DEFINITIONS

Aircraft-based augmentation system (ABAS) - A system which augments and/or integrates the information obtained from the other GNSS elements with information available on board the aircraft. The most common form of ABAS is the receiver autonomous integrity monitoring (RAIM).

Area navigation (RNAV) - A navigation method that allows aircraft to operate on any desired flight path within the coverage of ground- or space-based navigation aids, or within the limits of the capability of self-contained aids, or a combination of both methods.

Flight technical error (FTE) - The FTE is the accuracy with which an aircraft is controlled as measured by the indicated aircraft position with respect to the indicated command or desired position. It does not include blunder errors.

Global navigation satellite system (GNSS) - A generic term used by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) to define any global position, speed, and time determination system that includes one or more main satellite constellations, such as GPS and the global navigation satellite system (GLONASS), aircraft receivers and several integrity monitoring systems, including aircraft-based augmentation systems (ABAS), satellite-based augmentation systems (SBAS), such as the wide area augmentation systems (WAAS), and ground-based augmentation systems (GBAS), such as the local area augmentation system (LAAS).

Global positioning system (GPS) - The global positioning system (GPS) of the United States is a satellite-based radio navigation system that uses precise distance measurements to determine the position, speed, and time in any part of the world. The GPS is made up by three elements: the spatial, the control, and the user elements. The GPS spatial segment nominally consists of, at least, 24 satellites in 6 orbital planes. The control element consists of 5 monitoring stations, 3 ground antennas, and one main control station. The user element consists of antennas and receivers that provide the user with position, speed, and precise time.

Navigation specifications - Set of aircraft and flight crew requirements needed to support performance-based navigation operations in a defined airspace. There are two kinds of navigation specifications:

Required Navigation Performance (RNP) Specification - Area navigation specification that includes the performance control and alerting requirement, designated by the prefix RNP; *e.g.*, RNP 4, RNP APCH, RNP AR APCH.

Area Navigation (RNAV) Specification - Area navigation specification that does not include the performance control and alerting requirement, designated by the prefix RNAV; *e.g.*, RNAV 5, RNAV 2, RNAV 1.

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Navigation system error (NSE) - The difference between the true position and the estimated position.

Path definition error (PDE) - The difference between the defined path and the desired path at a given place and time.

Performance-based navigation (**PBN**) - Performance-based area navigation requirements applicable to aircraft conducting operations on an ATS route, on an instrument approach procedure, or in a designated airspace.

Receiver autonomous integrity monitoring (RAIM) - A technique used in a GPS receiver/processor to determine the integrity of its navigation signals, using only GPS signals or GPS signals enhanced with barometric altitude data. This determination is achieved by a consistency check between redundant pseudo-range measurements. At least one additional available satellite is required with respect to the number of satellites that are needed for the navigation solution.

RNP operations - Aircraft operations that use an RNP system for RNP applications.

RNP system - An area navigation system that supports on-board performance control and alerting.

Standard instrument arrival (STAR) - A designated instrument flight rules (IFR) arrival route linking a significant point, normally on an air traffic service (ATS) route, with a point from which a published instrument approach procedure can be commenced.

Standard instrument departure (SID) - A designated instrument flight rule (IFR) departure route linking the aerodrome or a specified runway of the aerodrome with a specified significant point, normally on a designated ATS route, at which the en-route phase of a flight commences.

Total system error (TSE) - The difference between the true position and the desired position. This error is equal to the sum of the vectors of the path definition error (PDE), the flight technical error (FTE), and the navigation system error (NSE).

Note. - FTE is also known as path steering error (PSE), and the NSE as position estimation error (PEE).

Way-point (WPT) - A specified geographical location used to define an area navigation route or the flight path of an aircraft employing area navigation. Way-points area identified as either:

Fly-by way-point - A way-point which requires turn anticipation to allow tangential interception of the next segment of a route or procedure.

Fly over way-point - A way-point at which a turn is initiated in order to join the next segment of a route or procedure.

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ACRONYMS

ABAS Aircraft-based augmentation system

AC Advisory circular (FAA)

AFM Aircraft flight manual

AIP Aeronautical information publication

AIRAC Aeronautical information regulation and control

ANSP Air navigation service provider

AP Automatic pilot

APV Approach procedure with vertical guidance

ARP Aerodrome reference point

ATC Air traffic control

ATM Air traffic management

ATS Air traffic service

Baro-VNAV Barometric vertical navigation

CA Course to an altitude

CDI Course deviation indicator
CDU Control and display unit

CF Course to a fix

Doc Document

DF Direct to a fix

DME Distance-measuring equipment
EASA European Air Safety Agency

EGPWS Enhanced ground proximity warning system

EHSI Electronic horizontal situation indicator

FAA Federal Aviation Administration (United States)

FAF Final approach fix

FAP Final approach point

FD Flight director
FD Fault detection

FDE Fault detection and exclusion

FM Course from a fix to a manual termination

FMS Flight management system
FOI Flight Operations Inspector

FOSA Flight Operational Safety Assessment

FTE Flight technical error

GBAS Ground-based augmentation system

GNSS Global navigation satellite system (ICAO)
GLONASS Global navigation satellite system (Russia)

GPS Global positioning system (US)

GS Ground speed

HAL Horizontal alert limit

HIL Horizontal integrity limit

HPL Horizontal Protection Level

HSI Vertical status indicator

HUGS Head up guidance system

ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization

IF Initial fix

IFR Instrument flight rules

IMC Instrument meteorological conditions

LAAS Local area augmentation system

LNAV Lateral navigation

LOA Letter of authorisation/letter of acceptance

LPV Localizer Performance with Vertical Guidance

MCDU Multi-function control and display

MEL Minimum equipment list

MOC Minimum Obstacle Clearance

NM Nautical milesNAVAIDS Navigation aidsNOTAM Notice to airmen

NPA Non-precision approach
NSE Navigation system error

OM Operations manual

OEM Original equipment manufacturer

OPSPEC Operations specification

PA Precision approach

PANS-ATM Procedures for Air Navigation Services - Air Traffic

Management

PANS-OPS Procedures for Air Navigation Services - Aircraft Operations

PBN Performance-based navigation

PDE Path definition error

PEE Position estimation error

PF Pilot flying

PNF Pilot not flying

PM Pilot monitoring

POH Pilot operating handbook
P-RNAV Precision area navigation

PSE Path steering error

QAR Quick access recorder

RAIM Receiver autonomous integrity monitoring

RNAV Area navigation

RNP Required navigation performance

RNP APCH Required navigation performance approach

RNP AR APCH Required navigation performance authorisation required

approach

RTCA Radio Technical Commission for Aviation

SBAS Satellite-based augmentation system

SID Standard instrument departure

SRVSOP Regional Safety Oversight Cooperation System

STAR Standard instrument arrival

STC Supplemental type certificate

TAWS Terrain awareness system

TF Track to fix

TSE Total system error

TSO Technical standard order
VA Heading to an altitude
VI Heading to an intercept

VM Heading to a manual termination
VMC Visual meteorological conditions
WAAS Wide area augmentation system

WGS World geodetic system
WPR Waypoint Precision Error

WPT Waypoint