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MEMORANDUM FOR JOINT AERIAL REFUELING SYSTEMS ADVISORY GROUP

SUBJECT: Joint Standardization Board for Aerial Refueling Systems

The attached charter establishing the Aerial Refueling Systems Advisory Group (ARSAG) as a Joint Standardization Board (JSB) for Aerial Refueling Systems under the Defense Standardization Program (DSP) is approved. The objective of the JSB is to achieve common, mutually satisfactory solutions to shared requirements and problems. The JSB will:

- Develop and improve processes and procedures to facilitate aerial refueling initiatives;
- Establish DOD standards (IAW DOD 4210.24-M, Defense Standardization Program (DSP) Policies & Procedures);
- Define joint doctrine, tactics, techniques and procedures, and recommend DOD policy for effective and efficient deployment of aerial refueling systems;
- Establish a comprehensive, integrated structure necessary to achieve interoperability, promote standardization, and conserve resources in support of Joint Service and Multinational Operations;
- Establish an effective, Department-wide forum for interoperability coordination, planning, and decision making.

Your participation in the DSP's efforts to achieve interoperability and standardization for aerial refueling systems is appreciated.

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Attachment



**CHARTER**  
**DoD JOINT STANDARDIZATION BOARD (JSB)**  
**for**  
**Aerial Refueling Systems**

**Name of Group:** DoD Joint Standardization Board for Aerial Refueling Systems Advisory Group (ARSAG).

**Purpose:** The purpose of the DoD JSB for ARSAG is to:

- Provide senior level (USDAT&L) visibility for standardization and interoperability initiatives.
- Establish DoD standards (IAW DoD 4120.24-M, Defense Standardization Program, Policies & Procedures) or Non-Government Standards as applicable.
- Improve interoperability of joint and coalition forces.
- Define joint doctrine, tactics, techniques and procedures.
- Establish standardized parts/components that have lowered costs, reduced inventories, shortened logistics chains and improved readiness.
- Develop joint solutions to issues that impact the aerial refueling domain.
- Facilitate funding for specific efforts/projects related to standardization and interoperability goals and objectives.
- Provide the interface for commercial/military integration and interoperability.

**Process:** The DoD JSB for ARSAG will perform on a continuous basis those functions necessary to achieve standardization and interoperability objectives through the following:

- Participate in development of national and international standards for aerial refueling hardware and related aircraft fuel system equipment.
- Promote commonality of component parts (as applicable) to enhance supportability.
- Promote standardization in designs for testing and evaluation.
- Interface with industry, academia and government agencies as needed to keep pace with progressing technology.
- Establish and maintain adequate and uniform technical records, i.e. background history and documentation.
- Provide mechanism for exchange of technical information amongst military departments, industry and allied organizations as related to interoperability and commonality of equipment, components and operational requirements.
- Facilitate coordination of draft documents with industry and industry associations to ensure quality and performance requirements meet the highest industry standards.

**Authority:** Defense Standardization Executive (ADUSD/LP&P) Memo, Subject: Joint Standardization Boards, Dated: 17 August 2006.

**Membership:** The Board is to be composed of members from DoD and other government agencies, industry and industry associations and academia. ARSAG's standardization efforts are concentrated within its Special Panel Workshops attended by technical and operational representatives of military and industry organizations. Participants in ARSAG include the USAF Air Mobility Command (AMC), Air Combat Command (ACC), Air Force Reserve Command (AFRC), Air Force Special Operations Command (AFSOC) along with the US Navy, US Marine Corps, Air National Guard, US Army, and the various reserve components. In addition to the U.S.

Military Services, ARSAG participation includes representatives of up to seventeen other nations, NATO and the European Airlift Command (EAC). The Chairperson will be selected from the principal DoD/Federal Government members and rotated on a cycle determined by those members in cooperation with the ARSAG Executive Director.

**Meetings and Procedures:** The JSB will meet a minimum of twice each fiscal year in open general sessions to perform the group's mission or upon request by a voting principal member. Meetings will be scheduled by the current Chairperson with random site selections to accommodate attendance by members. Representation from the principal member organizations of the action officer level (O6/O6 or civilian equivalent) is required for all meetings. Functional area and interested organizations will be invited to open general sessions. List of prioritized items will be made a matter of record in the general session and assigned an OPR to complete tasks as designated by the Chairperson. The Chairperson has the authority to schedule additional meetings or set up subcommittees and working groups in coordination with the principal members, as required, to perform group's mission. These activities will be accomplished in coordination with the ARSAG Executive Director and the ARSAG Chairman.

**Duration:** Serves as a continuous group or a specified life span.

**Miscellaneous:** The Chairman of the ARSAG Joint Standardization Board for FY 2007 is T.B.S. The first meeting of the ARSAG JSB is scheduled for November 2006 in Dayton, Ohio. The chair/co-chair will rotate between a US Navy employee and an employee from the technical offices at Aeronautical Systems Center (USAF/ASC) at Wright Patterson Air Force Base. The majority of ARSAG's special project workshop participants will be ARSAG technical and operational representatives of the eleven ARSAG working panels. The minutes of the ARSAG special projects workshops and status reports will be provided to DoD as the projects progress through completion to be posted on the ARSAG website in draft form for appropriate coordination.