

Executive Director Decision

2025/008/R

of 7 July 2025

issuing the following:

Amendment 17 to Issue 1 of the Guidance Material to Annex I (Definitions for terms used in Annexes II to VIII) to Commission Regulation (EU) No 965/2012

‘GM to Definitions for terms used in Annexes II to VIII — Issue 1, Amendment 17’

Amendment 27 to Issue 2 of the Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to Annex III (Part-ORO) to Commission Regulation (EU) No 965/2012

‘AMC & GM Part-ORO — Issue 2, Amendment 27’

Amendment 25 to Issue 2 of the Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to Annex IV (Part-CAT) to Commission Regulation (EU) No 965/2012

‘AMC & GM Part-CAT — Issue 2, Amendment 25’

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‘Ground handling’

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2018/1139¹, and in particular Articles 76(3) and 104(3)(a) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Acceptable means of compliance (AMC) are non-binding standards issued by EASA, which are used by persons and organisations to demonstrate compliance with Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 and with the delegated and implementing acts adopted on the basis thereof.
- (2) Guidance material (GM) is non-binding material issued by EASA, which helps to illustrate the meaning of delegated or implementing acts, and which is used to support the interpretation of

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) (<http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2018/1139/oj>).

Regulation (EU) 2018/1139, and of the delegated and implementing acts adopted on the basis thereof.

- (3) With Decision 2012/015/R² of 24 October 2012, the Executive Director issued Guidance Material to Annex I (Definitions for terms used in Annexes II to VIII) to Commission Regulation (EU) No 965/2012 ('GM to Definitions — Issue 1').
- (4) With Decision 2014/017/R³ of 24 April 2014, the Executive Director issued Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to Annex III (Part-ORO) to Commission Regulation (EU) No 965/2012 ('AMC and GM to Part-ORO — Issue 2').
- (5) With Decision 2014/015/R⁴ of 24 April 2014, the Executive Director issued Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to Annex IV (Part-CAT) to Commission Regulation (EU) No 965/2012 ('AMC and GM to Part-CAT — Issue 2').
- (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.
- (7) Commission Regulation (EU) No 965/2012⁵, on air operations, has been amended by Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/24, containing new ground handling requirements applicable to aircraft operators, to address the interfaces between the air operations domain and the ground handling domain. In this context, EASA has identified the need to amend the AMC and GM to the Definitions for terms used in Annexes II to VIII, Part-ORO and Part-CAT of Commission Regulation (EU) No 965/2012, to facilitate the implementation of the latest amendments to the air operations requirements addressing the safe provision of ground handling services, either as contracted activities or through self-handling by the aircraft operators.
- (8) EASA, pursuant to Article 115(1)(c) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 and Article 6 of the EASA Rulemaking Procedure⁶, widely consulted the interested parties on the content of this Decision in 2022 and prepared the AMC and GM taking into consideration the comments received through the consultation⁷.
- (9) EASA, pursuant to Article 115(1)(c) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 and Article 6 of the EASA Rulemaking Procedure, consulted its Advisory Bodies in 2023 on the content of this Decision and considered the comments received,

² [ED Decision 2012/015/R - AMC & GM to Definitions | EASA](#)

³ [ED Decision 2014/017/R - AMC & GM Part-ORO - Issue 2 | EASA](#)

⁴ [ED Decision 2014/015/R - AMC & GM Part-CAT - Issue 2 | EASA](#)

⁵ Commission Regulation (EU) No 965/2012 of 5 October 2012 laying down technical requirements and administrative procedures related to air operations pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 216/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 296, 25.10.2012, p. 1) (<http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2012/965/oj>).

⁶ 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 01-2022 of 2 May 2022 on the procedure to be applied by EASA for the issuing of opinions, certification specifications and other detailed specifications, acceptable means of compliance and guidance material ('Rulemaking Procedure'), and repealing Management Board Decision No 18-2015 ([EASA MB Decision No 01-2022 on the Rulemaking Procedure, repealing MB Decision 18-2015 \(by written procedure\) | EASA \(europa.eu\)](#)).

⁷ [Comment Response Documents | EASA \(europa.eu\)](#)



HAS DECIDED:

Article 1

The Annex to Decision 2012/015/R of the Executive Director of the Agency of 24 October 2012 is amended as laid down in Annex I to this Decision.

Article 2

The Annex to Decision 2014/017/R of the Executive Director of the Agency of 24 April 2014 is amended as laid down in Annex II to this Decision.

Article 3

The Annex to Decision 2014/015/R of the Executive Director of the Agency of 24 April 2014 is amended as laid down in Annex III to this Decision.

Article 4

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

It shall apply from 27 March 2028.

Cologne, 7 July 2025

For the European Union Aviation Safety Agency

The Executive Director

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