

## Executive Director Decision

2016/022/R

of 6 October 2016

**amending Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to Definitions, Part-ARO, Part-ORO, Part-CAT, Part-SPA, Part-NCC, Part-NCO and Part-SPO of Regulation (EU) No 965/2012**

**GM to Definitions — Amendment 5  
AMC and GM to Part-ARO — Issue 3, Amendment 4  
AMC and GM to Part-ORO — Issue 2, Amendment 9  
AMC and GM to Part-CAT — Issue 2, Amendment 8  
AMC and GM to Part-SPA — Amendment 4  
AMC and GM to Part-NCC — Amendment 7  
AMC and GM to Part-NCO — Issue 2, Amendment 4  
AMC and GM to Part-SPO — Amendment 7**

### **‘Helicopter offshore operations’**

THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE EUROPEAN AVIATION SAFETY AGENCY,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 216/2008<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Articles 38(3)(a) thereof,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EU) No 965/2012<sup>2</sup>, and in particular point ARO.GEN.120 of Annex II (Part-ARO) thereto,

Whereas:

- (1) The Agency shall, pursuant to Article 18(c) of Regulation (EC) No 216/2008, issue acceptable means of compliance and guidance material for the application of Regulation (EC) No 216/2008 and its implementing rules.
- (2) Acceptable means of compliance are non-binding standards adopted by the Agency which may be used by persons and organisations to demonstrate compliance with Regulation (EC) No 216/2008 and its implementing rules; when acceptable means of compliance are complied with, the related requirements of the implementing rules are met.

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<sup>1</sup> 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/EC (OJ L 79, 19.3.2008, p. 1).

<sup>2</sup> Commission Regulation (EU) No 965/2012 of 5 October 2012 laying down technical requirements and administrative procedures related to air operations pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 216/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 296, 25.10.2012, p. 1).

- (4) Guidance Material is non-binding material developed by the Agency which helps to illustrate the meaning of a requirement or specification and is used to support the interpretation of Regulation (EC) No 216/2008, its implementing rules, certification specifications and acceptable means of compliance.
- (5) With Decision N° 2012/015/Directorate R, the Executive Director issued Guidance Material to Definitions of Regulation (EU) No 965/2012.
- (6) With Decision 2014/025/R, the Executive Director issued Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to Part-ARO of Regulation (EU) No 965/2012.
- (7) With Decision 2014/017/R, the Executive Director issued Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to Part-ORO of Regulation (EU) No 965/2012.
- (8) With Decision 2014/015/R, the Executive Director issued Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to Part-CAT of Regulation (EU) No 965/2012.
- (9) With Decision N° 2012/019/Directorate R, the Executive Director issued Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to Part-SPA of Regulation (EU) No 965/2012.
- (10) With Decision 2013/021/Directorate R, the Executive Director issued Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to Part-NCC of Regulation (EU) No 965/2012.
- (11) With Decision 2014/016/R, the Executive Director issued Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to Part-NCO of Regulation (EU) No 965/2012.
- (12) With Decision 2014/018/R, the Executive Director issued Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to Part-SPO of Regulation (EU) No 965/2012.
- (13) The Agency shall, pursuant to Article 19(2) of Regulation (EC) No 216/2008, reflect the state of the art and the best practices in the fields concerned and update its decisions taking into account worldwide aircraft experience in service, and scientific and technical progress.
- (14) Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/1199<sup>3</sup> amending Regulation (EU) No 965/2012 introduces new implementing rules together with an operational approval regarding helicopter offshore operations.
- (15) The Agency has determined the need to adopt acceptable means of compliance and guidance material on helicopter offshore operations, modernising and adapting material previously available in acceptable means of compliance and guidance material to Part-CAT of Regulation (EU) No 965/2012, and introducing new material to ensure the efficient implementation of the new requirements.
- (16) The Agency, pursuant to Article 52(1)(c) of Regulation (EC) No 216/2008 and Articles 6(3), 7 and 8 of the Agency's Rulemaking Procedure<sup>4</sup>, 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 received<sup>5</sup>.

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<sup>3</sup> Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/1199 of 22 July 2016 amending Regulation (EU) No 965/2012 as regards operational approval of performance-based navigation, certification and oversight of data services providers and helicopter offshore operations, and correcting that Regulation (OJ L 198, 23.7.2016, p. 13).

HAS DECIDED:

**Article 1**

The Annex to Decision N° 2012/015/Directorate R (GM to Definitions) of the Executive Director of the Agency of 24 October 2012 is amended as laid down in Annex I to this Decision.

**Article 2**

The Annex to Decision 2014/025/R (AMC and GM to Part-ARO — Issue 3) of the Executive Director of the Agency of 28 July 2014 is amended as laid down in Annex II to this Decision.

**Article 3**

The Annex to Decision 2014/017/R (AMC and GM to Part-ORO — Issue 2) of the Executive Director of the Agency of 24 April 2014 is amended as laid down in Annex III to this Decision.

**Article 4**

The Annex to Decision 2014/015/R (AMC and GM to Part-CAT — Issue 2) of the Executive Director of the Agency of 24 April 2014 is amended as laid down in Annex IV to this Decision.

**Article 5**

The Annex to Decision N° 2012/019/Directorate R (AMC and GM to Part-SPA) of the Executive Director of the Agency of 24 October 2012 is amended as laid down in Annex V to this Decision.

**Article 6**

The Annex to Decision 2013/021/Directorate R (AMC and GM to Part-NCC) of the Executive Director of the Agency of 23 August 2013 is amended as laid down in Annex VI to this Decision.

**Article 7**

The Annex to Decision 2014/016/R (AMC and GM to Part-NCO — Issue 2) of the Executive Director of the Agency of 24 April 2014 is amended as laid down in Annex VII to this Decision.

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<sup>4</sup> [EASA Management Board \(MB\) Decision No 18-2015](#) replacing Decision 01/2012 concerning the procedure to be applied by the Agency for the issuing of opinions, certification specifications, acceptable means of compliance and guidance material ('Rulemaking Procedure').

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.easa.europa.eu/document-library/comment-response-documents/crd-2013-10>

**Article 8**

The Annex to Decision 2014/018/R (AMC and GM to Part-SPO) of the Executive Director of the Agency of 24 April 2014 is amended as laid down in Annex VIII to this Decision.

**Article 9**

This Decision shall enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the Official Publication of the Agency and shall apply as from 1 July 2018.

Done at Cologne, 6 October 2016

*For the European Aviation Safety Agency  
The Executive Director*

Patrick Ky