

## ***European Aviation Safety Agency***

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**DECISION N° 2008/001/S  
OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE EUROPEAN AVIATION SAFETY AGENCY**

**OF 29 SEPTEMBER 2008**

**ON THE GUIDANCE MATERIAL FOR THE QUALIFICATION OF SAFA INSPECTORS**

THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE EUROPEAN AVIATION SAFETY AGENCY

Having regard to the Regulation (EC) No 216/2008 of the European Parliament and of 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<sup>1</sup>,

Having regard to the Commission Directive 2008/49/EC of 16 April 2008 amending Annex II to Directive 2004/36/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council regarding the criteria for the conduct of ramp inspections on aircraft using Community airports<sup>2</sup>, and in particular paragraphs 2.3.4, 2.4.7 and 2.5.4 of the Annex thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Annex to Directive 2008/49/EC mandates the Agency to publish detailed guidance material in order to assist the Member States in the implementation of certain paragraphs thereof;
- (2) When developing such guidance material the Agency is bound to consult the Member States, and where necessary, appropriate experts from relevant interested parties, according to a transparent consultation procedure;
- (3) The Agency has established such transparent consultation procedure through Procedure S.P045-01 which is established in accordance with its quality management system;
- (4) When developing the SAFA guidance material which is annexed to this Decision, the Agency has consulted all Member States and the relevant interested parties in accordance with that procedure;
- (5) The consultation process revealed no comments which prompted the Agency to modify the guidance material in such significant way that it would have to initiate a subsequent consultation round;

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS

*Article 1*

The SAFA guidance material as laid down in the Annex to this Decision is hereby adopted.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 79, 19.3.2008, p. 1.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 109, 19.04.2008, p. 17.

*Article 2*

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its signature.

*Article 3*

This Decision shall be published in the Official Publication of the Agency and on the SAFA Community Website.

Done in Cologne on 29 September 2008

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