

## Executive Director Decision

2019/025/R

of 17 December 2019

**amending ED Decision 2018/006/R of 3 May 2018 issuing the Certification Specifications for Aeroplane Flight Simulation Training Devices, as well as amending ED Decisions 2014/017/R of 24 April 2014 and 2019/005/R of 27 February 2019 on the Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to Annex III (Part-ORO) to Commission Regulation (EU) No 965/2012**

**‘Amendment to ED Decision 2018/006/R (CS-FSTD(A) — Issue 2)’**

**‘AMC & GM to Part ORO — Issue 2, Amendment 16’**

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2018/1139<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 104(3)(a) thereof,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EU) No 1178/2011<sup>2</sup> and in particular point ORA.FSTD.205 of Annex VII (Part-ORA) thereto,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EU) No 965/2012<sup>3</sup> and in particular point ARO.GEN.120 of Annex II (Part-ARO) thereto,

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) Certification specifications are non-binding technical standards adopted by EASA which indicate the means to demonstrate compliance with Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 and with the delegated and implementing acts adopted on the basis thereof and which can be used by organisations for the purpose of certification.

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<sup>1</sup> 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>).

<sup>2</sup> Commission Regulation (EU) No 1178/2011 of 3 November 2011 laying down technical requirements and administrative procedures related to civil aviation aircrew pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 216/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 311, 25.11.2011, p. 1) (<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1576137433598&uri=CELEX:32011R1178>).

<sup>3</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) (<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1576075096825&uri=CELEX:32012R0965>).

- (3) 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.
- (4) With Decision 2018/006/R of 3 May 2018, the Executive Director issued Certification Specifications for Aeroplane Flight Simulation Training Devices (FSTDs) 'CS-FSTD(A) — Issue 2'. Regarding its applicability to training in accordance with Commission Regulations (EU) Nos 1178/2011 and 965/2012, Article 2 of that Decision made reference to the future applicability dates of draft amending regulations that were being prepared at that time based on EASA Opinion No 06/2017.
- (5) With Decision 2014/017/R of 24 April 2014, the Executive Director issued Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to Annex III (Part-ORO) to Commission Regulation (EU) No 965/2012. That ED Decision was subsequently amended, *inter alia*, by ED Decision 2015/012/R of 4 May 2015 to introduce upset prevention and recovery training (UPRT) into the flight crew training programmes of air operators.
- (6) 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. Based on EASA Opinion No 06/2017, Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1974<sup>4</sup> was adopted with the applicability date of 20 December 2019. In this regard, the applicability date of ED Decision 2018/006/R (see Article 2 thereof) should be clarified.
- (7) EASA identified that air operators experience difficulties in ensuring compliance with the special evaluation requirements that were introduced with Decision 2018/006/R for FSTDs used for UPRT in accordance with Part-ORO, by the initially set deadline of 20 December 2019. To ensure that enough updated FSTDs are available for use by EU air operators, it is necessary to provide FSTD manufacturers and FSTD operators with additional time to apply such necessary updates and receive the respective approvals from their competent authorities. Therefore, said deadline should be set to 20 August 2020.
- (8) EASA, pursuant to Article 115(1)(c) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 and Article 15 'Special rulemaking procedure: direct publication' of the EASA Rulemaking Procedure, has consulted its Advisory Bodies on the matters which are the subject of this Decision and has considered the comments received,

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<sup>4</sup> Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1974 of 14 December 2018 amending Regulation (EU) No 1178/2011 laying down technical requirements and administrative procedures related to civil aviation aircrew pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 326, 20.12.2018, p. 1) (<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1576155855580&uri=CELEX:32018R1974>).



HAS DECIDED:

**Article 1**

Decision 2018/006/R of the Executive Director of the Agency of 3 May 2018 is amended as follows:

1. Article 1 is replaced by the following:

**'Article 1**

The Annex to this Decision is issued as 'Issue 2' to the Certification Specifications for Aeroplane Flight Simulation Training Devices (CS-FSTD(A)).'

2. Article 2 is replaced by the following:

**'Article 2**

This Decision shall enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the Official Publication of EASA. It shall apply from 20 December 2019.'

**Article 2**

In Annex IV to Decision 2019/005/R of the Executive Director of the Agency of 27 February 2019, point (5)(a) is deleted.

**Article 3**

The Annex to Decision 2014/017/R of the Executive Director of the Agency of 24 April 2014 is amended as laid down in the Annex to this Decision.

**Article 4**

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

However, Article 3 shall apply as of 20 August 2020.

Cologne, 16 December 2019

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

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