DECISION NO 2012/004/R
OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE AGENCY
of 19 April 2012


‘Time limit for demonstrating compliance with knowledge and experience requirements’,

‘Privileges of B1 and B2 aircraft maintenance licences AND Type and group ratings AND Type rating training’,

and

‘Aircraft maintenance licence for non-complex aircraft’
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY


This Regulation adapts the aviation safety rules for the licencing of aircraft maintenance personnel, mainly contained in Annex III (Part-66) of the Regulation (EC) No 2042/2003, for two reasons:

1. on the one hand, to enhance the requirements for the existing aircraft maintenance licences (categories A, B1, B2 and C) by updating the provisions related to privileges, ratings, training, examination, knowledge and experience;

2. on the other hand, to alleviate the requirements related to aircraft of lower complexity by introducing a new category of licence (category B3 intended for piston-engine non-pressurised aeroplanes of 2 000 kg MTOM and below), in line with the Communication COM (2007) 869 adopted on 11 January 2008 ‘Agenda for a sustainable future in general aviation’.

This Regulation, that completely replaces Annex III (Part-66) of Regulation (EC) No 2042/2003, entered into force on 17 November 2011 but will apply to the essential aspects only on 1 August 2012 in order to allow stakeholders and competent authorities to adapt to the changes.

It is the purpose of this Decision to describe the Acceptable Means of Compliance (AMC) and Guidance Material (GM) necessary to complement this new Regulation (EU) No 1149/2011.

Finally, it is also important to note that this Decision has been issued, for the benefit of stakeholders and competent authorities, as a fully consolidated version of the AMC/GM corresponding to Annex III (Part-66) and Annex IV (Part-147) of Regulation (EC) No 2042/2003.
THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE EUROPEAN AVIATION SAFETY AGENCY,


Having regard to the Commission Regulation (EC) No 2042/2003 of 20 November 2003 laying down implementing rules for the continuing airworthiness of aircraft and aeronautical products, parts and appliances, and on the approval of organisations and personnel involved in these tasks2,

WHEREAS:

(1) On 16 November 2011 the Regulation (EU) No 1149/2011 was published in the Official Journal of the EU, introducing Amendments to Regulation (EC) No 2042/2003 on the following subjects:
   - Time limit for demonstrating compliance with knowledge and experience requirements;
   - Privileges of B1 and B2 aircraft maintenance licence, type and group ratings and type rating training;
   - Aircraft maintenance licence for non-complex aircraft.

(2) The Agency shall, pursuant to Article 18 of the Basic Regulation, issue Certification Specifications, including Airworthiness Codes and Acceptable Means of Compliance, as well as Guidance Material for the application of the Basic Regulation and its Implementing Rules.

(3) It is necessary to support the Amendments introduced by the Regulation (EU) No 1149/2011 mentioned above.

(4) The Agency, pursuant to Article 52(1)(c) of the Basic Regulation and Articles 5(3) and 6 of the Rulemaking Procedure3, has widely consulted interested parties on the matters which are the subject of this Decision and has provided thereafter a written response to the comments received4.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

**Article 1**


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3 Management Board Decision concerning the procedure to be applied by the Agency for the issuing of opinions, certification specifications and guidance material (Rulemaking Procedure), EASA MB/08/07, 13.6.2007.
the approval of organisations and personnel involved in these tasks are hereby amended as provided in the Annex to this Decision.

**Article 2**

This Decision shall be published in the Official Publication of the Agency and shall enter into force on 1 August 2012.

Done at Cologne, 19 April 2012

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