Executive Director Decision

2023/003/R
of 24 March 2023
issuing the following:

Amendment 8 to Issue 1 of the Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to Commision Regulation (EU) No 139/2014

‘AMC and GM to Authority, Organisation and Operations Requirements for Aerodromes Issue 1, Amendment 8’

Provision of rescue and firefighting services for General Aviation flights

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2018/1139¹, and in particular Articles 76(3) and 104(3)(a) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Acceptable means of compliance are non-binding standards issued by EASA, which are used by persons and organisations to show compliance with Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 and with the delegated and implementing acts adopted on the basis thereof.

(2) Guidance material is non-binding material issued by EASA, which helps to illustrate the meaning of delegated or implementing acts, and which is used to support the interpretation of Regulation (EU) 2018/1139, and of the delegated and implementing acts adopted on the basis thereof.


(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.

EASA determined the need to amend the AMC and GM to Authority, Organisation and Operations Requirements for Aerodromes, to facilitate the implementation of the requirements of Commission Regulation (EU) No 139/2014 as regards the the provision of rescue and firefighting services (RFFS) for General Aviation (GA) operations.

(5) On 30 March 2022, the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) adopted Amendment 17 to its Annex 14, Volume I ‘Aerodrome Design and Operations’, introducing new provisions on the availability of rescue and firefighting (RFF) equipment and RFFS at an aerodrome for commercial air transport (CAT) operations.

(6) The Council of the European Union decided with Council Decision (EU) 2022/322 of 18 February 2022 to support the proposed Amendment 17 to ICAO Annex 14, Volume I ‘Aerodrome Design and Operations’ on the provision of RFFS for GA operations.

(9) EASA, pursuant to Article 115(1)(c) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 and Articles 6(2) and (3) of the EASA Rulemaking Procedure, consulted its Advisory Bodies (ABs) on the content of this Decision and considered the comments received,

HAS DECIDED:

Article 1

The Annex to Decision 2014/012/R of the Executive Director of the Agency of 27 February 2014 is amended as laid down in the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

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

Cologne, 24.03.2023

For the European Union Aviation Safety Agency

The Executive Director

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3 Council Decision (EU) 2022/322 of 18 February 2022 on the decision to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) as regard the adoption of amendments to Annexes 1, 6 to 10, 14 and 17 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation (ST/5751/2022/INIT) (OJ L 55, 28.2.2022, p. 47).

4 EASA is bound to follow a structured rulemaking process as required by Article 115(1) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1139. Such a process has been adopted by the EASA Management Board (MB) and is referred to as the ‘Rulemaking Procedure’. See MB Decision No 01-2022 of 2 May 2022 on the procedure to be applied by EASA for the issuing of opinions, certification specifications and other detailed specifications, acceptable means of compliance and guidance material (‘Rulemaking Procedure’), and repealing Management Board Decision No 18-2015 (https://www.easa.europa.eu/the-agency/management-board/decisions/easa-mb-decision-01-2022-rulemaking-procedure-repealing-mb).