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General Information

Changes to the Safety Publications Tool – New Taxonomy for Parts and Appliances ADs

To all users of the EASA Safety Publications Tool

After extensive consultation, EASA have decided on a new format to improve the taxonomy for ADs applicable to parts and appliances (equipment). The new settings will enable users to find all ADs applicable to a particular category of parts and appliances, or find all 'equipment' ADs with a single search action, rather than having to select each ETSO approval holder separately.

Please note that the new taxonomy will not affect aircraft, engine and propeller ADs.

Please go to the [Safety Publications Tool](#), advanced search and select APPLIANCES to start using the new taxonomy for equipment ADs.

Users can also amend their filter setting(s) accordingly, thereby ensuring to be notified when EASA publishes an AD or PAD that does not directly apply to aircraft, engine, or propeller type designs. It will be possible to either select 'APPLIANCES', or choose notification for (e.g.) ATA 25 EQUIPMENT / FURNISHINGS only, or even more detailed, (e.g. if the user does maintenance on seats only) selecting Cabin Crew Seats, Flight Crew Seats and Passengers Seats.

During the next months, the new taxonomy will be progressively introduced into our system (approximately 180 ADs are concerned at this time), after which the old taxonomy (company names, etc.) will be removed, tentatively by the end of 2016. All the users currently having a certain design approval holder name in their filter will receive a notification when that company name is removed.

In addition, there is an on-going process of uploading 'historic' (published before 28 September 2003) AD, which includes equipment ADs for which the manufacturer no longer exists. The upload of these pre-EASA ADs, since they are not new publications, will not be notified to registered users.

Based on feedback, the new taxonomy will be subject to change. Changes will be notified to registered users.

In case you have any comments or questions, please contact the Safety Information Section, e-mail: ADs@easa.europa.eu.

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