



Terms of Reference

for a rulemaking task

Regular update of the Certification Specifications for Very Light Rotorcraft (CS-VLR), Small Rotorcraft (CS-27), and Large Rotorcraft (CS-29)

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Applicability		Process map	
Affected regulations and decisions:	Decision No. 2003/17/RM (CS-VLR) Decision No. 2003/15/RM CS-27) Decision No. 2003/16/RM (CS-29)	Concept paper:	No
Affected stakeholders:	Design approval holders; rotorcraft manufacturers and other design organisations dealing with Supplemental Type Certificates, repairs or changes to rotorcraft	Rulemaking group:	No
Driver/origin:	Efficiency/proportionality	RIA type:	None
Reference:	N/A	Technical consultation during NPA drafting:	No
		Publication date of the NPA:	1 per year
		Duration of NPA consultation:	2 months
		Review group:	No
		Focused consultation:	No
		Publication date of the Opinion:	N/A
		Publication date of the Decision:	1 per year



1. Issue and reasoning for regulatory change

EASA is experiencing a growing number of subjects that call for the amendment of certification specifications (CSs). Such subjects vary in nature — some of them may be directly driven by safety issues, while others may be primarily driven by other factors (for instance, the arrival of new technologies not yet addressed in the CSs, the need to address security issues, etc.). Some of those subjects are simple while others are considered complex.

In order to increase the efficiency of the rulemaking process and to maintain EASA's Certification Specifications up to date with technological developments, it has been decided to group those subjects that are considered non-complex, non-controversial, and mature. Management Board Decision No 18-2015¹, dated 15 December 2015, contains the procedure to be applied by EASA for the issuing of opinions, CSs, acceptable means of compliance (AMC) and guidance material (GM).

In this rulemaking task (RMT), not only generic Certification Review Items (CRIs) could be proposed, but also other simple and straightforward items which do not necessitate a single, separate RMT.

2. Objectives

To propose amendments to CS-VLR, CS-27 and CS-29 based on the selection of non-complex, non-controversial, and mature subjects. The ultimate goal is to increase safety but also improve efficiency through having up-to-date CSs that reflect technical and regulatory changes.

Due to the generic nature of this RMT, these terms of reference (ToRs) should remain valid and the RMT should remain open over the years.

3. Activities

Periodically, and when required:

- select non-complex, non-controversial, and mature subjects;
- whenever enough subjects are available, publish a notice of proposed amendment (NPA) proposing amendments to CS-VLR, CS-27 and CS-29;
- prepare a comment-response document (CRD);
- publish the CRD together with an Executive Director (ED) Decision amending CS-VLR, CS-27 and CS-29.

4. Deliverables

- An NPA describing the subjects that have been selected and proposing amendments to CS-VLR, CS-27 and CS-29;
- a CRD to NPA; and
- an ED Decision amending CS-VLR, CS-27 and CS-29.

¹ Management Board Decision No 18-2015 of 15 December 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')

(<https://www.easa.europa.eu/system/files/dfu/EASA%20MB%20Decision%2018-2015%20on%20Rulemaking%20Procedure.pdf>).



5. Annex I: Reference documents

5.1. Affected regulations

N/A

5.2. Affected decisions

- Decision No. 2003/17/RM of the Executive Director of the Agency of 14 November 2003 on certification specifications for very light rotorcraft (« CS-VLR »)
- Decision No. 2003/15/RM of the Executive Director of the Agency of 14 November 2003 on certification specifications for small rotorcraft (« CS-27 »)
- Decision No. 2003/16/RM of the Executive Director of the Agency of 14 November 2003 on certification specifications for large rotorcraft (« CS-29 »)

5.3. Reference documents

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