

Executive Director Decision

2020/011/R

of 23 July 2020

**issuing Amendment 16
to the Certification Specifications for European Technical Standard Orders (CS-ETSO)**

‘CS-ETSO — Amendment 16’

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,

Having regard to Commission Regulation No 748/2012², and in particular point 21.B.70 of Annex I (Part 21) thereto,

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) Certification specifications are technical standards adopted by EASA which indicate the means to demonstrate compliance with Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 and the delegated and implementing acts adopted on the basis thereof, and which can be used by organisations for the purpose of certification.
- (3) With Decision No. 2003/10/RM of 24 October 2003, the Executive Director adopted the certification specifications for European Technical Standard Orders (CS-ETSO)³.

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>).

² Commission Regulation (EU) No 748/2012 of 3 August 2012 laying down implementing rules for the airworthiness and environmental certification of aircraft and related products, parts and appliances, as well as for the certification of design and production organisations (OJ L 224, 21.8.2012, p. 1) (<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1592320437048&uri=CELEX:32012R0748>).

³ Decision No. 2003/10/RM of the Executive Director of the Agency of 24 October 2003 on certification specifications, including airworthiness codes and acceptable means of compliance, for European Technical Standard Orders (‘CS-ETSO’) — Initial Issue (<https://www.easa.europa.eu/document-library/certification-specifications/cs-etso-initial-issue>).

- (4) 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.
- (5) EASA has determined a need to update CS-ETSO in order to either modify existing or introduce new ETSOs in order to harmonise them with the corresponding updated FAA TSOs.
- (6) EASA, pursuant to Article 115(1)(c) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 and Articles 6(3), 7 and 8 of the EASA Rulemaking Procedure⁴, 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 received⁵,

HAS DECIDED:

Article 1

The Annex to this Decision is issued as Amendment 16 to the Certification Specifications for European Technical Standard Orders (CS-ETSO).

Article 2

- 1. This Decision shall enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the Official Publication of EASA.
- 2. This Decision shall not apply to applications received by EASA 6 months after the date of entry into force of this Decision, if so requested by the applicant, and provided that in such a case the applicant can demonstrate that the process of development of the relevant part or appliance started before the date of entry into force of this Decision and is in accordance with the specifications applicable at that time.

Cologne, 23 July 2020

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

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⁴ 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>).

⁵ <http://easa.europa.eu/document-library/comment-response-documents>

