

Executive Director Decision

2019/007/R

of 27 February 2019

amending Guidance Material to Annex I (Definition) and Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material and Annex II (Part-ARO) to Commission Regulation (EU) No 965/2012

‘Amendments to acceptable means of compliance and guidance material to Regulation (EU) No 965/2012 as regards ramp inspections’

**GM to Part-DEF— Issue 1, Amendment 9
AMC & GM to Part-ARO — Issue 3, Amendment 8**

THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE EUROPEAN UNION AVIATION SAFETY AGENCY (EASA),

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2018/1139¹, and in particular Article 104(3)(a) thereof,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EU) No 965/2012² and in particular point ARO.GEN.120 of Annex II (Part-ARO) thereto,

Whereas:

- (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 of the delegated and implementing acts adopted on the basis thereof.
- (2) 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 delegated and implementing acts.

¹ 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>).

² Commission Regulation (EU) No 965/2012 of 5 October 2012 laying down technical requirements and administrative procedures related to air operations pursuant to Regulation (EU) No 216/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council ([OJ L 296, 25.10.2012, p. 1](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1535612134845&uri=CELEX:32012R0965)).

- (3) Guidance material is non-binding material issued by EASA, which helps to illustrate the meaning of a requirement or specification and is used to support the interpretation of Regulation (EU) 2018/1139, of the delegated and implementing acts adopted on the basis thereof, certification specifications and acceptable means of compliance.
- (4) With Decision 2012/015/R of 25 October 2012 the Executive Director issued Guidance Material to Annex I (Definitions) of Commission Regulation (EU) No 965/2012.
- (5) With Decision 2012/016/R of 25 October 2012, the Executive Director issued Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to Annex II (Part-ARO) of Commission Regulation (EU) No 965/2012.
- (6) EASA shall, pursuant to Article 4(1)(a) 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 scientific and technical progress in the respective fields.
- (7) An update and simplification of the AMC & GM of the Air OPS rules in the field of ramp inspections was necessary to ensure that competent authorities are provided with a clear interpretation of the European air operational requirements, thereby fully taking into account the principles of proportionality and risk-based performance.
- (8) EASA, pursuant to Article 115(1)(c) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 and Article 16 'Special rulemaking procedure: accelerated procedure' of the EASA Rulemaking Procedure, has consulted the affected stakeholders as well as its Advisory Bodies on the matters which are the subject of this Decision and has considered the comments received,

HAS DECIDED:

Article 1

The Annex to Decision 2012/015/R (GM to Definitions) of the Executive Director of the Agency of 24 October 2012 is amended as laid down in Annex I to this Decision.

Article 2

The Annex to Decision 2012/016/R (AMC & GM to Part-ARO) of the Executive Director of the Agency of 25 October 2012 is amended as laid down in Annex II to this Decision.

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on day following that of its publication in the Official Publication of EASA. It shall apply from 1 September 2019, except for Annex II, point 4 introducing AMC1 ARO.RAMP.100(c) which shall apply from 1 January 2020.

Cologne, 27 February 2019

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

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