

Explanatory Note to Decision 2015/029/R

# Acceptable means of compliance and guidance material to the Annexes to Commission Regulation (EU) No 1321/2014 — Issue 2

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#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Following the recast of Commission Regulation (EC) No 2042/2003 of 20 November 2003 on the continuing airworthiness of aircraft and aeronautical products, parts and appliances, and on the approval of organisations and personnel involved in these tasks, this Decision is issued in order to provide stakeholders with a consolidated version of the related acceptable means of compliance (AMC) and guidance material (GM) to the Annexes to Regulation (EU) No 1321/2014 of 26 November 2014, as last amended by Regulation (EU) 2015/1088 of 3 July 2015.

Decision 2003/19/RM of the Executive Director of the Agency of 28 November 2003 on acceptable means of compliance and guidance material to Commission Regulation (EC) No 2042/2003 is hereby recasted. This includes introduction of changes in writing conventions and references to other regulations, as well as correction of various errors.

	Applicability	Process map	
Affected	ED Decision 2003/19/RM	ToR:	No
regulations and decisions: Affected stakeholders:	Aircraft owners, maintenance organisations, continuing airworthiness management organisations (CAMOs), manufacturers, competent authorities (CAs).	Concept Paper:	No
		Rulemaking Group:	No
		RIA type:	N/A
		Technical consultation	
		during NPA drafting:	No
		NPA publication date:	N/A
		Duration of NPA consultation:	N/A
Driver/origin:	Efficiency/proportionality	Review Group:	No
		Focused consultation:	No
Reference:	N/A	Publication date of the Opinion	N/A

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# **1. Procedural information**

#### **1.1.** The rule development procedure

The European Aviation Safety Agency (hereinafter referred to as the 'Agency') developed Decision 2015/029/R in line with Regulation (EC) No  $216/2008^1$  (hereinafter referred to as the 'Basic Regulation') and the Rulemaking Procedure<sup>2</sup>.

The process map on the title page summarises the major milestones of this regulatory activity.

#### 1.2. Structure of the related documents

Chapter 1 contains the procedural information related to this task. Chapter 2 explains the core technical content. The text of the AMC/GM is annexed to this Decision.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Agency is bound to follow a structured rulemaking process as required by Article 52(1) of the Basic Regulation. Such process has been adopted by the Agency's Management Board and is referred to as the 'Rulemaking Procedure'. See Management Board (MB) Decision No 01-2012 of 13 March 2012 concerning the procedure to be applied by the Agency for the issuing of opinions, certification specifications and guidance material (Rulemaking Procedure).



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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 (OJ L 79, 19.3.2008, p. 1).

# 2. Explanatory Note

#### 2.1. Overview of the issues to be addressed

Following the recast of Regulation (EC) No 2042/2003<sup>3</sup>, Decision 2003/19/RM of the Executive Director of the Agency of 28 November 2003 on acceptable means of compliance and guidance material to Commission Regulation (EC) No 2042/2003 is hereby recasted. This includes introduction of changes in writing conventions and references to other regulations, as well as correction of various errors.

Through this Decision, the consolidated AMC and GM to the Annexes to Regulation (EU) No 1321/2014<sup>4</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EU) 2015/1088<sup>5</sup>, are issued.

#### 2.2. Objectives

The objective of this Decision is to consolidate the AMC and GM to the Annexes to Regulation (EU) 1321/2014.

#### 2.3. Outcome of the consultation

N/A

### 2.4. Summary of the regulatory impact assessment (RIA)

N/A

#### 2.5. Overview of the amendments

Since the initial issue of AMC and GM to Commission Regulation (EC) No 2042/2003 through ED Decision 2003/19/RM, a number of amending ED Decisions have been issued. All the amendements included in these Decisions are incorporated in the consolidated version of this Decision.

This is a list of all previous amendements to ED Decision 2003/19/RM:

ED Decision 2006/001/R of 16 May 2006

'Records of instructors, examiners and assessors'

ED Decision 2006/011/R of 18 December 2006

'Meaning of officially recognised standard'

ED Decision 2006/014/R of 20 December 2006

'Non-required equipment for sailplanes'

ED Decision 2007/001/R of 13 March 2007

'Critical Design Control Configuration Limitations (CDCCL)'

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/1088 of 3 July 2015 amending Regulation (EU) No 1321/2014 as regards alleviations for maintenance procedures for general aviation aircraft (OJ L 176, 7.7.2015, p. 4).



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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Commission Regulation (EC) No 2042/2003 of 20 November 2003 on the continuing airworthiness of aircraft and aeronautical products, parts and appliances, and on the approval of organisations and personnel involved in these tasks (OJ L 315, 28.11.2003, p. 1.)

Commission Regulation (EU) No 1321/2014 of 26 November 2014 on the continuing airworthiness of aircraft and aeronautical products, parts and appliances, and on the approval of organisations and personnel involved in these tasks (OJ L 362, 17.12.2014, p. 1)

ED Decision 2007/002/R of 13 March 2007 'Critical Design Control Configuration Limitations (CDCCL)' ED Decision 2007/003/R of 13 March 2007 'Fuel Tank Safety training Part-66, CDCCL' ED Decision 2007/018/R of 18 December 2007 'Re-Issuance of the Part-66 Aircraft Maintenance Licence' ED Decision 2008/013/R of 12 December 2008 'Revised AMC to Part-M for aircraft not used in Commercial Air Transport and Pilot-owner maintenance' ED Decision 2009/006/R of 24 March 2009 'Fuel Tank Safety Training Issues' ED Decision 2009/007/R of 24 March 2009 'Fuel Tank Safety Training Issues – AMC to Part-145' ED Decision 2009/008/R of 24 March 2009 'Fuel Tank Safety Training Issues – AMC to Part-66' ED Decision 2010/002/R of 28 April 2010 'Permit to Fly, EASA Form 1, Electrical Wiring Interconnect System' ED Decision 2010/006/R of 31 August 2010 'De-Icing / Anti-Icing' ED Decision 2011/011/R of 28 November 2011 'Control of Contracted Maintenance Personnel - Part-145' ED Decision 2012/004/R of 19 April 2012 'AMC & GM to Part-M, Part-145, Part-66 and Part-147' ED Decision 2013/005/R of 21 March 2013 'Aircraft Continuing Airworthiness Monitoring' ED Decision 2013/025/R of 11 September 2013 'Recommended practice for TBO extension' ED Decision 2013/005/R of 19 December 2013 'withdrawing AMC2 M.A.302 (d), AMC M.B.301(b) and Appendix XIV to AMC2 M.A.302(d)' ED Decision 2015/016/R of 8 July 2015 'CS for Standard Changes and Standard Repairs (CS-STAN) – Phase 1'

ED Decision 2015/020/R of 15 July 2015



'AMC to Part-66 — Amendment 14'

ED Decision 2015/024/R of 19 October 2015

'Part-M General Aviation Task Force — Phase I'

For details on the the AMC/GM contained in the above-listed ED Decisions and on related Notices of Proposed Amendment (NPAs)/Comment-Response Documents (CRDs), see:

http://easa.europa.eu/document-library/acceptable-means-of-compliance-and-guidance-materials

This new issue of AMC and GM to the Annexes to Commision Regulation (EU) 1321/2014 incorporates also changes to align with the changes introduced in Regulation (EU) No 1321/2014 by the European Commission such as:

- replacement of the term 'European Community' by 'European Union';
- replacement of the term 'the Basic Regulation' by 'Regulation (EC) No 216/2008'; and
- replacement of the cross-references to 'Commission Regulation (EC) No 2042/2003' where applicable and 'Commission Regulation (EC) No 1702/2003' by cross-references to 'Commission Regulation (EU) No 1321/2014' and 'Commission Regulation (EU) No 748/2012', respectively,

Finally, through this new issue of AMC and GM the Agency took the opportunity:

- to remove any known errors, incorrect cross-references, editorials etc.;
- to remove any identified inconsistencies either within the document itself or inconsistencies with Commission Regulation (EU) No 1321/2014 and/or other Regulations and Agency CS/AMC/GM. This includes alignment of inconsistent terms, designations, cross-references, terminology, writing conventions etc.; and
- to improve the structure and formatting of the document.



## 3. References

#### 3.1. Affected regulations

N/A

#### 3.2. Affected decisions

Decision No. 2003/19/RM of the Executive Director of the Agency of 28 November 2003 on acceptable means of compliance and guidance material to Commission Regulation (EC) No 2042/2003 of 20 November 2003 on the continuing airworthiness of aircraft and aeronautical products, parts and appliances, and on the approval of organisations and personnel involved in these tasks.

#### **3.3.** Reference documents

N/A

