

Dear Sir/Madam,

This request relates to the recently published the NPRM relating to ETOPS and LROPS (RIN 2120-A103).

The document is nearly 300 pages in length and submissions are required by 13 January, 2004.

This is a VERY short time to critically analyse and comment on such a lengthy document.

I realise that many within the FAA believe that the ARAC group represented the majority/consensus of opinion and therefore a longer comment time is not required.

However, there are many affected airlines - including QANTAS - and operators who were not represented on the ARAC group and may wish to comment.

Hence, I believe that the cutoff date of 13 January is totally unrealistic - particularly at this time of year - and request that the FAA extend the time period by three months.

These new rules are likely be adopted by many other Regulators around the world and will have a significant impact on many operators. It is imperative that all have the opportunity to comment.

Regards,

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