



Terms of Reference

for a rulemaking task

'Light Part-M'

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Applicability		Process map
Affected regulations and decisions:	Commission Regulation (EU) No 1321/2014; Decision 2003/19/RM.	Concept Paper: No Rulemaking group: No RIA type: Light
Affected stakeholders:	Lighter end of the General Aviation community, including aircraft owners/operators, independent certifying staff, maintenance organisations, Continuing Airworthiness Management Organisations (CAMOs) and competent authorities overseeing these aircraft and activities.	Technical consultation during NPA drafting: Yes (Task Force) Publication date of the NPA: 2015/Q3 Duration of NPA consultation: 3 months Review group: No Focussed consultation: Yes (Task Force) Publication date of the Opinion: 2016/Q2 Publication date of the Decision: Once the rules are adopted by the Commission
Driver/origin:	Proportionality	
Reference:	None	



1. Issue and reasoning for regulatory change

During the discussions of Phase II of the ‘Part-M General Aviation Task Force’, all the members agreed that there was a need to develop a ‘Light Part-M’ completely independent from Part-M, whose content would be proportional to the significantly lower complexity and associated risks of the lighter end of the General Aviation community.

This need for a ‘Light Part-M’ was, later on, very strongly voiced by the Industry during the EASA Annual Safety Conference on General Aviation held in Rome on 15 and 16 October 2014. It was at that conference where the Agency’s Executive Director made the commitment that the Agency will develop a ‘Light Part-M’ as a matter of urgency.

2. Objectives

The objective of this task is to develop a ‘Light Part-M’:

- with requirements proportional to the significantly lower complexity and associated risks of the lighter end of the General Aviation community; and
- as clear and simple as possible in order to facilitate implementation.

3. Activities

The following activities will be performed in coordination with ‘Part-M General Aviation Task Force’, composed of representatives of the General Aviation community and of competent authorities:

- Evaluation of the format and structure of ‘Light Part-M’.
- Evaluation of further alleviations to those proposed during Phase I of the ‘Part-M General Aviation Task Force’ (RMT.0463). When doing so, all possible options should be explored, being limited only by the requirements contained in Regulation (EC) No 216/2008 (the EASA Basic Regulation).
- Coordination with other past and current rulemaking activities (see Section 5 below) in order to ensure adequate consistency.
- Coordination of the task with all other activities linked to the General Aviation Road Map.

4. Deliverables

- NPA to be published in 2015/Q3.
- Opinion to be published in 2016/Q2.
- Decision to be issued once the changes to the regulations (as proposed in the Opinion) are adopted by the Commission.

5. Interface issues

The following aspects linked to continuing airworthiness in General Aviation, although not directly addressed in this task, have to be considered for appropriate coordination:

- ‘Part-M General Aviation (Phase I)’ (RMT.0463): This has already been addressed through Opinion No 10/2013, published in October 2013. The proposed text has been already voted and



agreed in the EASA Committee (July 2014). It is also expected to be adopted by the Commission during the summer of 2015.

- ‘B2L and L Part-66 aircraft maintenance licences’ (RMT.0135): This has already been addressed through Opinion No 05/2015, published on 22 June 2015.
- ‘CS-STAN’ (RMT.0245): This will be addressed through a Decision expected to be published in July 2015.
- ‘Parts without EASA Form 1 or equivalent’ (RMT.0018): The task is currently in progress with a working group discussing different proposals in order to issue an NPA.
- ‘Technical Records’ (RMT.0276): The task is currently in progress with a review group evaluating the comments received on NPA 2014-04.
- ‘Review of the airworthiness review process’ (RMT.0521): The task is currently in progress with a working group discussing different proposals in order to issue an NPA.

In addition, this activity has to be properly coordinated within the framework of the General Aviation Road Map.

6. Focussed consultation

The content of the different deliverables will be prepared based on the meetings and discussions held with the ‘Part-M General Aviation Task Force’, including also members of the balloon community.

7. Profile and contribution of the rulemaking group

This is an Agency task and, as a consequence, there is no Rulemaking Group. Nevertheless, the focussed consultation includes meetings and discussions with the ‘Part-M General Aviation Task Force’, including also members of the balloon community.

8. Annex I: Reference documents

8.1. *Affected regulations*

Commission Regulation (EU) No 1321/2014 of 26 November 2014 on the continuing airworthiness of aircraft and aeronautical products, parts and appliances, and on the approval of organisations and personnel involved in these tasks (OJ L 362, 17.12.2014, p. 1).

8.2. *Affected decisions*

Decision 2003/19/RM of the Executive Director of the Agency of 28 November 2003 on acceptable means of compliance and guidance material to Commission Regulation (EC) No 2042/2003 of 20 November 2003 on the continuing airworthiness of aircraft and aeronautical products, parts and appliances, and on the approval of organisations and personnel involved in these tasks

8.3. *Reference documents*

None

