

European Aviation Safety Agency

**DECISION N° 2012/020/R
OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE AGENCY**

of 30th October 2012

**ON ACCEPTABLE MEANS OF COMPLIANCE AND GUIDANCE MATERIAL 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 ('AMC AND GM TO PART 21')**

**REPEALING DECISION NO 2003/01/RM OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE AGENCY OF
17 OCTOBER 2003**

THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE EUROPEAN AVIATION SAFETY AGENCY,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 216/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 February 2008 on common rules in the field of civil aviation and establishing a European Aviation Safety Agency, and repealing Council Directive 91/670/EEC, Regulation (EC) No 1592/2002 and Directive 2004/36/EC¹ (hereinafter 'The Basic Regulation'), and in particular Articles 18(c) and 38(3)(a) thereof,

Having regard to 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, and repealing Commission Regulation (EC) No 1702/2003 of 24 September 2003², and in particular Article 10 thereof,

WHEREAS:

- (1) Decision No 2003/01/RM of the Executive Director of the Agency of 17 October 2003 on Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material 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 ('AMC and GM to Part 21') has been substantially amended by several amending ED Decisions up to and including the ED Decision 2011/010/R of 1 December 2011.

¹ OJ L 79, 19.03.2008, p. 1.

² OJ L 224, 21.8.2012, p. 1.

- (2) Commission Regulation (EC) No 1702/2003 of 24 September 2003 was replaced by Commission Regulation (EU) No 748/2012 of 3 August 2012. This new regulation introduces new and amended rules following the adoption of opinions No 01/2009 on 'Possibility to deviate from airworthiness code in case of design changes', No 02/2009 on 'Repair and design changes to European Technical Standard Order', No 01/2010 on 'Subpart J DOA' and Opinion No 01/2011 on 'ELA Process and 'standard changes and repairs'.
- (3) In addition, the Commission introduced into to the content of Annex I (Part-21) of the Commission Regulation (EU) No 748/2012 additional changes of substance as well as changes to terminology, writing conventions, numbering of the Part 21 paragraphs (points), and other editorial changes.
- (4) It is necessary to support the above new and amended Part 21 rules by incorporation into 'AMC and GM to Part-21' of related amended and new AMC and GM.
- (5) It is necessary to establish overall consistency of 'AMC and GM to Part 21' with the new Commission Regulation (EU) No 748/2012 to reflect the changes to terminology, writing conventions, numbering of paragraphs (points) and other editorial changes.
- (6) It is necessary to restore internal consistency of 'AMC and GM to Part 21' in terminology, writing conventions, numbering of paragraphs and to correct various errors in the current 'AMC and GM to Part 21'.
- (7) All the above changes to be made will substantially change 'AMC and GM to Part 21', a new issue (issue 2) should be adopted in the interests of clarity.
- (8) The Agency shall, pursuant to Article 18 (c) of the Basic Regulation, issue certification specifications and acceptable means of compliance, as well as guidance material for the application of the Basic Regulation and its implementing rules.
- (9) 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 new AMCs and GM that are subject of this Decision and has provided thereafter a written response to the comments received⁴.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

³ EASA MB Decision 01-2012 of 13 March 2012 amending and replacing MB Decision 08-2007 concerning the procedure to be applied by the Agency for the issuing of opinions, certification specifications and guidance material ('Rulemaking Procedure').

⁴ See NPA 16/2006 and CRD 16/2006, NPA 2008-07 and CRD 2008-07, NPA 2008-09 and CRD 2008-09 and NPA 2008-12 and CRD 2008-12 at http://www.easa.europa.eu/ws_prod/r/r_archives.php.

The Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to be used in the airworthiness certification of products, parts and appliances and the approval of organisations involved in their design or manufacture are those laid down in the Annex I to this Decision, unless otherwise provided in the Certification Specifications.

Article 2

Decision No 2003/01/RM of the Executive Director of the Agency of 17 October 2003 on Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material 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 ('AMC and GM to Part 21') is hereby repealed.

Article 3

This Decision shall be published in the Official Publication of the Agency and shall enter into force on 6th November 2012.

Done in Cologne, 30th October 2012

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