Executive Director Decision

2015/015/R

of 3 July 2015


‘Requirements on Air Traffic Controller licensing regarding remote tower operations’

THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE EUROPEAN AVIATION SAFETY AGENCY,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 216/2008, and in particular Article 38(3)(a) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) The Agency shall, pursuant to Article 18(c) of Regulation (EC) No 216/2008, issue Certification Specifications and Acceptable Means of Compliance, as well as Guidance Material, for the application of Regulation (EC) No 216/2008 and its Implementing Rules.

(2) Acceptable Means of Compliance are non-binding standards adopted by the Agency which illustrate the means to establish compliance with Regulation (EC) No 216/2008 and its Implementing Rules.

(3) Guidance Material is non-binding material developed by the Agency which helps to illustrate the meaning of a requirement or specification and is used to support the interpretation of Regulation (EC) No 216/2008, its Implementing Rules, Certification Specifications and Acceptable Means of Compliance.


(5) The Agency shall, pursuant to Article 19(2) of Regulation (EC) No 216/2008, reflect the state of the art and the best practices in the fields concerned.

(6) The Agency has determined the need to amend the existing Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material that facilitate the licensing and medical certification of air traffic controllers, as well as the certification of persons and organisations involved in their training, testing, checking and medical examination and assessments in order to incorporate elements that would help in the implementation of the remote tower concept.

(7) The Agency, pursuant to Article 52(1)(c) of Regulation (EC) No 216/2008 and Articles 5(3), 6 and 7 of the Agency’s Rulemaking Procedure\(^2\), 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\(^3\).

HAS DECIDED:

**Article 1**

Annex I to Decision 2015/010/R of the Executive Director of the Agency of 13 March 2015 is amended as laid down in Annex I to this Decision.

**Article 2**

Annex II to Decision 2015/010/R of the Executive Director of the Agency of 13 March 2015 is amended as laid down in Annex II to this Decision.

**Article 3**

Annex III to Decision 2015/010/R of the Executive Director of the Agency of 13 March 2015 is amended as laid down in Annex III to this Decision.

**Article 4**

This Decision shall be published in the Official Publication of the Agency and shall enter into force on the day of its publication.

Done at Cologne, on 3 July 2015.

For the European Aviation Safety Agency  
The Executive Director  
Patrick KY

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