

FAQs:

EASA TCO authorisations — Restrictive measures Russia, EU restrictive measures against Russia

Question:

Is a third-country operator (TCO) one-off notification under point TCO.305 of Regulation (EU) No 452/2014 needed from a Russian operator for (a) flight(s) performed under an exemption that is granted by an EU Member State in accordance with Article 3d(3) of Regulation (EU) No 833/2014?

Answer:

As a result of the restrictive measures enacted through Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 prohibiting Russian aircraft operators to land in, take off from or overfly the European Union, EASA suspended all TCO authorisations issued to Russian air carriers. Due to the practical impact of the sanctions on the Russian operators, EASA is not in a position to conduct effective oversight of Russian TCO-authorised operators and to attest their safety in compliance with Regulation (EU) No 452/2014.

Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 does, however, allow EU Member States to exceptionally authorise certain operations into their territory by Russian aircraft operators subject to flight prohibition set out in Article 3d(1) of said Regulation based on an authorisation issued in accordance with Article 3d(3) of that Regulation, in particular for humanitarian purposes or any other purpose consistent with the objectives of that Regulation. EASA is not involved in the issuance of such authorisations, which are an exclusive prerogative and responsibility of the EU Member States, and operations under such authorisations do not require notifications from the operator to EASA under Regulation (EU) No 452/2014.

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