



## Entry into-force

EASA will commence the new task as soon as the rules enter into force. The date of entry into force cannot be specified at this time. Therefore, EASA will not yet accept any applications for TCO authorisations.

Upon entry into force, a transition phase will ensure a gradual phase-in of TCO authorisations. EASA will then prioritize and process the applications until the end of the transition period.

**Third country operators engaging in commercial air transport to the EU will have to submit an application for a TCO authorisation within 6 months after Part-TCO enters into force.**

## Important note:

**Operators who fail to apply for a TCO authorisation within 6 months after entry into force of Part-TCO may face delays in the authorisation process which can potentially lead to a disruption of the operation to the EU** until completion of their assessment and issuance of the TCO authorisation. It is therefore in the best interest of operators to apply for a TCO authorisation within the application period (6 months after Part-TCO entry into force).

**EASA provides a web based tool to stay abreast with the latest developments regarding the implementation of Part TCO**

Interested parties are invited to subscribe to automatic notifications on the further development of Part-TCO. **In order to stay informed about the introduction of the coming TCO rules and respective timelines, please subscribe to “TCO-Latest news”** on <http://easa.europa.eu/TCO>.



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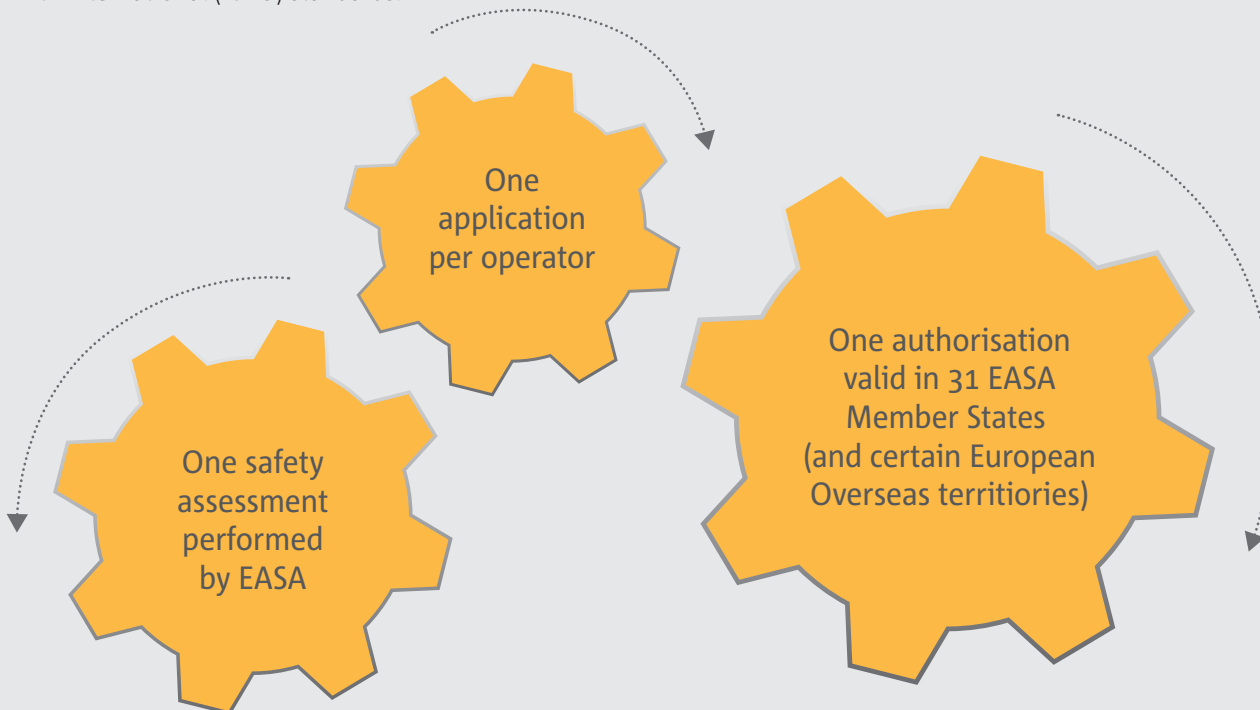


# EASA

## Authorisation of Third Country Operators (TCO)

## General

In November 2012 EASA has published its final opinion for Implementing Rules on Third Country Operators (TCO) engaged in commercial air transport (CAT) operations in Europe. Once the proposed rules are adopted, Third Country Operators engaged in commercial air transport (CAT) operations must demonstrate to EASA compliance with international (ICAO) standards.



## TCO authorisation

The proposed rules harmonise and streamline the authorisation process for TCOs by proposing a single, proportionate and risk-based assessment process which is performed by EASA and becomes a pre-requisite to exercise entry permits (traffic rights) issued by individual EASA Member States.

## Who needs a TCO authorisation?

**Any third-country operator, who intends to perform commercial air transport operations into, within or out of any of the following territories:**

- **the 31 EASA Member States** (Member States of the European Union, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland)
- **the following territories in which the Regulation (EC) 216/2008, the so called Basic Regulation applies** - Gibraltar, Åland Islands, Azores, Madeira, Canary Islands, Guadeloupe, French Guiana, Martinique, Réunion, Saint-Martin, Mayotte.

A TCO authorisation will not be required for operators only overflying the territories mentioned above without intended landing.