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Subject: Invitation Operational Suitability Data (OSD) Workshop
Tuesday 17 May 2011 (09:30 h – 16:30 h)
Pullman Hotel, Ballroom C+D, Cologne

Dear Sir, Dear Madam,

I am pleased to invite you to attend our **"Operational Suitability Data (OSD) Workshop"** to be held at the Pullman Hotel in Cologne (Ballroom C+D), Helenenstrasse 14, D-50667 Cologne, Germany, on **Tuesday 17 May 2011**.

The Agency is about to publish the comment response document (CRD) for the rulemaking task related to operational suitability data (21.039). To help in the understanding of the CRD and to allow more focussed reactions, the Agency is organising a workshop. This workshop is open to all stakeholders affected by the new rules.

The OSD concept has been introduced in the basic regulation as part of the 1st extension package. The necessary implementing rules are developed under rulemaking task 21.039 and should be applicable by April 2012. The OSD will ensure that certain data, necessary for safe operation, is available to and used by the operators. This data is considered specific to an aircraft type and must therefore be produced by the designer of that type. It consists of:

- the minimum syllabus of pilot type rating training;
- the aircraft reference data to support the qualification of simulators;
- the minimum syllabus of maintenance certifying staff type rating training;
- type specific data for cabin crew training; and
- the master minimum equipment list (MMEL);

The operational suitability data proposed by the designer will be approved by the EASA along with the airworthiness certification. Once approved, the operational suitability data must be used by operators and training organisations when establishing their customised training courses and MEL. The OSD is expected to contribute to closing the gap between airworthiness and operations.

The corresponding notice of proposed amendment (NPA) No 2009-01 was published in January 2009. Approximately 1000 comments were received on this proposal. Due to the amount and nature of the comments received the CRD will not provide responses to each individual comment. In stead, general responses to groups of comments are provided. In addition the CRD will also contain the draft final rule text resulting from incorporating the comments.

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Compared to the NPA the proposal is changed in a number of areas. The main changes are listed here:

- Instead of being approved under a separate certificate the OSD will be approved under the existing type certification process. Nevertheless it will be possible to issue the type certificate even if the OSD are not yet completed;
- Once approved, the OSD will have elements that are mandatory for operators and training organisations but the majority of it will have the status of recommendations;
- OSD will in principle be applicable to all aircraft categories. However data for type training is only required if the aircraft has a type rating. Most small aircraft are in group or class ratings and therefore do not need data for type rating training. MMEL is required for all aircraft categories however the Agency will establish generic MMELs for non-complex aircraft, limiting the burden for the manufacturers of those aircraft;
- Operational data already issued in Operational Evaluation Board (OEB) reports will be grandfathered and get the status of OSD. For other existing aircraft types only those models that are still in production will require an OSD. Manufacturers will have two years to establish the OSD under a "catch-up" programme.

This event will be published on the EASA Website (Events):
http://www.easa.europa.eu/home/g_events.html

You are kindly requested to indicate your interest by completing the "registration form" on the EASA website (Events), and to submit it via e-mail, to our functional mailbox (R4-workshops@easa.europa.eu) **before Friday 6 May 2011**. The workshop is only accessible to registered participants, who will receive confirmation of participation. Acceptance will be limited to 2 representatives per organisation.

For additional information, please contact Mr Peter Corbeel by e-mail to peter.corbeel@easa.europa.eu.

Welcome of participants will start at 08:45 h and the workshop will start at 09:30 h and is scheduled to finish no later than 16:30 h.

I hope that you will find this event of interest and we look forward to meeting you.

Yours faithfully,



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