Executive Director Decision
2018/012/R
of 21 November 2018


‘GM to Regulation (EU) No 965/2012 — Issue 1, Amendment 2;
AMC and GM to Part-ARO — Issue 3, Amendment 8; and
AMC and GM to Part-CAT — Issue 2, Amendment 15’

THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE EUROPEAN AVIATION SAFETY AGENCY (EASA),

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 218/1139, and in particular Article 104(3)(a) thereof,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EU) No 965/2012, and in particular ARO.GEN.120(a) of Annex II 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 applied, the related requirements of the implementing rules are met.

(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

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(7) 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 update its decisions taking into account worldwide aviation experience and scientific and technical progress in the respective fields. The annexes to this Decision contain new as well as amended Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to Commission Regulation (EU) No 965/2012 that are associated with the amendments introduced through Regulation (EU) 2018/1042 of 23 July 2018 to Commission Regulation (EU) No 965/2012 as regards technical requirements and administrative procedures related to introducing support programmes, psychological assessment of flight crew, as well as systematic and random testing of psychoactive substances to ensure medical fitness of flight and cabin crew members.

(8) This Decision provides Member States and competent authorities with Acceptable means of Compliance and Guidance Material on how to carry out alcohol testing of flight and cabin crew.

(9) This Decision also provides commercial air transport operators with Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material on how to introduce support programmes and to carry out psychological assessment of flight crew and testing of psychoactive substances.

(10) EASA, pursuant to Article 115(1)(c) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 and Article 15 ‘Special rulemaking procedure: direct publication’ of the EASA Rulemaking Procedure, has consulted its Advisory Bodies on the matters which are the subject of this Decision and has considered the comments received, HAS DECIDED:

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3 Commission Regulation (EU) 2018/1042 of 23 July 2018 amending Regulation (EU) No 965/2012, as regards technical requirements and administrative procedures related to introducing support programmes, psychological assessment of flight crew, as well as systematic and random testing of psychoactive substances to ensure medical fitness of flight and cabin crew members, and as regards equipping newly manufactured turbine-powered aeroplanes with a maximum certified take-off mass of 5,700 kg or less and approved to carry six to nine passengers with a terrain awareness warning system (OJ L 188, 25.7.2018, p. 3) ([https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1539167289501&uri=CELEX:32018R1042](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1539167289501&uri=CELEX:32018R1042))

Article 1

The Annex to Decision 2014/019/R of the Executive Director of the European Aviation Safety Agency of 24 April 2014 (Guidance Material to Regulation (EU) No 965/2012) is amended as laid down in Annex I to this Decision.

Article 2

The Annex to Decision 2014/025/R of the Executive Director of the European Aviation Safety Agency of 28 July 2014 (AMC and GM to Part-ARO) is amended as laid down in Annex II to this Decision.

Article 3

The Annex to Decision 2014/015/R of the Executive Director of the European Aviation Safety Agency of 24 April 2014 (AMC and GM to Part-CAT) is amended as laid down in Annex III to this Decision.

Article 4

This Decision shall enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the Official Publication of EASA and it shall apply from 14 August 2020.

Cologne, 21 November 2018

For the European Aviation Safety Agency
The Executive Director

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