

OPINION No 6/2005

OF THE EUROPEAN AVIATION SAFETY AGENCY

for amending Commission Regulation (EC) No 2042/2003, on the continuing airworthiness of aircraft and aeronautical products, parts and appliances, and on the approval of organisations and personnel involved in these tasks, to correct editorial errors and inconsistencies appeared in its annexes

I. General

1. The purpose of this Opinion is to suggest the Commission to amend Annexes I (Part-M), II (Part-145), III (Part-66) and IV (Part-147) to the Commission Regulation (EC) No 2042/2003¹. The reasons for this rulemaking activity are outlined further below.
2. The Opinion has been adopted, following the procedure specified by the Agency's Management Board², in accordance with the provisions of Article 14 of Regulation (EC) No 1592/2002³.

II. Consultation

3. The draft Opinion for a Commission Regulation amending Commission Regulation (EC) No 2042/2003 was published on the Agency website (www.easa.eu.int) on 26.11.2004.
4. By the closing date of 26.02.2005, the Agency had received 127 comments from national authorities or private companies.
5. All comments received have been acknowledged and incorporated into a Comment Response Document (CRD), which was published on the Agency's web site on 10.05.2005.
6. The Agency realised that in the CRD to NPA 9/2004 some comments were omitted and decided to publish a "corrigendum" to the said CRD to incorporate all the comments received on the Agency website on 26.07.2005. This "corrigendum" CRD contains a list of all persons and/or organisations that have provided comments and the answers of the Agency

III. Content of the Opinion of the Agency

7. During the first year of implementing Parts M, 145, 66 and 147 appeared to contain several errors and inconsistencies. This Opinion contains proposals to correct such mistakes, inconsistencies or misunderstandings.
8. The Agency recognizes that modifying Commission Regulation (EC) 2042/2003 by means of a draft "amending" regulation does not derive to an "user friendly" reading, in particular when dealing with EASA Forms modifications'. A consolidated version of Commission Regulation (EC) No 2042/2003 will address this issue and improve its reading.

¹ OJ L 315, 28.11.2003, p. 1.

² Decision of the Management Board concerning the procedure to be applied by the Agency for the issuing of Opinions, Certifications Specifications and Guidance Material. EASA MB/7/03 of 27.06.2003.

³ OJ L 240, 7.09.2002, p. 1.

9. To facilitate the location of the provisions of the Annexes/Parts, a table of contents has been inserted at the beginning of each Annex/Part. The table of contents should be used taking into consideration the original page numbering of Commission Regulation (EC) No 2042/2003.

IV. Regulatory Impact Assessment

10. The aim of this opinion is to correct errors and inconsistencies of Commission Regulation (EC) No 2042/2003. Once modified, the said regulation will be much clear, more precise and readily understandable. The proposed changes being editorial will have no economical, social or environmental impact.

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