



## TERMS OF REFERENCE

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**Regulatory reference:** Part-M, Part-145, Part-66, Part-147, Part-21.

**Reference documents:** SFAR-88, Interim Policy on Fuel Tank Safety INT/POL/25/12 and JAA TGL 47, EASA Decisions 2007/001/R, 2007/002/R and 2007/003/R

**1. Subject:** Fuel tank safety training issues – AMC/GM

**2. Problem / Statement of issue and justification; reason for regulatory evolution (regulatory tasks):**

Work has been going on for several years on fuel tank safety in Europe in conjunction with the FAA and other authorities concerned. As it was necessary to provide training to personnel involved in maintenance, in 2005 the JAA countries published a JAA TGL 47. In order to publish instructions for training of personnel involved in maintenance and continuing airworthiness management in accordance with EC regulation 2042/2003<sup>1</sup>, the Agency launched in 2006 a working group MDM 022. This work resulted in the issuance of Decisions 2007/001/R, 2007/002/R and 2007/003/R which modified Decision 2003/19/RM on AMCs to Part-M, Part-145 and Part-66.

Once the three decisions were published, feedback received from NAAs and industry showed that there were significant concerns particularly related to the period of implementation of the training programme. In order to have a common view of these concerns, the Agency organised a workshop with NAAs and invited members of two associations of airlines and two manufacturers.

As a result of the workshop the following agreement was reached:

- The Agency shall issue new decisions superseding the current ones. These new decisions will introduce a simplified training plan consisting of a Phase 1 (Awareness training) and a Phase 2 (Detailed training), and will recommend dates of implementation for each phase;
- In order to make a publication of these decisions not later than July 2008, shortened periods of consultation will be required;
- In order to cover the interim period, the Agency has issued, beginning of January 2008, a letter to the NAAs recommending them to issue national AMCs that would anticipate on the future Agency revision described above.

As a consequence, a new Terms of Reference MDM 022b is published to launch a new NPA.

<sup>1</sup> 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, *OJ L 315*, 28.11.2003, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 376/2007 (*OJ L 94*, 4.4.2007, p. 18).

<p><b>3. Objective:</b></p> <p>Adapt the AMCs modified by decisions 2007/001/R, 2007/002/R and 2007/003/R to the conclusions of the workshop held in Cologne on November 23, 2007 on the training on fuel tank safety issues.</p>
<p><b>4. Specific tasks and interface issues (Deliverables):</b></p> <p>Publication of new decisions to replace Decisions 2007/001/R, 2007/002/R and 2007/003/R to modify Decision 2003/19/RM on AMCs to Part-M, Part-145 and Part-66 on the issue of training on fuel tank safety.</p>
<p><b>5. Working Methods</b> (in addition to the applicable Agency procedures):</p> <p>Drafting carried out by the Agency.</p>
<p><b>6. Time scale, milestones:</b></p> <p>NPA to be published by March 2008.</p> <p>Decisions to be issued by July 2008.</p>