



Terms of Reference

for rulemaking task RMT.0031

Regular update of AMC and GM to Part 21

ISSUE 1

Issue/Rationale

The aviation industry is complex and rapidly evolving. The corresponding rules need to be updated regularly to ensure that they are fit for purpose, cost-effective and can be implemented in practice.

Regular updates are issued when relevant data is available following an update of industry standards or feedback from certification activities or minor issues raised by the stakeholders.

Action area:	Regular updates/review of rules		
Affected rules:	AMC&GM Part21		
Affected stakeholders:	Design and production organisations, NAAs, the Agency (on a case by case)		
Driver:	Efficiency/Proportionality	Reference:	N/A
Rulemaking group:	No	Impact assessment:	Light (on a case by case)
		Procedure:	Standard or Direct

● EASA rulemaking process



1. Issue and reasoning for regulatory change

EASA, as necessary, issues AMCs and GMs to Part-21 to illustrate means to establish compliance with this regulation or to illustrate the meaning of a requirement.

While it is anticipated that the objective requirements will remain stable, the more detailed AMC or GM are expected to require regular amendments to take specific safety issues into consideration and introduce new methods of compliance or procedures.

In order to increase the efficiency of the rulemaking process, it has been decided to decrease the administrative burden of individual rulemaking tasks and to group subjects that are considered non-controversial and mature for a notice of proposed amendment (NPA) subsequently leading to EASA decisions. This concept was reintroduced in the revised EASA Management Board (MB) Decision 18-2015¹ (see Article 3.5. on 'systematic rulemaking projects').

On a regular basis, EASA will make a review of eligible candidate items and eventually will publish an NPA proposing an amendment of the AMC and GM to Part-21. It will be also considered, case by case, if the proposed changes qualify for special rulemaking procedures such as direct publication or accelerated procedure as defined respectively in Article 15 and Article 16 of EASA Management Board (MB) Decision 18-2015¹.

2. Objectives

This rulemaking task is intended to regularly amend AMC and GM to Part-21, in order to reflect the state of the art and best practices. It would, therefore, propose an amendment of AMC and GM to Part-21 based on the selection of non-controversial, or mature subjects. The ultimate goal is to increase safety or efficiency.

Because of the generic nature of this rulemaking task, this ToR remains open and has no end date. Each individual NPA will, however, provide the specific planning and intended date for the ED decision to be issued.

3. Activities

On a regular basis:

- select items meeting the criteria mentioned above;
- whenever enough subjects are available, publish an NPA or, if changes qualify, use a direct publication or accelerated procedure proposing amendments for AMC and GM to Part-21;
- prepare a comment-response document (CRD) if applicable; and
- publish an ED Decision amending AMC and GM to Part-21.

¹ Management Board Decision N° 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').



4. Deliverables

- An NPA listing the subjects and proposing the related amendment of AMC & GM to Part-21, unless Article 15 or Article 16 of EASA Management Board (MB) Decision 18-2015 applies;
- a CRD to the above-mentioned NPA; and
- an ED decision amending AMC GM to Part-21.



5. Annex I: Reference documents

5.1. Affected regulations

N/A

5.2. Affected decisions

Decision No 2012/020/R of the Executive Director of the European Aviation Safety Agency of 30 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').

5.3. Reference documents

N/A

