

## Executive Director Decision

**2022/002/R**

**of 7 February 2022**

**issuing the following:**

**Amendment 2 to Issue 1 of the Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material  
to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/947 and to its Annex**

**‘AMC and GM to Regulation (EU) 2019/947 — Issue 1, Amendment 2’**

**‘AMC and GM to the Annex to Regulation (EU) 2019/947 — Issue 1, Amendment 2’**

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2018/1139<sup>1</sup>, 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 (CSs) and acceptable means of compliance (AMC), as well as guidance material (GM), for the application of Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 and of the delegated and implementing acts adopted on the basis thereof.
- (2) Acceptable means of compliance (AMC) are non-binding standards issued by EASA, which are used by persons and organisations to show compliance with Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 and the delegated and implementing acts adopted on the basis thereof.
- (3) Guidance material (GM) is non-binding material issued by EASA, which helps to illustrate the meaning of delegated or implementing acts, certification specifications (CSs) or acceptable means of compliance (AMC), and which is used to support the interpretation of Regulation (EU) 2018/1139, the delegated and implementing acts adopted on the basis thereof, CSs and AMC.

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<sup>1</sup> 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>).

- (4) With Decision 2019/021/R<sup>2</sup> of 9 October 2019, the Executive Director issued Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/947<sup>3</sup> and to its Annex (UAS operations in the ‘open’ and ‘specific’ categories).
- (5) 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.

Based on stakeholder input, EASA has improved the AMC and GM, including the establishment of new forms for the application and issue of operational authorisations in the ‘specific’ category and the syllabus for training modules for remote pilots that operate in the ‘specific’ category.

EASA, with the support of a dedicated Task Force, has developed the AMC for the exchange of data on UAS geographical zones in a common unique digital format.

The Joint Authorities for Rulemaking on Unmanned Systems (JARUS) with the support of EASA and EU Member State experts have developed a new predefined risk assessment (PDRA) to simplify the operational approval process for some UAS operations.

- (6) EASA, pursuant to Article 115(1)(c) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 and Articles 6(3), 7 and 8 of the EASA Rulemaking Procedure<sup>4</sup>, has widely consulted the interested parties on the content of this Decision, and provided thereafter a written response to the comments<sup>5</sup> received during the public consultation of NPA 2021-09<sup>6</sup>,

HAS DECIDED:

### **Article 1**

1. Annex I to Decision 2019/021/R of the Executive Director of the Agency of 9 October 2019 is amended as laid down in Annex I to this Decision.
2. Annex II to Decision 2019/021/R of the Executive Director of the Agency of 9 October 2019 is amended as laid down in Annex II to this Decision.

<sup>2</sup> Executive Director Decision 2019/021/R of 9 October 2019 issuing Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 2019/947 — ‘Rules and procedures for the operation of unmanned aircraft’ (<https://www.easa.europa.eu/document-library/agency-decisions/ed-decision-2019021r>).

<sup>3</sup> Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/947 of 24 May 2019 on the rules and procedures for the operation of unmanned aircraft (OJ L 152, 11.6.2019, p. 45) (<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32019R0947&cid=1641402321688>).

<sup>4</sup> EASA is bound to follow a structured rulemaking process as required by Article 115(1) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1139. Such a process has been adopted by the EASA Management Board (MB) and is referred to as the ‘Rulemaking Procedure’. See MB Decision No 18-2015 of 15 December 2015 replacing Decision 01/2012 concerning the procedure to be applied by EASA for the issuing of opinions, certification specifications and guidance material (<http://www.easa.europa.eu/the-agency/management-board/decisions/easa-mb-decision-18-2015-rulemaking-procedure>).

<sup>5</sup> CRD to NPA 2021-19 (<http://easa.europa.eu/document-library/comment-response-documents>).

<sup>6</sup> NPA 2021-09 ‘Regular update of the AMC and GM to Regulation (EU) 2019/947 on the rules and procedures for the operation of unmanned aircraft’ (<https://www.easa.europa.eu/document-library/notices-of-proposed-amendment/npa-2021-09>).

**Article 2**

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

Cologne, 7 February 2022

*For the European Union Aviation Safety Agency*

*The Executive Director*

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