

Executive Director Decision

2019/023/R

of 12 November 2019

**amending the Acceptable Means of Compliance to Annex I (Part ATCO)
to Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/340**

‘AMC to Part ATCO — 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) With Decision 2015/010/R of 16 March 2015, the Executive Director issued Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to Annex I (Part ATCO) to Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/340.

¹ Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2018 on common rules in the field of civil aviation and establishing a European Union Aviation Safety Agency, and amending Regulations (EC) No 2111/2005, (EC) No 1008/2008, (EU) No 996/2010, (EU) No 376/2014 and Directives 2014/30/EU and 2014/53/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council, and repealing Regulations (EC) No 552/2004 and (EC) No 216/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Regulation (EEC) No 3922/91 (OJ L 212, 22.8.2018, p. 1) (<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1535612134845&uri=CELEX:32018R1139>).

- (4) 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.
- (5) With the publication of the initial issue of the Acceptable Means of Compliance (AMC) and Guidance Material (GM) to Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/340 on 16 March 2015, EASA was already aware of the need to maintain the ATCO initial training requirements. For that purpose, a phased approach was agreed for the review and maintenance of the ATCO initial training syllabi. This Decision reflects the update of the initial training syllabi to take into account the publication of new EU rules on areas that affect the training objectives as well the related terminology in order to ensure consistency with ICAO Annex 1 'Personnel Licensing' Amendment 175.
- (6) EASA, pursuant to Article 115(1)(c) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 and Article 16 'Special rulemaking procedure: accelerated procedure' has consulted the affected stakeholders as well as its Advisory Bodies on the matters, which are the subject of this Decision, and has considered the comments received,

HAS DECIDED:

Article 1

The Annex to Decision 2015/10/R of the Executive Director of the Agency of 16 March 2015 is amended as laid down in the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

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

It shall apply from 2 January 2020.

Cologne, 12 November 2019

*For the European Union Aviation Safety Agency
The Executive Director*

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