

Tópicos

Skybrary General Reading

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Around what time did the concept and early ETOPS rules start to be used?

• Around 1986, with more dual engine airplanes equipped with more reliable engines (B767) being used in remote routes away from suitable alternates, where 3 and 4 engined airplanes were used without any restriction to maximum alternate distance.

Is the term ETOPS correct? What does it stand for?

• The term ETOPS is correct. It initially stood for Extended Range Twin-Engine Operations and was widely used in the early decades. Since 2012, Annex 6 introduced the new concept of Extended Diversion Time Operations - EDTO, since having two engines was not the only parameter used for determining alternate distance limits. EDTO was not widely adopted by any regulating agencies or operators and Annex 6 itself explicitly expresses that the usage of ETOPS is acceptable. FAA has opted to reutilize the acronym to ExTended range OPerationS, and EASA uses ETOPS for the classic 2-engine case and LROPS (Long Range Operations) for 3 and 4 engines.

Where is the ETOPS / EDTO information and guidance?

• ICAO Annex 6, Airplane Operation, Chapter 4, and Attachment C.

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