

Executive Director Decision

2019/004/R

of 15 February 2019

issuing Guidance Material on remote aerodrome air traffic services and repealing Decision 2015/014/R of the Executive Director of the Agency of 3 July 2015

‘Guidance Material on remote aerodrome air traffic services’ — Issue 2

AND

amending Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to Part ATCO of Regulation (EU) 2015/340

‘AMC & GM to Part ATCO’ — Issue 1, Amendment 2

THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE EUROPEAN UNION AVIATION SAFETY AGENCY (EASA),

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2018/1139¹, and in particular Article 104(3)(a) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) EASA shall, pursuant to Article 76(3) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1139, issue certification specifications and acceptable means of compliance, as well as guidance material, for the application of Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 and of the delegated and implementing acts adopted on the basis thereof.

¹ Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2018 on common rules in the field of civil aviation and establishing a European Union Aviation Safety Agency, and amending Regulations (EC) No 2111/2005, (EC) No 1008/2008, (EU) No 996/2010, (EU) No 376/2014 and Directives 2014/30/EU and 2014/53/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council, and repealing Regulations (EC) No 552/2004 and (EC) No 216/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Regulation (EEC) No 3922/91 (OJ L 212, 22.8.2018, p. 1) (<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1535612134845&uri=CELEX:32018R1139>).

- (2) Acceptable means of compliance are non-binding standards issued by EASA which may be used by persons and organisations to demonstrate compliance with Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 and the delegated and implementing acts adopted on the basis thereof.
- (3) Guidance material is non-binding material issued by EASA which helps to illustrate the meaning of a requirement or specification and is used to support the interpretation of Regulation (EU) 2018/1139, the delegated and implementing acts adopted on the basis thereof, certification specifications and acceptable means of compliance.
- (4) With Decision 2015/014/R of 3 July 2015, the Executive Director issued Guidance Material on the implementation of the remote tower concept for single mode of operation.
- (5) With Decision 2015/010/R of 13 March 2015, the Executive Director issued Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to Part ATCO of Regulation (EU) 2015/340.
- (6) EASA shall, pursuant to Article 4(1)(a) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1139, reflect the state of the art and the best practices in the field of aviation and update its decisions taking into account worldwide aviation experience and scientific and technical progress in the respective fields.

In consideration of the technological developments and the increasing implementation of remote aerodrome air traffic services in Europe as well as worldwide, under its RMT.0624 EASA has updated the related existing AMC and GM in order to:

- (a) facilitate the safe implementation of remote aerodrome air traffic services;
 - (b) address the SESAR developments (e.g. multiple mode of operation); and
 - (c) support the cost-efficient, proportionate and harmonised provision of air traffic services.
- (7) EASA, pursuant to Article 115(1)(c) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 and Articles 6(3), 7 and 8 of the EASA Rulemaking Procedure², has widely consulted the interested parties on the matters which are the subject of this Decision, and has provided thereafter a written response to the comments received³,

HAS DECIDED:

Article 1

- (1) The Guidance Material on remote aerodrome air traffic services is that laid down in Annex I to this Decision.
- (2) Decision 2015/014/R of the Executive Director of the Agency of 3 July 2015 on the implementation of the remote tower concept for single mode of operation is hereby repealed.

² EASA Management Board (MB) Decision 01-2012 of 13 March 2012 amending and replacing Decision 08-2007 concerning the procedure to be applied by the Agency for the issuing of Opinions, Certification Specifications and Guidance Material ('Rulemaking Procedure')
<http://www.easa.europa.eu/system/files/dfu/EASA%20MB%20Decision%2001-2012%20Revised%20MB%20Decision%20RVM%20Process%20.pdf>.

³ <http://easa.europa.eu/document-library/comment-response-documents>



Article 2

Annex I to Decision 2015/010/R of the Executive Director of the Agency of 13 March 2015 is amended by Annex II to this Decision.

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the Official Publication of EASA.

Cologne, 15 February 2019

*For the European Union Aviation Safety Agency
The Executive Director*

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