

Executive Director Decision

2021/005/R

of 21 April 2021

issuing the following:

Amendment 13 to Issue 1 of the Guidance Material to Annex I (Definitions for terms used in Annexes II to VIII)

‘GM to Annex I (Definitions for terms used in Annexes II to VIII) — Issue 1, Amendment 13’

and

Amendment 18 to Issue 2 of the Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to Part-ORO

‘AMC & GM to Part-ORO — Issue 2, Amendment 18’

and

Amendment 18 to Issue 2 of the Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to Part-CAT

‘AMC & GM to Part-CAT — Issue 2, Amendment 18’

and

Amendment 9 to Issue 1 of the Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to Part-SPA

‘AMC & GM to Part-SPA — Issue 1, Amendment 9’

and

Amendment 13 to the Initial Issue of the Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to Part-NCC

‘AMC & GM to Part-NCC — Initial issue, Amendment 13’

and

Amendment 10 to Issue 2 of the Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to Part-NCO

‘AMC & GM to Part-NCO — Issue 2, Amendment 10’

and

**Amendment 13 to the Initial Issue of the Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance
Material to Part-SPO
'AMC & GM to Part-SPO — Initial issue, Amendment 13'**

**'Aeroplane performance, PBS, oxygen equipment, medical equipment, recorders,
technical records, non-ETOPS operations, ground de-icing/anti-icing procedures'**

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,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EU) No 965/2012², and in particular ARO.GEN.120(a) of Annex II 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) 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.
- (4) With Decision N°2012/015/Directorate R of 24 October 2012, the Executive Director issued Guidance Material to Annex I (Definitions) to Commission Regulation (EU) No 965/2012.
- (5) With Decision 2014/017/R of 24 April 2014, the Executive Director issued Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to Part-ORO of Commission Regulation (EU) No 965/2012 (Issue 2).
- (6) With Decision 2014/015/R of 24 April 2014, the Executive Director issued Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to Part-CAT of Commission Regulation (EU) No 965/2012 (Issue 2).

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>).

² 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=1597679263736&uri=CELEX:32012R0965>).



- (7) With Decision N° 2012/019/Directorate R of 24th October 2012, the Executive Director issued Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to Part-SPA of Commission Regulation (EU) No 965/2012.
- (8) With Decision N°2013/021/R of 23 August 2013, the Executive Director issued Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to Part-NCC of Commission Regulation (EU) No 965/2012.
- (9) With Decision 2014/016/R of 24 April 2014, the Executive Director issued Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to Part-NCO of Commission Regulation (EU) No 965/2012 (Issue 2).
- (10) With Decision 2014/018/R of 24 April 2014, the Executive Director issued Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to Part-SPO of Commission Regulation (EU) No 965/2012.
- (11) 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.
- (12) With regard to first-aid oxygen equipment required in CAT operations, EASA has acknowledged recent technological developments of that equipment that, attaining an equivalent level of safety, allow the used of new dispensing units.
- (13) With regard to ground procedures for de-icing of aircraft, EASA has updated the guidance in accordance with the Global Aircraft De-icing Standards.
- (14) With regard to performance-based communication and performance required in certain airspaces, EASA has developed acceptable means of compliance and guidance to enable such operations in accordance with ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPS).
- (15) With regard to the first-aid kit required for various types of operations and to the emergency medical kit required in long-haul CAT operations, EASA has acknowledged the need to update the content of both medical kits to reflect the current practice and the latest developments in emergency medicine and to provide benefits by optimising the items available and their quantity so as to best address the most common medical emergencies on board.
- (16) In the context of the activities of rulemaking task (RMT).0271/0272 regarding an update of the rules on air operations for lightweight recorders, EASA published Notice of Proposed Amendment (NPA) 2017-03 on 3 April 2017 and, subsequently, Opinion No 02/2019 on 21 February 2019.
- (17) In the context of the activities of RMT.0249 regarding an update of the rules on air operations for power supply to cockpit voice recorders, EASA published Notice of NPA 2018-03 on 27 March 2018 and, subsequently, Opinion No 02/2019 on 21 February 2019.
- (18) In the context of the activities of RMT.0296 regarding an update of the rules on air operations for aeroplane performance, EASA published NPA 2016-11 on 30 September 2016 and, subsequently, Opinion No 02/2019 on 21 February 2019.
- (19) In the context of the activities of RMT.0695 regarding an update of the rules on air operations for non-ETOPS operations with performance class A aeroplanes with a maximum operational



passenger seating configuration of 19 or less, EASA published NPA 2017-15 on 4 May 2017 and, subsequently, Opinion No 02/2019 on 21 February 2019.

- (20) In the context of the activities of RMT.0276 (MDM.076) regarding an update of the rules on airworthiness and air operations for technical records, EASA published NPA 2014-04 on 7 February 2014 and, subsequently, Opinion No 13/2016 on 17 November 2016.
- (21) Based on the above-mentioned Opinions, the European Commission prepared and published Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1387, amending Regulation (EU) No 965/2012.
- (22) EASA, pursuant to Article 115(1)(c) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 and Articles 6(3), 7 and 8 of the EASA Rulemaking Procedure³, 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 received⁴,

HAS DECIDED:

Article 1

The Annex to Decision N°2012/015/R of the Executive Director of the Agency of 24 October 2012 is amended as laid down in Annex I to this Decision.

Article 2

The Annex to Decision 2014/017/R of the Executive Director of the Agency of 24 April 2012 is amended as laid down in Annex II to this Decision.

Article 3

The Annex to Decision 2014/015/R of the Executive Director of the Agency of 24 April 2014 is amended as laid down in Annex III to this Decision.

Article 4

The Annex to Decision 2012/019/R of the Executive Director of the Agency of 24 October 2012 is amended as laid down in Annex IV to this Decision.

Article 5

The Annex to Decision 2013/021/R of the Executive Director of the Agency of 23 August 2013 is amended as laid down in Annex V to this Decision.

Article 6

The Annex to Decision 2014/016/R of the Executive Director of the Agency of 24 April 2014 is amended as laid down in Annex VI to this Decision.

³ EASA Management Board (MB) 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') (<http://www.easa.europa.eu/system/files/dfu/EASA%20MB%20Decision%2018-2015%20on%20Rulemaking%20Procedure.pdf>).

⁴ <http://easa.europa.eu/document-library/comment-response-documents>



Article 7

The Annex to Decision 2014/018/R of the Executive Director of the Agency of 24 April 2014 is amended as laid down in Annex VII to this Decision.

Article 8

1. This Decision shall enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the Official Publication of EASA.
2. By way of derogation from paragraph 1., the AMC and GM to the following points:
 - CAT.OP.MPA.300
 - CAT.OP.MPA.301
 - CAT.OP.MPA.303
 - CAT.OP.MPA.311
 - CAT.POL.A.255
 - CAT.POL.A.355shall apply from 12 August 2021.

Cologne, 21 April 2021

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The Executive Director*

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