

Management Board Decision

DECISION N° 20-2015

of 15 December 2015

replacing Decision 3/2002 of the Management Board establishing the Advisory Body of Interested Parties

THE MANAGEMENT BOARD OF THE EUROPEAN AVIATION SAFETY AGENCY,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 216/2008¹ 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, hereinafter referred to as the 'Basic Regulation', and in particular Article 33(4) thereof,

Considering that persons and organisations subject to the rules elaborated, or the powers exercised by the European Aviation Safety Agency, shall be entitled to present their views on its functioning, efficiency and achievements and so assist the Management Board in exercising its control,

Having regard to the proposals presented in WP06a and WP06b at the Management Board meeting 02/2015,

Having regard to the suggestions made by the interested parties themselves, and in particular the EASA Advisory Board (EAB) and the Safety Standards Consultative Committee (SSCC) task forces.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Establishment of the Stakeholders Advisory Body

An advisory body of interested parties, hereinafter referred to as the 'Stakeholders Advisory Body' (SAB), is established.

¹ 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).

Article 2
Definitions

For the purpose of this Decision:

‘Agency safety programmes’ means the European Plan for Aviation Safety (EPAS), the Agency’s Rulemaking Programme, and the Safety Promotion Programme.

Article 3
Functions of the SAB

1. The role of the SAB shall be to:
 - (a) provide advice to the Management Board in accordance with the provisions of Articles 33(4) and 34(3) of the Basic Regulation;
 - (b) to provide advice to the Management Board and to the Agency on strategic developments;
 - (c) provide advice to the Agency on the content, priorities and execution of its safety programmes;
 - (d) provide advice to the Agency on implementation/standardisation issues of strategic or horizontal nature (including high-level, cross-domain implementation policies, such as the policy on acceptance of industry standards);
 - (e) contribute to the Agency’s safety risk management processes, preliminary impact assessments, regulatory impact assessments and other tools to be employed for the development of the Agency’s safety programmes;
 - (f) provide comments on preliminary impact assessments and terms of reference of rulemaking projects;
 - (g) support rulemaking groups as necessary in relation to specific rulemaking projects;
 - (h) provide economic and other quantitative data for the purpose of the conduct of preliminary impact assessments, regulatory impact assessments, and ex post evaluation of rules;
 - (i) provide advice in the case of substantially divergent views of the interested parties on a specific rulemaking project;
 - (j) support the Agency in the ex post evaluation of rules, and in particular with regard to the need to adapt existing rules to technological and commercial evolution and progress, and in the light of the experience gained in their implementation;
 - (k) provide advice as appropriate in the context of ongoing efforts to improve EPAS, rulemaking, standardisation, safety promotion, and research programming process; and
 - (l) provide advice on international cooperation, agreements, and harmonisation activities.

*Article 4***Composition of the SAB**

1. The SAB shall be composed of representatives of interested parties.
2. The SAB's composition in terms of represented sectors shall be determined by the Management Board in consultation with the Executive Director of the Agency, and the requirement to balance representation with efficiency shall be taken into account. The composition shall be reviewed on a regular basis to take into account the evolution of the Agency's activities.
3. Associations representing the sectors mentioned in Article 4.2 shall be invited to nominate their members.

*Article 5***Rules of procedure and proceedings**

1. The SAB shall retain independence and shall be entitled to make recommendations in those fields covered in Article 3 and in all aspects related to the programming and rulemaking activities of the Agency. The functions mentioned Article 3.1(a) are restricted to European Union stakeholders.
2. The SAB shall adopt its rules of procedure in consultation with the Executive Director of the Agency and elect a chair accordingly.
3. The SAB rules of procedure shall be consistent with the Agency's programming cycle and shall particularly ensure that when the SAB opinion is required, it is provided in due time so that it can be considered by the Executive Director of the Agency and the Management Board.
4. The SAB rules of procedure shall establish the Stakeholders Technical Bodies (STeBs) or any other committee necessary to perform the functions referred to in Article 3.
5. The SAB's membership, procedures, meeting agendas, minutes and related documentation shall be published on the Agency's website except when related to the functions referred to in Article 3.1(a).

*Article 6***Expenses**

The costs incurred by the SAB members shall not be reimbursed by the Agency.

Done in Cologne, 15th of December 2015

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Chair of the Management Board