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COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) .../...

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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to 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 an 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 (¹), and in particular Articles 16 and 17 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Regulation (EU) No 1321/2014 (²) lays down the requirements for the continuing airworthiness of aircraft, including the requirements for the qualification and licences of personnel responsible for the release to service of products after maintenance.
- (2) In order to enhance the efficiency of the maintenance personnel licencing and training system, it is necessary to introduce changes to the existing requirements on maintenance licences and maintenance training organisations as laid down in Annex III (Part-66) and Annex IV (Part-147) to Regulation (EU) No 1321/2014.
- (3) In particular, it is necessary to enable type rating endorsements on maintenance licences for those types of aircraft in respect of which there are no organisations approved in accordance with Part-147 that offer type training, while maintaining the current level of safety and a level playing field.
- (4) It is also necessary to update the basic training syllabus for certifying staff involved in aircraft maintenance, enhance the efficiency of the 'on-the-job training' (OJT) required for the first type rating endorsement in the maintenance licence category, introduce new training methods and new teaching technologies as well as other improvements such as the regular update of the aircraft maintenance licencing and training rules.
- (5) Regulation (EU) No 1321/2014 should therefore be amended. A sufficient transitional period should be provided for maintenance training organisations and licencing authorities to ensure their compliance with the new rules and procedures introduced by this amendment.

 ^{(&}lt;sup>1</sup>) OJ L 212, 22.8.2018, p. 1.
(²) Commission Regulation (E)

^{(&}lt;sup>2</sup>) Commission Regulation (EU) No 1321/2014 of 26 November 2014 on the continuing airworthiness of aircraft and aeronautical products, parts and appliances, and on the approval of organisations and personnel involved in these tasks (OJ L 362, 17.12.2014, p. 1).

- (6) The measures provided for in this Regulation are based on Opinion No 07/2022 (³) of the European Union Aviation Safety Agency in accordance with Articles 75(2)(b) and 76(1) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1139.
- (7) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the committee established by Article 127(1) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1139,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Regulation (EU) No 1321/2014 is amended as follows:

- 1. in Article 8 'Entry into force', the following point 7 is added:
 - ^{67.} Maintenance training organisations that hold valid approval certificates issued in accordance with Annex IV (Part-147) and competent authorities responsible for the issue of maintenance licences in accordance with Annex III (Part-66) shall comply with the revised basic knowledge requirements of Appendices I and VII to Annex III (Part-66) and the basic examination standards of Appendices II and VIII to Annex III (Part-66) as introduced by Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) .../... at the latest by [2 years after the entry into force of this Regulation].';
- 2. Annex III (Part-66) and Annex IV (Part-147) are amended in accordance with Annexes I and II to this Regulation.

Article 2

Entry into force and applicability

This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

It shall apply from [6 months after the date of entry into force].

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States. Done at Brussels,

For the Commission The President [...]

^{(&}lt;sup>3</sup>) <u>https://www.easa.europa.eu/document-library/opinions</u>