

## Executive Director Decision

**2023/005/R**

**of 30 March 2023**

**issuing Issue 3 of Guidance Material on remote aerodrome air traffic services and  
repealing Decision 2019/004/R of the Executive Director of the Agency of 15 February  
2019**

**‘Guidance Material on remote aerodrome air traffic services — Issue 3’**

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2018/1139<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Articles 76(3) and 104(3)(a) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Guidance material is non-binding material issued by EASA, which helps to illustrate the meaning of delegated or implementing acts or certification specifications and detailed specifications, and which is used to support the interpretation of Regulation (EU) 2018/1139, of the delegated and implementing acts adopted on the basis thereof, and of certification specifications and detailed specifications.
- (2) With Decision 2019/004/R of 15 February 2019, the Executive Director issued Guidance Material on remote aerodrome air traffic services ‘Guidance Material on remote aerodrome air traffic services — Issue 2’
- (3) 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.
- (4) In consideration of the technological developments and the increasing implementation of remote aerodrome air traffic services in Europe as well as worldwide, EASA has determined the need to update the related existing Guidance Material in order to:
  - support the implementation of the provision of remote aerodrome ATS;

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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>).

- review and, if necessary, further refine and complement the existing Guidance Material;
  - support the harmonisation as well as ensure the safe provision of air traffic services.
- (5) EASA, pursuant to Article 115(1)(c) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 and Article 6 of the EASA Rulemaking Procedure<sup>2</sup>, widely consulted the interested parties on the content of this Decision, and provided thereafter a written response to the comments received through the consultation<sup>3</sup>,

HAS DECIDED:

**Article 1**

- (1) The Guidance Material on remote aerodrome air traffic services is that laid down in the Annex to this Decision.
- (2) Decision 2019/004/R of the Executive Director of the Agency of 15 February 2019 is hereby repealed.

**Article 2**

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

Cologne, 30 March 2023

*For the European Union Aviation Safety Agency*

*The Executive Director*

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<sup>2</sup> 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>).

<sup>3</sup> <http://easa.europa.eu/document-library/comment-response-documents>