former operation approval after trial operation period.



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## Case: Linzhi Airport RNP AR Operational Approval

Linzhi Airport: high altitude airport, 100% RNP AR operation.

- ❖Project kickoff: CSN start the Linzhi airport RNP AR project with the market need in Sep 2014.
- ◆Prepare work: CSN has rich experience of RNP AR operation for several years. CSN establish special work procedure for Linzhi airport RNP AR operation.
- ❖CSN apply for Linzhi airport RNP AR operation in Jan 2015.





## Case: Linzhi Airport RNP AR Operational Approval

- ❖ Validation on flight simulator in Feb 2015.
- ❖ Demonstration flight in March 2015.
- Trial operation be approved after demonstration flight.
- \* CSN plan to obtain the formal approval in Jul 2015.





# Thank You



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