Executive Director Decision

2020/016/R
of 11 November 2020
issuing the following:

Amendment 3 to Issue 1 of the Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material
to the rules of the air
‘AMC and GM to the rules of the air — Issue 1, Amendment 3’


THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE EUROPEAN UNION AVIATION SAFETY AGENCY (EASA),

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2018/11391, and in particular Article 104(3)(a) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) EASA shall, pursuant to Article 76(3) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1139, issue certification specifications and acceptable means of compliance, as well as guidance material, for the application of Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 and of the delegated and implementing acts adopted on the basis thereof.

(2) Acceptable means of compliance are non-binding standards issued by EASA which may be used by persons and organisations to demonstrate compliance with Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 and the delegated and implementing acts adopted on the basis thereof.

(3) Guidance material is non-binding material issued by EASA which helps to illustrate the meaning of a requirement or specification and is used to support the interpretation of Regulation (EU) 2018/1139, the delegated and implementing acts adopted on the basis thereof, certification specifications and acceptable means of compliance.


(5) EASA shall, pursuant to Article 4(1)(a) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1139, reflect the state of the art and the best practices in the field of aviation and update its decisions taking into account worldwide aviation experience and scientific and technical progress in the respective fields.

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Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1177 of 7 August 2020 amended Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/469 as regards postponing dates of application of certain measures in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. In this context, the adaptation of the common reporting requirements and requirements concerning the SNOWTAM and METAR format, in line with the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Standards and Recommended Practices, introduced with Regulation (EU) 2020/469, is impaired by the lack of resources of competent authorities and operators concerned because of the COVID-19 outbreak and should thus be postponed in order to allow the regulated parties to prepare for their implementation.

In this context, EASA has determined the need to amend the acceptable means of compliance and guidance material to the rules of the air to facilitate the uniform implementation of the referenced postponed provisions in question.

EASA, pursuant to Article 115(1)(c) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 and Articles 6(3), 7 and 8 of the EASA Rulemaking Procedure, has widely consulted the interested parties on the matters which are the subject of this Decision, and has provided thereafter a written response to the comments received.

HAS DECIDED:

Article 1

Point 1.1.11 of AMC1 SERA.14001, as amended by Decision 2020/007/R, shall apply from 12 August 2021.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the Official Publication of EASA.

Cologne, 11 November 2020

For the European Union Aviation Safety Agency
The Executive Director

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