

Executive Director Decision

2015/014/R

of 3 July 2015

adopting Guidance Material on the implementation of the remote tower concept for single mode of operation

THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE EUROPEAN AVIATION SAFETY AGENCY,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 216/2008¹, and in particular Article 38(3)(a) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Agency shall, pursuant to Article 18(c) of Regulation (EC) No 216/2008, issue Certification Specifications and Acceptable Means of Compliance, as well as Guidance Material, for the application of Regulation (EC) No 216/2008 and its Implementing Rules.
- (2) Guidance Material is non-binding material developed by the Agency which helps to illustrate the meaning of a requirement or specification and is used to support the interpretation of Regulation (EC) No 216/2008, its Implementing Rules, Certification Specifications and Acceptable Means of Compliance.
- (3) The Agency shall, pursuant to Article 19(2) of Regulation (EC) No 216/2008, reflect the state of the art and the best practices in the fields concerned.
- (4) The Agency has determined the need to adopt guidance on the implementation of the remote tower concept for single mode of operation in the context of the Rulemaking Task (RMT) 0624 'Technical and operational requirements for remote tower operations' which is within the scope of the current regulatory framework (Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1035/2011, Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 923/2012 and Commission Regulation (EU) No 139/2014), with the specific objective to maintain the level of safety in those cases where air traffic services are provided from a remote tower compared to their provision from a conventional tower, as well as to promote the development of a new technology associated to the remote tower concept, thus ensuring its safe implementation.

¹ 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/EC (OJ L 79, 19.3.2008, p. 1).

- (5) The Agency, pursuant to Article 52(1)(c) of Regulation (EC) No 216/2008 and Articles 5(3), 6 and 7 of the Agency's Rulemaking Procedure², 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 received³,

HAS DECIDED:

Article 1

The Guidance Material on the implementation of the remote tower concept for single mode of operation is laid down 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 the day of its publication.

Done at Cologne, on 3 July 2015.

*For the European Aviation Safety Agency
The Executive Director*

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² EASA MB Decision 01-2012 of 13 March 2012 amending and replacing Decision 08-2007 concerning the procedure to be applied by the Agency for the issuing of Opinions, Certification Specifications and Guidance Material ('Rulemaking Procedure') (<http://easa.europa.eu/the-agency/facts-and-figures/easa-mb-decision-01-2012-amending-and-replacing-mb-decision-08-2007>).

³ Please refer to CRD 2015-04 at <http://easa.europa.eu/document-library/comment-response-documents>

