

European Union Aviation Safety Agency

**Guidance Material (GM)
to Articles of Regulation (EU) No 965/2012
on air operations
("Cover Regulation")**

Amendment 2¹

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¹ For the date of entry into force of this amendment, refer to ED Decision 2018/012/R in the [Official Publication](#) of EASA.

² Date of publication of the consolidated version.

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Summary of amendments

Article	Action	Issue no./ Amdt. no.	Amended by ED Decision (stand-alone or following publication of a certain amending regulation)
GM1 Article 4(3)	New	1/2	EDD 2018/012/R (Reg. (EU) 2018/1042)
GM1 Article 6.4a	Change	Amdt. 1	EDD 2018/003/R (Reg. (EU) 2018/395)

Applies
from
14/08/2020.

GM1 Article 4(3) Ramp inspections

GENERAL — ALCOHOL TESTING

If alcohol testing of flight crew and cabin crew is carried out by other authorised officials, e.g. by the police, and outside the framework of the ramp inspection programme of Subpart RAMP of Annex II, those other authorised officials do not need to comply with the requirements for qualification of inspectors of Subpart RAMP of Annex II. Member States should ensure that these officials are qualified for carrying out alcohol tests.

GM1 Article 6.4a Derogations

OTHER-THAN-COMPLEX MOTOR-POWERED AIRCRAFT

Deletion of
text
applicable
from
8/04/2019.

The term 'other-than-complex motor-powered aircraft' is used synonymously with the terms 'other-than complex motor-powered aircraft' and 'other than complex motor-powered aircraft'. Whenever one of these terms is used, it includes also non-motor-powered aircraft such as sailplanes and balloons.

GM2 Article 6.4a(a);(b) Derogations

DIRECT COST

'Direct cost' means the cost directly incurred in relation to a flight, e.g. fuel, airfield charges, rental fee for an aircraft. There is no element of profit.

GM3 Article 6.4a(a);(b) Derogations

ANNUAL COST

'Annual cost' means the cost of keeping, maintaining and operating the aircraft over a period of one calendar year. There is no element of profit.

GM1 Article 6.4a(c) Derogations

ORGANISATION CREATED WITH THE AIM OF PROMOTING AERIAL SPORT OR LEISURE AVIATION

An 'organisation created with the aim of promoting aerial sport or leisure aviation' means a non-profit organisation, established under applicable national law for the sole purpose of gathering persons sharing the same interest in general aviation to fly for pleasure or to conduct parachute jumping. The organisation should have aircraft available.

GM2 Article 6.4a(c) Derogations

MARGINAL ACTIVITY

The term 'marginal activity' should be understood as representing a very minor part of the overall activity of an organisation, mainly for the purpose of promoting itself or attracting new students or members. An organisation intending to offer such flights as regular business activity is not considered to meet the condition of marginal activity. Also, flights organised with the sole intent to generate income for the organisation, are not considered to be a marginal activity.