

European Aviation Safety Agency

**DECISION No 2012/004/R
OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE AGENCY**

of 19 April 2012

amending the Annexes I, II, IV, V, VI, VII and VIII to Decision No 2003/19/RM of the Executive Director of the European Aviation Safety Agency of 28 November 2003 on acceptable means of compliance and guidance material to Commission Regulation (EC) No 2042/2003 of 20 November 2003 on the continuing airworthiness of aircraft and aeronautical products, parts and appliances, and on the approval of organisations and personnel involved in these tasks

'Time limit for demonstrating compliance with knowledge and experience requirements',

'Privileges of B1 and B2 aircraft maintenance licences AND Type and group ratings AND Type rating training',

and

'Aircraft maintenance licence for non-complex aircraft'

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On 16 November 2011 the Regulation (EU) No 1149/2011 of 21 October 2011, amending Regulation (EC) No 2042/2003 of 20 November 2003, was published in the Official Journal of the EU.

This Regulation adapts the aviation safety rules for the licencing of aircraft maintenance personnel, mainly contained in Annex III (Part-66) of the Regulation (EC) No 2042/2003, for two reasons:

1. on the one hand, to enhance the requirements for the existing aircraft maintenance licences (categories A, B1, B2 and C) by updating the provisions related to privileges, ratings, training, examination, knowledge and experience;
2. on the other hand, to alleviate the requirements related to aircraft of lower complexity by introducing a new category of licence (category B3 intended for piston-engine non-pressurised aeroplanes of 2 000 kg MTOM and below), in line with the Communication COM (2007) 869 adopted on 11 January 2008 'Agenda for a sustainable future in general aviation'.

This Regulation, that completely replaces Annex III (Part-66) of Regulation (EC) No 2042/2003, entered into force on 17 November 2011 but will apply to the essential aspects only on 1 August 2012 in order to allow stakeholders and competent authorities to adapt to the changes.

It is the purpose of this Decision to describe the Acceptable Means of Compliance (AMC) and Guidance Material (GM) necessary to complement this new Regulation (EU) No 1149/2011.

Finally, it is also important to note that this Decision has been issued, for the benefit of stakeholders and competent authorities, as a fully consolidated version of the AMC/GM corresponding to Annex III (Part-66) and Annex IV (Part-147) of Regulation (EC) No 2042/2003.

THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE EUROPEAN AVIATION SAFETY AGENCY,

Having regard to the Regulation (EC) No 216/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 February 2008 on common rules in the field of civil aviation and establishing a European Aviation Safety Agency, and repealing Council Directive 91/670/EEC, Regulation (EC) No 1592/2002 and Directive 2004/36/EC¹ (hereinafter referred to as the 'Basic Regulation'), and in particular Articles 18(c), 38(3)(a) and (e) thereof,

Having regard to the Commission Regulation (EC) No 2042/2003 of 20 November 2003 laying down implementing rules for the continuing airworthiness of aircraft and aeronautical products, parts and appliances, and on the approval of organisations and personnel involved in these tasks²,

WHEREAS:

- (1) On 16 November 2011 the Regulation (EU) No 1149/2011 was published in the Official Journal of the EU, introducing Amendments to Regulation (EC) No 2042/2003 on the following subjects:
 - Time limit for demonstrating compliance with knowledge and experience requirements;
 - Privileges of B1 and B2 aircraft maintenance licences, type and group ratings and type rating training;
 - Aircraft maintenance licence for non-complex aircraft.
- (2) The Agency shall, pursuant to Article 18 of the Basic Regulation, issue Certification Specifications, including Airworthiness Codes and Acceptable Means of Compliance, as well as Guidance Material for the application of the Basic Regulation and its Implementing Rules.
- (3) It is necessary to support the Amendments introduced by the Regulation (EU) No 1149/2011 mentioned above.
- (4) The Agency, pursuant to Article 52(1)(c) of the Basic Regulation and Articles 5(3) and 6 of the Rulemaking Procedure³, has widely consulted interested parties on the matters which are the subject of this Decision and has provided thereafter a written response to the comments received⁴.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Annexes I, II, IV, V, VI, VII and VIII to ED Decision 2003/19/RM of the Executive Director of the European Aviation Safety Agency of 28 November 2003 on acceptable means of compliance and guidance material to Commission Regulation (EC) No 2042/2003 of 20 November 2003 on the continuing airworthiness of aircraft and aeronautical products, parts and appliances, and on

¹ OJ L 79, 19.03.2008, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1108/2009 of 21 October 2009 (OJ L 309, 24.11.2009, p. 51).

² OJ L 315, 28.11.2003, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EU) No 1149/2011 of 21 October 2011 (OJ L 298, 16.11.2011, p. 1).

³ Management Board Decision concerning the procedure to be applied by the Agency for the issuing of opinions, certification specifications and guidance material (Rulemaking Procedure), EASA MB/08/07, 13.6.2007.

⁴ See NPA 2007-02 & CRD 2007-02, NPA 2007-07 & CRD 2007-07 and NPA 2008-03 & CRD 2008-03 on Rulemaking Archives page: <http://www.easa.europa.eu/rulemaking/r-archives.php>.

the approval of organisations and personnel involved in these tasks are hereby amended as provided in the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision shall be published in the Official Publication of the Agency and shall enter into force on 1 August 2012.

Done at Cologne, 19 April 2012

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