

Executive Director Decision

2020/016/R
of 11 November 2020
issuing the following:

**Amendment 3 to Issue 1 of the Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material
to the rules of the air**
‘AMC and GM to the rules of the air — Issue 1, Amendment 3’

**‘Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to the Annex to Commission
Implementing Regulation (EU) No 923/2012’**

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.
- (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 2013/013/R of 17 July 2013, the Executive Director issued Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to Regulation (EU) No 923/2012.
- (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.

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>).

- (6) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/469² of 14 February 2020 amended Regulation (EU) No 923/2012, Regulation (EU) No 139/2014 and Regulation (EU) 2017/373 as regards requirements for air traffic management/air navigation services, design of airspace structures and data quality, runway safety and repeals Regulation (EC) No 73/2010. This Regulation will be partly applicable as of 5 November 2020.
- (7) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1177 of 7 August 2020 amended Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/469 as regards postponing dates of application of certain measures in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. In this context, the adaptation of the common reporting requirements and requirements concerning the SNOWTAM and METAR format, in line with the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Standards and Recommended Practices, introduced with Regulation (EU) 2020/469, is impaired by the lack of resources of competent authorities and operators concerned because of the COVID-19 outbreak and should thus be postponed in order to allow the regulated parties to prepare for their implementation.
- (8) In this context, EASA has determined the need to amend the acceptable means of compliance and guidance material to the rules of the air to facilitate the uniform implementation of the referenced postponed provisions in question.
- (9) EASA, pursuant to Article 115(1)(c) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 and Articles 6(3), 7 and 8 of the EASA Rulemaking Procedure³, 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 received⁴,

HAS DECIDED:

Article 1

Point 1.1.11 of AMC1 SERA.14001, as amended by Decision 2020/007/R, shall apply from 12 August 2021.

Article 2

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

Cologne, 11 November 2020

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

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² Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/469 of 14 February 2020 amending Regulation (EU) No 923/2012, Regulation (EU) No 139/2014 and Regulation (EU) 2017/373 as regards requirements for air traffic management/air navigation services, design of airspace structures and data quality, runway safety and repealing Regulation (EC) No 73/2010 (OJ L 104, 3.4.2020, p. 1).

³ EASA Management Board (MB) Decision No 18-2015 of 15 December 2015 replacing Decision 01/2012 concerning the procedure to be applied by the Agency for the issuing of opinions, certification specifications, acceptable means of compliance and guidance material ('Rulemaking Procedure') (<http://www.easa.europa.eu/system/files/dfu/EASA%20MB%20Decision%2018-2015%20on%20Rulemaking%20Procedure.pdf>).

⁴ <http://easa.europa.eu/document-library/comment-response-documents>

