



Terms of Reference

for a rulemaking task

Regular update of AMC-20

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Applicability		Process map	
Affected regulations and decisions:	ED Decision No 2003/012/RM (AMC-20).	Concept Paper:	No
Affected stakeholders:	Aircraft and equipment manufacturers.	Rulemaking group:	No
Driver/origin:	Safety; efficiency/proportionality; EASA MB Decision No 01-2012 (Article 3.5. on 'systematic tasks').	RIA type:	Light
Reference:	N/A	Technical consultation during NPA drafting:	No
		Publication date of the NPA:	If applicable
		Duration of NPA consultation:	2 months
		Review group:	No
		Focussed consultation:	No
		Publication date of the Opinion:	N/A
		Publication date of the Decision:	Subsequent to NPA



1. Issue and reasoning for regulatory change

The Agency is facing a growing number of subjects that are candidates for the amendment of Certification Specifications (CSs), including AMC-20 'on general acceptable means of compliance for airworthiness of products, parts and appliances'. Such subjects vary in nature. Some of them may be directly driven by safety issues, while others may be primarily driven by other factors (for instance, the arrival of new technologies not yet addressed in the CSs, the need to address security items, etc.). Some of them are simple while others are complex items.

In order to increase the efficiency of the rulemaking process, it has been decided to decrease the administrative burden of individual rulemaking tasks and to group subjects that are considered non-complex, non-controversial, and mature for a Notice of Proposed Amendment (NPA) subsequently leading to Agency Decisions (CSs and AMC/GM to Implementing Rules (IRs)). This concept was introduced in the revised EASA Management Board Decision 01-2012¹ (see Article 3.5. on 'systematic tasks').

On a regular basis, the Agency would make a review of the availability of such eligible items and would eventually publish a NPA proposing an amendment of AMC-20.

2. Objectives

This rulemaking task is intended to regularly amend AMC-20, in order to reflect the state of the art and best practices. It would, therefore, propose an amendment of AMC-20 based on the selection of non-complex, non-controversial, or mature subjects. The ultimate goal is to increase safety.

Because of the generic nature of this rulemaking task, these Terms of Reference (ToR) remain open and have no end date. Each individual NPA will, however, provide the specific planning and intended date for the Decision to be issued.

3. Activities

On a regular basis:

- select subjects meeting the criteria of the objectives above;
- whenever enough subjects are available, publish an NPA proposing an amendment of AMC-20;
- prepare a CRD; and
- publish the CRD together with an ED Decision amending AMC-20.

4. Deliverables

- An NPA describing the subjects that have been selected and proposing an amendment of AMC-20;
- a CRD to the above-mentioned NPA; and
- an ED Decision amending AMC-20.

¹ Decision of the Management Board amending and replacing MB Decision 08-2007 concerning the procedure to be applied by the Agency for the issuing of Opinions, Certification Specifications and Guidance Material ('Rulemaking Procedure'), adopted at MB 01/2012 on 13 March 2012.



5. Annex I: Reference documents

5.1. Affected regulations

N/A

5.2. Affected decisions

Decision No 2003/12/RM of the Executive Director of the Agency of 5 November 2003 on general acceptable means of compliance for airworthiness of products, parts and appliances (AMC-20).

5.3. Reference documents

N/A

