
The background to EASA SFCL



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GLIDING – LONG HISTORY

- Club/non-commercial operations
- National training systems – mutual recognition
- Cross-border movement of sailplanes & ownership
- Interoperability with other airspace users
- Highly studied
- Capacity to evolve and continuously improve
- Substantial regulatory delegation or unregulated
- Internationally respected/replicated



EASA – VERSION 1



- Reduced role for gliding associations/clubs
- Substantial increase in NAA involvement
- Stricter/more detailed rules & regulations
- “One size fits all” – everyone had to
- Significant additional bureaucracy/costs
- Major change for clubs/pilots
- Gliding less attractive/accessible
- **NO SAFETY CASE OR BENEFITS**

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“... at the heart of the issue has been the mistaken belief by EASA that gliding should be looked at and treated in the same ways as other, more complex forms of general aviation.

It is now clear that expecting any process of regulatory development to be able to deliver provisions that cater for the needs of very different aviation disciplines is unrealistic.

A fundamental change in the way in which EASA addresses gliding is urgently required if we are to remove the worst of the current measures and avoid further damaging the near and long-term prospects for the activity ...”

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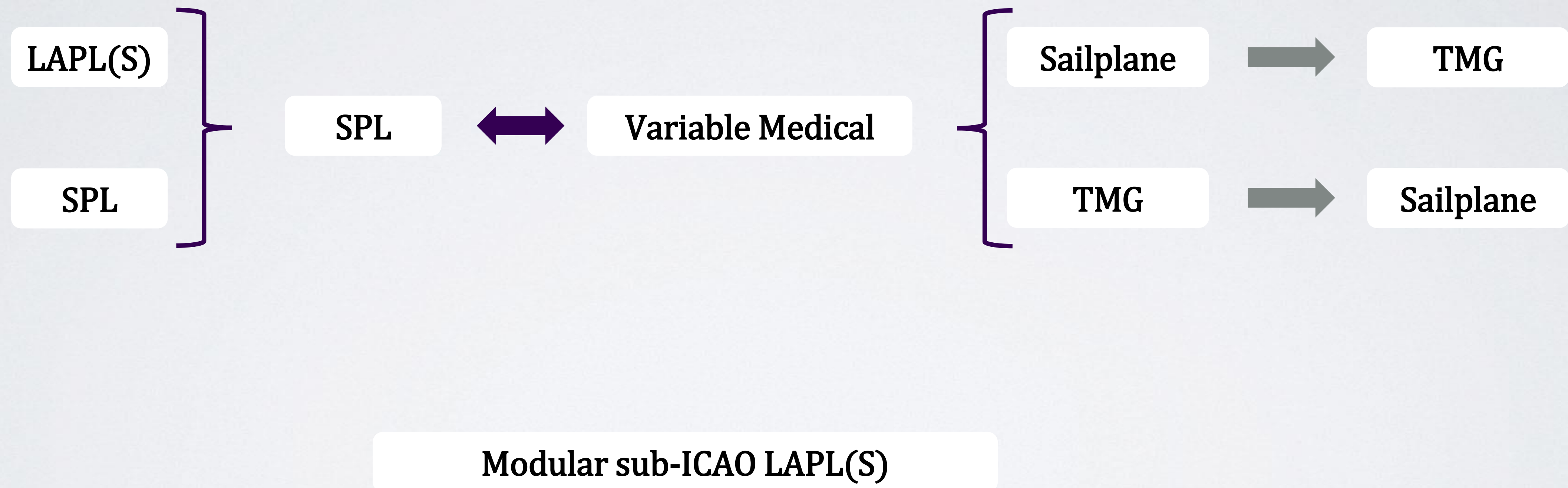
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- Gliding is simple, and needs to be treated differently from the rest of GA
- Risk-based ... not compliance based
- Output standards ... not input or procedures based
- Define the basics only – and allow national flexibility
- Changes need to be evidence-based
- Gliding must not be impacted by changes not specifically intended for gliding

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Competent Authority

Examiners

Issue/Renewal

- Examiner certificates

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- SPL
- TMG extensions/ratings
- FI(S) certificates

ATO/DTO

Clubs & Instructors

Training/Revalidation

- SPL
- Launch variants
- Extensions
- Ratings
- FI(S) certificates

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ICAO REQUIREMENTS

2.1.8 Circumstances in which authorization to conduct instruction is required

2.1.8.1 A Contracting State, having issued a pilot licence, shall not permit the holder thereof to carry out flight instruction required for the issue of a pilot licence or rating, unless such holder has received proper authorization from such Contracting State.

Proper authorization shall comprise:

- a) a flight instructor rating on the holder's licence; or
- b) the authority to act as an agent of an approved organization authorized by the Licensing Authority to carry out flight instruction; or
- c) a specific authorization for the holder to carry out flight instruction on a pilot licence.

2.9 Glider pilot licence

2.9.1.3.2 The applicant shall have **gained, under appropriate supervision,** operational experience in gliders in at least the following areas: