

## **European Aviation Safety Agency**

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### **DECISION No 2011/012/R OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE EUROPEAN AVIATION SAFETY AGENCY**

**OF 5TH DECEMBER 2011**

**on**

**Certification Specifications and Acceptable Means of Compliance  
for Free Gas Balloons**

**'CS-31GB'**

THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE EUROPEAN AVIATION SAFETY AGENCY,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 216/2008<sup>1</sup> (hereafter referred to as the 'Basic Regulation'), and in particular Article 38(3)(a) and (e) thereof,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1702/2003<sup>2</sup> (hereafter referred to as 'Part-21') in particular 21A.16A of the Annex to Part-21 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Agency shall, pursuant to Article 18 of the Basic Regulation, issue Certification Specifications and Acceptable Means of Compliance, as well as Guidance Material for the application of the Basic Regulation and its Implementing Rules.
- (2) The Agency is obliged, pursuant to Article 19 of the Basic Regulation, to reflect the state of the art and the best practices in the fields concerned and to update the Certification

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<sup>1</sup> Regulation (EC) No 216/2008 of the European Parliament and the Council of 20 February 2008 on common rules in the field of civil aviation and establishing a European Aviation Safety Agency, and repealing Council Directive 91/670/EEC, Regulation (EC) No 1592/2002 and Directive 2004/36/EC (OJ L 79, 19.3.2008, p. 1). Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1108/2009 (OJ L 309, 24.11.2009, p. 51).

<sup>2</sup> Commission Regulation (EC) No 1702/2003 of 24 September 2003 laying down implementing rules for the airworthiness and environmental certification of aircraft and related products, parts and appliances, as well as for the certification of design and production organisations (Part-21) (OJ L 243, 27.9.2003, p. 6). Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1194/2009 (OJ L 321, 8.12.2009, p. 5).

Specifications taking into account world wide aircraft experience in service, and scientific and technical progress.

- (3) The Agency, pursuant to Article 52(1)(c) of the Basic Regulation and Articles 5(3) and 6 of the Rulemaking Procedure<sup>3</sup>, has widely consulted interested parties on the matters which are the subject of this Decision and has provided thereafter a written response to the comments received<sup>4</sup>,

HAS DECIDED:

#### Article 1

The Certification Specifications and Acceptable Means of Compliance for Free Gas Balloons ('CS-31GB') are those laid down in the Annex to this Decision.

#### Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on 12th December 2011. It shall be published in the Official Publications of the Agency.

Done in Cologne, on 5th December.

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<sup>3</sup> Management Board Decision concerning the procedure to be applied by the Agency for the issuing of Opinions, Certification Specifications and Guidance Material (Rulemaking Procedure), EASA MB/08/07, 13.6.2007.

<sup>4</sup> See NPA 2008-07 and CRD 2008-07 Part II on the Rulemaking Archives page <http://easa.europa.eu/rulemaking/r-archives.php>.