

# Executive Director Decision

2018/011/R

of 6 November 2018

**amending Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to Part-FCL<sup>1</sup> and Part-ARA<sup>2</sup> of Commission Regulation (EU) No 1178/2011**

**‘AMC & GM to Part-FCL — Amendment 6  
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THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE EUROPEAN AVIATION SAFETY AGENCY,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2018/1139<sup>3</sup>, and in particular Article 104(3)(a) thereof,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EU) No 1178/2011<sup>4</sup>, and in particular point ARA.GEN.120 of Annex VI (Part-ARA) and point ORA.GEN.120 of Annex VII (Part-ORA) thereto,

Whereas:

- (1) EASA shall, pursuant to Article 76(3) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1139, issue certification specifications and acceptable means of compliance, as well as guidance material, for the application of Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 and its implementing rules.
- (2) Acceptable means of compliance are non-binding standards adopted by EASA which may be used by persons and organisations to demonstrate compliance with Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 and its implementing rules; when acceptable means of compliance are complied with, the related requirements of the implementing rules are met.

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<sup>1</sup> Decision 2011/016/R of 15 December 2011

<sup>2</sup> Decision 2012/006/R of 19 April 2012

<sup>3</sup> Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2018 on common rules in the field of civil aviation and establishing a European Union Aviation Safety Agency, and amending Regulations (EC) No 2111/2005, (EC) No 1008/2008, (EU) No 996/2010, (EU) No 376/2014 and Directives 2014/30/EU and 2014/53/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council, and repealing Regulations (EC) No 552/2004 and (EC) No 216/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Regulation (EEC) No 3922/91 (OJ L 212, 22.8.2018, p. 1)

<sup>4</sup> Commission Regulation (EU) No 1178/2011 of 3 November 2011 laying down technical requirements and administrative procedures related to civil aviation aircrew pursuant to Regulation (EU) No 216/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 311, 25.11.2011, p. 1)



- (3) Guidance material is non-binding material developed by EASA which helps to illustrate the meaning of a requirement or specification and is used to support the interpretation of Regulation (EU) 2018/1139, its implementing rules, certification specifications and acceptable means of compliance.
- (4) With Decision 2011/016/R of 15 December 2011, the Executive Director issued Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to Part-FCL of Commission Regulation (EU) No 1178/2011.
- (5) With Decision 2012/006/R of 19 April 2012, the Executive Director issued Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to Part-ARA of Commission Regulation (EU) No 290/2012.
- (6) With Decision 2016/008/R of 2 May 2016, the Executive Director issued Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to Part-FCL of Commission Regulation (EU) No 1178/2011 as regards the detailed theoretical knowledge syllabi and learning objectives for airline transport pilot licence (ATPL), multi-crew pilot licence (MPL), commercial pilot licence (CPL) and instrument rating (IR) for aeroplanes (A) and helicopters (H).
- (7) With Decision 2018/001/R of 8 February 2018, the Executive Director issued two amendments: amending the Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to Part-FCL (Amendment 4) and Part-ORA (Amendment 5) of Commission Regulation (EU) No 1178/2011, as amended, as regards the theoretical knowledge syllabi and learning objectives for airline transport pilot licence (ATPL), multi-crew pilot licence (MPL), commercial pilot licence (CPL), and instrument rating (IR) for aeroplanes (A) and helicopters (H).
- (8) EASA shall, pursuant to Article 4(1)(a) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1139, reflect the state of the art and the best practices in the field of aviation, and take into account worldwide aviation experience and scientific and technical progress in the respective fields.
- (9) This Decision addresses various non-controversial issues by removing editorial errors and inconsistencies in the Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to Part-FCL of Commission Regulation (EU) No 1178/2011, and updates the examination procedures related to the syllabus and LOs published in Decision 2018/001/R, in the Acceptable Means of Compliance to Part-ARA of Commission Regulation (EU) No 1178/2011.
- (10) This Decision also addresses new Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to Part-FCL and Part-ARA associated with the amendments introduced through Regulation (EU) 2018/1065 of 27 July 2018 to Regulation (EU) No 1178/2011 as regards the automatic validation of Union flight crew licences and take-off and landing training.
- (11) Regulation (EU) 2018/1065 is based on Opinion No 2016-16 and Opinion No 03/2017. Both Opinions were developed by EASA in accordance with Article 15 of the Management Board (MB) Decision No 18-2015.
- (12) EASA, pursuant to Article 115(1)(c) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 and Articles 6(3), 7 and 8 of the EASA Rulemaking Procedure<sup>5</sup>, 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 received<sup>6</sup>,

HAS DECIDED:

<sup>5</sup> EASA Management Board (MB) Decision No 18-2015 of 15 December 2015 replacing Decision 01/2012 concerning the procedure to be applied by the Agency for the issuing of opinions, certification specifications, acceptable means of compliance and guidance material ('Rulemaking Procedure') (<http://www.easa.europa.eu/system/files/dfu/EASA%20MB%20Decision%2018-2015%20on%20Rulemaking%20Procedure.pdf>)

<sup>6</sup> <http://easa.europa.eu/document-library/comment-response-documents>

**Article 1**

The Annex to Decision 2011/016/R (AMC/GM to Part-FCL) of the Executive Director of the European Aviation Safety Agency of 15 December 2011 is amended as laid down in Annex I to this Decision.

**Article 2**

The Annex to Decision 2012/006/R (AMC & GM to Part-ARA) of the Executive Director of the European Aviation Safety Agency of 19 April 2012 is amended as laid down in Annex II to this Decision.

**Article 3**

1. This Decision shall enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the Official Publication of EASA.
2. In derogation of paragraph 1:
  - (a) Annex I, point 2 amending AMC1 FCL.310; FCL.515(b); FCL.615(b) 'Theoretical knowledge examinations' shall apply by 31 January 2022 at the latest.
  - (b) Annex II, point 1 amending AMC1 ARA.GEN.220(a)(5) 'Record-keeping' and point 4 amending AMC1 ARA.FCL.300(b) 'Examination procedures' shall apply by 31 January 2022 at the latest.
  - (c) For licences issued before 19 August 2018, Annex II, point 2 introducing AMC1 ARA.FCL.200(a)(1) 'Remark on the licence', point 3 introducing AMC1 ARA.FCL.200(a)(2) 'ICAO attachment', and point 5 AMC1 to Appendix I to Annex VI (Part-ARA) – Flight Crew Licence shall apply by 31 December 2022 at the latest.

Cologne, 6 November 2018

*For the European Aviation Safety Agency  
The Executive Director*

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