

Executive Director Decision

2026/004/R

of 8 June 2026

issuing Issue 2 of the Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/340 as well as to Annex I (Part ATCO), Annex II (Part ATCO.AR), Annex III (Part ATCO.OR) and Annex IV (Part ATCO.MED) to that Regulation

‘AMC & GM to Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/340 — Issue 2’

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‘Training the next generation of ATCOs’

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 (AMC) are non-binding standards issued by EASA, which are used by persons and organisations to demonstrate 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 or certification specifications (CSs) and detailed specifications (DSs), and which is used to support the interpretation of Regulation (EU) 2018/1139, of the delegated and implementing acts adopted on the basis thereof.

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, <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2018/1139/oj>).

- (3) With Decision 2015/010/R² of 13 March 2015, the Executive Director issued Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/340³, as amended by Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/2143⁴.
- (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.
- (5) EASA has determined the need to amend the related acceptable means of compliance and guidance material to facilitate the implementation of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/2143 by in setting performance standards for the initial training output based on the principles of competency-based training and assessment and in enabling the virtualisation of training.
- (6) EASA, pursuant to Article 115(1)(c) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 and Article 6 of the EASA Rulemaking Procedure⁵, widely consulted the interested parties on the content of this Decision, and provided thereafter a written responses to the comments received through the consultation⁶,

HAS DECIDED:

Article 1

- (1) Issue 2 of the Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/340 is laid down in Annex I to this Decision.
- (2) Issue 2 of the Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to to Part ATCO is laid down in Annex II to this Decision.
- (3) Issue 2 of the Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to to Part ATCO.AR is laid down in Annex III to this Decision.
- (4) Issue 2 of the Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to Part ATCO.OR is laid down in Annex IV to this Decision.
- (5) Issue 2 of the Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to Part ATCO.MED is laid down in Annex V to this Decision.

² [ED Decision 2015/010/R - Requirements on Air Traffic Controller licensing | EASA](#)

³ Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/340 of 20 February 2015 laying down technical requirements and administrative procedures relating to air traffic controllers' licences and certificates pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 216/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council, amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 923/2012 and repealing Commission Regulation (EU) No 805/2011 (OJ L 63, 6.3.2015, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2015/340/oj>).

⁴ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/2143 of 23 October 2025 amending Regulation (EU) 2015/340 as regards the introduction of competency-based training and assessment and virtual training of air traffic controllers (OJ L, 2025/2143, 24.10.2025, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2025/2143/oj).

⁵ 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 ([EASA MB Decision No 01-2022 on the Rulemaking Procedure, repealing MB Decision 18-2015 \(by written procedure\) | EASA \(europa.eu\)](#)).

⁶ [CRD 2023-02 - Training the next generation of ATCOs | EASA](#)



Article 2

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

It shall apply from 1 January 2029.

However, AMC1 ATCO.B.025(a)(3) and AMC1 ATCO.AR.C005 shall apply on the day following that of their publication in the Official Publication of EASA.

Cologne, 8 June 2026

For the European Union Aviation Safety Agency

The Executive Director

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