

# Executive Director Decision

**2018/015/R**

**of 17 December 2018**

**amending the Certification Specifications and Acceptable Means of Compliance for Very Light Rotorcraft**

**'CS-VLR Amendment 3'**

**and**

**amending the Certification Specifications and Acceptable Means of Compliance for Small Rotorcraft**

**'CS-27 Amendment 6'**

**and**

**amending the Certification Specifications and Acceptable Means of Compliance for Large Rotorcraft**

**'CS-29 Amendment 6'**

THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE EUROPEAN UNION AVIATION SAFETY AGENCY,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2018/1139<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 104(3)(a) thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 748/2012<sup>2</sup>, in particular paragraph 21.A.16A of the Annex (Part-21) thereto,

Whereas:

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<sup>1</sup> Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2018 on common rules in the field of civil aviation and establishing a European Union Aviation Safety Agency, and amending Regulations (EC) No 2111/2005, (EC) No 1008/2008, (EU) No 996/2010, (EU) No 376/2014 and Directives 2014/30/EU and 2014/53/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council, and repealing Regulations (EC) No 552/2004 and (EC) No 216/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Regulation (EEC) No 3922/91 (OJ L 212, 22.8.2018, p. 1) (<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1535612134845&uri=CELEX:32018R1139>)

<sup>2</sup> Regulation (EU) No 748/2012 of 3 August 2012 laying down implementing rules 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 (OJ L 224, 21.8.2012, p.1-85).

- (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) Certification specifications are non-binding technical standards issued by EASA which indicate the means to demonstrate compliance with Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 and its implementing rules and which can be used by organisations for the purpose of certification.
- (3) Acceptable means of compliance are non-binding standards issued 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 or the certification specifications are met.
- (4) With Decision No. 2003/17/RM of 14 November 2003, the Executive Director issued Certification Specifications, including Acceptable Means of Compliance, for very light rotorcraft (CS-VLR- Initial issue).
- (5) With Decision No. 2003/15/RM of 14 November 2003, the Executive Director issued Certification Specifications, including Acceptable Means of Compliance, for small rotorcraft (CS-27- Initial issue).
- (6) With Decision No. 2003/16/RM of 14 November 2003, the Executive Director issued Certification Specifications, including Acceptable Means of Compliance, for large rotorcraft (CS-29 – Initial issue).
- (7) EASA shall, pursuant to Article 4(1) 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 technical progress in the respective fields.
- (8) EASA has identified an opportunity to improve efficiency whilst maintaining safety through the updating of the acceptable means of compliance to certification specifications (CSs) for rotorcraft to reflect technological changes and to address issues that have arisen in certification and validation experience.
- (9) EASA, pursuant to Article 52(1)(c) of Regulation (EC) No 216/2008 and Article 15 ‘Special rulemaking procedure: direct publication’ of the EASA Rulemaking Procedure<sup>3</sup>, has consulted its Advisory Bodies on the matters which are the subject of this Decision and has considered the comments received,

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<sup>3</sup> EASA Management Board (MB) Decision No 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’)  
(<http://www.easa.europa.eu/system/files/dfu/EASA%20MB%20Decision%2018-2015%20on%20Rulemaking%20Procedure.pdf>)



HAS DECIDED:

**Article 1**

Annex I to this Decision is issued as Amendment 3 to the Certification Specifications and Acceptable Means of Compliance for very light rotorcraft (CS-VLR).

**Article 2**

Annex II to this Decision is issued as Amendment 6 to the Certification Specifications and Acceptable Means of Compliance for small rotorcraft (CS-27).

**Article 3**

Annex III to this Decision is issued as Amendment 6 to the Certification Specifications and Acceptable Means of Compliance for large rotorcraft (CS-29).

**Article 4**

This Decision shall enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the Official Publication of EASA.

Cologne, 17 December 2018

*For the European Union Aviation Safety Agency  
The Executive Director*

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