

European Aviation Safety Agency — Rulemaking Directorate

Terms of Reference

for a rulemaking task

Revision of operational approval criteria for performance-based navigation

RMT.0256 & RMT.0257 (MDM.062(a)&(b)) — Issue 2 — 08/07/2013

Applicability		Process map	
Affected	Commission Regulation (EU) No 965/2012 and related AMC/GM (ED Decisions 2012/018/R and 2012/019/R)	Rulemaking lead	R4
regulations and decisions:		Concept Paper	No
and decisions.		ToR Issue 1 publication date	17/07/2012
	Annex I (Part-FCL) to Commission Regulation (EU) No 1178/2011 and related AMC/GM (ED Decision 2011/016/R)	Rulemaking group	Yes
		RIA type	Light
		Technical consultation during NPA drafting	No
Affected	Commercial and non-	Publication date of the NPA	2013/Q3
stakeholders:		Duration of NPA consultation	3 months
		Review group	Yes
Driver/origin:	Level playing field	Focussed consultation	No
Reference:	Annex V (Part-SPA) to Commission Regulation (EU) No 965/2012	Publication date of the Opinion	2015/Q1
		Publication date of the Decision	2016/Q1

1. Subject: Revision of operational approval criteria for performance-based navigation

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

Area Navigation (RNAV) was developed in the 1960s in the USA to give to aviators more flexibility in deciding their horizontal path (i.e. they are no longer obliged to overfly ground beacons). The first 16 of such routes were published in 1969.

Minimum navigation performance specification (MNPS) was the first (i.e. 1977) example of coupling the concept of RNAV with a performance-based navigation (PBN) specification in order to achieve more airspace capacity. The USA FAA, aware that this 'new' type of operations presented safety challenges, published Advisory Circular 91-49 clarifying that operators desiring to use MNPS had to 'show compliance' with applicable specifications to obtain a specific approval. The concept of specifying 'performance' and not a number of 'avionic boxes' for navigation was also new.

Along the decades the number and type of navigation operations proliferated, leading to a relatively long list of operations which require specific approval (SPA).

JAR-OPS 1 envisaged a number of SPA, but still listed a specific number of navigation 'avionic boxes' to be carried on board. The same approach was continued in Council Regulation (EEC) No 3922/91, Annex III, as amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 859/2008 ($^{\circ}EU$ -OPS' 1). Such rules, applicable today, only affect Commercial Air Transport (CAT) by aeroplanes.

More background information is presented in Appendix 5.

Commission Regulation (EU) No 965/2012 on Air Operations² (on which more background information is provided in Appendix 4) introduces, among others, few noticeable modifications:

Contrary to EU-OPS rule 1.865 currently in force, proposed rules CAT.IDE.A.345³ and CAT.IDE.H.345⁴ solve the issue of mandating carriage of specific navigation equipment, by removing the list from legally binding rules; similar rules are proposed for special operations (SPO) and non-commercial operators (NCC, NCO); and

It removes the obligation to obtain a SPA for RNAV 5 (B-RNAV). Amendment of AIR-OPS is expected (regulatory references 17 and 18 in Appendix 2) to extend the obligation for SPA, beyond CAT operations by aeroplanes, to all commercial and non-commercial operations, including aerial work (alias SPO).

A summary comparison between 'EU-OPS' and the proposed Commission Regulation (EU) No 965/2012 on Air Operations is provided in Appendix 5.

The Agency is aware that the number of PBN applications is increasing, while requesting and obtaining a SPA constitutes an additional administrative task, especially for non-commercial operators. This rulemaking task is, hence, necessary in order to review the necessity for SPA for all existing PBN applications and, where appropriate, to amend the requirement. The safety-related items listed in Appendix 6 are to be used by the Agency, in the context of present task, as an initial guide to determine the necessity for SPA.

Regulatory reference [1] in Appendix 2.

Regulatory reference [2] in Appendix 2.

Communication and navigation equipment for operations under IFR or under VFR over routes not navigated by reference to visual landmarks, in Annex IV (Part CAT), Subpart Instrument, Data and Equipment (IDE), Section 1 (Aeroplanes).

Communication and navigation equipment for operations under IFR or under VFR over routes not navigated by reference to visual landmarks, in Annex IV (Part CAT), Subpart Instrument, Data and Equipment (IDE), Section 2 (Helicopters).

3. Objectives:

- a) Develop rules on pilot training and checking requirements, which are an essential prerequisite to remove the requirement for SPA for some PBN operations;
- b) Reassess the need for an operational approval for each PBN operation for CAT, SPO, NCC, and NCO operators using as a starting point the tentative list of items in Appendix 6;
- c) Take into account the introduction of RNP 2, Advanced-RNP and RNP 0.3 in the fourth edition of the ICAO PBN Manual⁵ and the consequent possibility of 'bundling' approvals.

4. Specific tasks and interface issues (Deliverables):

4.1 Task RMT.0256 will deliver:

- a) Opinion to amend Commission Regulation (EU) No 965/2012 on Air Operations and its Annexes, in particular Annex V (Part-SPA), Subpart SPA.PBN to remove the obligation for SPA when all the items in Appendix 6 are verified, but also including proposals to amend other Annexes (e.g. I to IV, and VI to VIII), if appropriate;
- b) Opinion aiming at introducing privileges to allow pilots to carry out PBN operations and at adding pilot training, testing and checking requirements in Annex I (Part-FCL) to Commission Regulation (EU) No 1178/2011 and Commission Regulation (EU) No 290/2012 (Part-ARA and Part-ORA) laying down technical requirements and administrative procedures related to civil aviation aircrew pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 216/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council.

4.2 Task RMT.0257 will deliver:

- a) Decision amending AMC and GM to Annex I (Part-FCL) to Commission Regulation (EU) No 1178/2011 and to Commission Regulation (EU) 290/2012 (Part-ARA and Part-ORA) in order to introduce specific pilot training elements for some PBN operations;
- b) Decision amending AMC and GM to all Annexes of Commission Regulation (EU) No 965/2012 as necessary in relation to (a) in 4.1 above and transposing the operational criteria from AMC 20-4, AMC 20-5, AMC 20-12, AMC 20-26, AMC 20-27, and AMC 20-28 into the appropriate Parts;;
- c) Decision to remove operational criteria from AMC 20-4, AMC 20-5, AMC 20-12, AMC 20-26, AMC 20-27 and AMC 20-28.

In particular, 4.1(b) may require amendments to rule FCL.605.IR (Privileges) and to Appendices 3 (Integrated training courses that include the IR), 5 (MPL course), 6 (Modular IR training course), 7 (IR skill test), 8 (Cross crediting) and 9 (Training, testing and checking requirements). 4.2(a) may require amendments to related AMCs and GM.

- 4.3 The following topics are out of scope of present ToR:
 - Any provision on mandatory carriage and mandatory implementation of a given PBN application in any portion of EU airspace, since this is within the scope of the PBN mandate issued by the EC to EUROCONTROL in the frame of the 'Single European Sky' (SES);
 - b) Any possible rule on the performance of the airborne navigation system, since this is covered by RMT.0520 (CS-ACNS);;
 - c) Transposition of JAA TGL 10, since this is encompassed by the CS-ACNS under development, in the context of rulemaking task RMT.0099.

⁵ Reference [c] in Appendix 3.

5. Working Methods (in addition to the applicable Agency procedures):

Group. The Group may establish subgroups (e.g. OPS and FCL) as required.

6. Time scale, milestones:

- NPA in 2013/Q3 including 'light' RIA⁶;
- CRD/Opinion in 2015/Q1;
- Decision(s) in 2016/Q1.

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As stated in paragraph 6 of the preliminary RIA on the subject, published to members of AGNA and SSCC on 1 August 2011.

Glossary

A Aeroplane

ACNS Airborne segment of the COM, NAV and SUR systems

AGNA Advisory Group of National Authorities

AIP Aeronautical Information Publication

AIS Aeronautical Information Service (comprises AIP and NOTAM)

AMC Acceptable Means of Compliance

ANS Air Navigation Services; they inter alia comprise provision of

digital data for navigation purposes, AIS, ATS and Navigation Services (i.e. radio signals in space for navigation purposes)

ANSP Air Navigation Service Provider (e.g. ATSP and NSP belong to

this wide family)

AOC Air Operator Certificate

APCH Approach

APV Approach Procedures with Vertical Guidance. This term is used

for RNP APCH operations that include vertical guidance, they

are flown to LNAV/VNAV or LPV minima.

APV Baro RNP APCH down to LNAV/VNAV minima

APV SBAS RNP APCH down to LPV minima

ARO Rules for competent Authorities in the domain of operations

ATM Air Traffic Management. It comprises an airborne part (e.g.

anti-collision) and a ground part. The latter comprises Airspace (controlled and non-controlled) Management, Flow Management and ATS. It cannot be confused with Air Traffic Control which is

only one part of ATS.

ATS Air Traffic Services: Air Traffic Control, Alert services and Flight

Information Services

ATSP Air Traffic Service Provider

B-RNAV Basic Area Navigation

Baro-VNAV Barometric Vertical Navigation. A function of an RNAV system

to present computed vertical guidance to the flight crew referenced to a specified vertical path based on barometric

altitude information.

CAT Commercial Air Transport

CDFA Technique for flying the final approach segment of a Non-

Precision Approach as a continuous descent. The technique is consistent with stabilized approach procedures and has no

level-off

CFIT Controlled flight into terrain

CNS Communication, Navigation and Surveillance

CRD Comment Response Document

CS Certification Specification

DGAC Direction Générale de l'Aviation Civile (French competent

Authority)

EASA European Aviation Safety Agency

EC European Commission

ED Executive Director

EGNOS European Geostationary Navigation Overlay Service. This is the

European Satellite Based Augmentation System (SBAS)

ESSP European Satellite Services Provider is the EGNOS operator and

Navigation Service Provider certified according to the SES

regulation as an ANSP

EU European Union

FAA Federal Aviation Administration

FCL Flight Crew Licensing

GA General Aviation
GM Guidance Material

GNSS Global navigation satellite system

GPS Global positioning system

H Helicopter

ICAO International Civil Aviation Organisation

IDE Instruments, Data and Equipment

IFR Instrument Flight Rules

IRI Instrument Rating Instructor

ILS Instrument Landing System

ILS CAT ILS Category

JAR Joint Aviation Regulation

LNAV Instrument approach providing guidance only for Lateral

Navigation, and to be flown not below a line of minima on the

chart for RNP Approaches without vertical guidance

LNAV/VNAV Instrument approach to be flown not below a line of minima,

applicable to aircraft equipped with a Baro-VNAV (i.e. Vertical Navigation) system approved according to AMC 20-27 or

equivalent (for example FAA AC 20-129)

LP Localizer Performance: Instrument approach providing guidance

only for lateral navigation, and to be flown not below a line of minima by SBAS-capable aircraft where, due to obstacles or else, an approach with vertical guidance (down to LPV) is not

possible.

LPV Instrument approach with vertical guidance, to be flown not

below to a line of minima by aircraft equipped with approved

SBAS capability

LVO Low Visibility Operations (e.g. ILS CAT III)

LVP Low Visibility Procedures (at aerodromes; e.g. for taxying)

MDM Multi-Disciplinary Rulemaking Task

MEL Minimum Equipment List (responsibility of aircraft operator)

MMEL Master Minimum Equipment List (responsibility of TC holder)

MNPS Minimum navigation performance specification

MNPSA Minimum navigation performance specification Area (oceanic)

NAV Navigation

NCC Non-commercial operations by complex motor-powered aircraft

NCO Non-commercial ops by other-than-complex motor-powered aircraft

NOTAM Notice to Airmen

NPA Notice of Proposed Amendment

NSP ANS Provider of radio navigation signals

OPS Aircraft operations

ORO Rules for organisations involved in aircraft operations

OSD Operational Suitability Data

PBN Performance-Based Navigation

P-RNAV Precision area navigation (almost equivalent to RNAV 1)

RIA Regulatory Impact Assessment

RNAV Area navigation

RMT Rulemaking Task

RNP Required navigation performance

RNP APCH Includes four approach types (LNAV; LP; LNAV/VNAV and LPV).

Procedures are published on a chart with the title RNAV(GNSS).

RNP AR APCH RNP APCH for which authorization is required

RVSM Reduced Vertical Separation Minima

SBAS Satellite-based augmentation system

SES Single European Sky (set of four Regulations - 549, 550, 551,

552 – adopted by the EU legislator in 2004, related amendments, implementing rules and initiatives)

SPA Specific Approval

SPO Special Operations

TC Type Certificate

TGL Temporary Guidance Leaflet

VNAV Vertical navigation

List of regulatory references

- (a) Commission Regulation (EC) No 859/2008 of 20 August 2008 amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 3922/91 as regards common technical requirements and administrative procedures applicable to commercial transportation by aeroplane and in particular rules: OPS 1.243, OPS 1.865(d), OPS 1.873 and par. 8.3.2(c) of Appendix to OPS 1.1045 ('EU-OPS')
- (b) Commission Regulation (EU) No 965/2012 of 5 October 2012 laying down technical requirements and administrative procedures related to air operations pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 216/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council and in particular draft Articles 6.3.(a)(i) and 11.1, as well as rules: ARO.OPS.200, ORO.GEN.205, CAT.IDE.A.345 (d) and (e), CAT.IDE.A.355, CAT.IDE.H.345 (c) and (d), SPA.PBN.100, SPA.PBN.105
- (c) Annex I (Part-FCL) to Commission Regulation (EU) No 1178/2011 of 3 November 2011 laying down technical requirements and administrative procedures related to civil aviation aircrew pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 216/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council
- (d) Commission Regulation (EU) No 1332/2011 of 16 December 2011 laying down common airspace usage requirements and operating procedures for airborne collision avoidance.
- (e) AMC and GM to Part-FCL (ED Decision 2011/016/R)
- (f) AMC 20-04: Airworthiness approval and operational criteria for the use of navigation systems in European airspace designated for Basic-RNAV
- (g) AMC 20-05: Airworthiness approval and operational criteria for the use of the NAVSTAR GPS
- (h) AMC 20-12: Recognition of FAA Order 8400.12a for RNP 10 Operations
- (i) AMC 20-26: Airworthiness Approval and Operational Criteria for RNP Authorisation Required (RNP AR) Operations
- (j) AMC 20-27: Airworthiness approval and operational criteria for RNP APCH Operations
- (k) Draft AMC 20-28: Airworthiness Approval and Operational Criteria for RNAV GNSS approach operation to LPV minima using SBAS.
- (I) Commission Regulation (EU) No 73/2010 of 26 January 2010 laying down requirements on the quality of aeronautical data and aeronautical information for the single European sky
- (m) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1035/2011 of 17 October 2011 laying down common requirements for the provision of air navigation services and amending Regulations (EC) No 482/2008 and (EU) No 691/2010 (and repealing former 'common requirements' contained in Commission Regulation (EC) No 2096/2005)
- (n) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1034/2011 of 17 October 2011 on safety oversight in air traffic management and air navigation services and amending Regulation (EU) No 691/2010 (and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1315/2007)
- (o) EASA Opinion No 07/2011 on Operational Suitability Data (OSD): http://www.easa.europa.eu/agency-measures/docs/opinions/2011/07/Opinion%2007-2011%20-%20OSD.pdf
- (p) EASA Opinion No 01/2012 of 01 February 2012 (Part NCC and Part NCO): http://www.easa.europa.eu/agency-measures/docs/opinions/2012/01/Opinion%2001-2012.pdf
- (q) EASA Opinion No 02/2012 of 16 April 2012 (Part SPO): http://www.easa.europa.eu/agency-measures/docs/opinions/2012/02/Opinion%2002-2012.pdf

List of reference documents

- (a) Point 12 of ICAO Assembly Resolution A33-16: Global Aviation Safety Plan (GASP)
- (b) ICAO Assembly Resolution A37-11: Performance Based Navigation (PBN) global goals
- (c) ICAO Manual on Performance Based Navigation (PBN), Doc 9613, fourth edition
- (d) ICAO Manual on Performance Based Navigation (PBN) operational approval, Doc 9997
- (e) EASA Rulemaking Task RMT.0099 'Miscellaneous improvement to AMC 20' which aims at CS-Airborne CNS encompassing airworthiness requirements for Precision RNAV/RNP 1 (including transposition of JAA TGL 10)
- (f) EASA Task RMT.0520 'Provision of requirements in support of global PBN operations'
- (g) FAA AC 90-96A change 1: Approval of U.S. Operators and Aircraft To Operate Under Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) In European Airspace Designated For Basic Area Navigation (B-RNAV)/RNAV 5 and Precision Area Navigation (P-RNAV)
- (h) FAA AC 90-100A: U.S. Terminal and En Route Area Navigation (RNAV) Operations
- (i) FAA AC 90-101A: Approval Guidance for RNP Procedures with AR
- (j) FAA AC 90-105: Approval Guidance for RNP Operations and Barometric Vertical Navigation in the U.S. National Airspace System
- (k) FAA AC 90-107: Guidance for Localizer Performance with Vertical Guidance and Localizer Performance without Vertical Guidance Approach Operations in the U.S. National Airspace System
- (I) FAA Order 8400.12B: Required Navigation Performance 10 (RNP 10) Operational Authorization
- (m) FAA Order 8400.33: Procedures for obtaining authorization for RNP-4 oceanic and remote area operations

Background information

In its NPA on the future Regulation on Air Operations published in 2009, the Agency proposed SPA (i.e. specific approvals) not only for MNPS, RNAV, RVSM and other operations, but also specifically for PBN, in line with the general principle of EU-OPS 1.243 and including for B-RNAV.

While former JAR OPS 1 and EU-OPS apply only to CAT aeroplane operators, the now imminent EASA Part-SPA will apply to the totality of aircraft operators (including private operators of other-than-complex motor-powered aircraft). The number of potentially affected operators could therefore increase.

The EASA NPA on the topic of specific approvals for PBN operations was in general accepted by the majority of EASA Member States and stakeholders. However, some GA representatives raised the following concerns as a reaction to the subsequent CRD:

- the perceived huge economic and administrative burden on general aviation stemming from Annex V (Part-SPA) of the proposed Regulation on Air Operations; and
- the maturity already reached by PBN and, in particular, by GNSS for approach operations not more complex than ILS CAT I (for the latter, no SPA is required).

Some stakeholders, in particular non-commercial operators involved in operations with other-than-complex motor-powered aircraft, requested that the requirement for a specific PBN approval should not apply to them.

These comments were not accepted in the interest of safety (refer to paragraph 279 in CRD). However, in the said CRD, the Agency clarified that no SPA was required for Basic RNAV (alias RNAV 5).

The same approach was maintained in EASA Opinion 04/2011 submitted to the European Commission on 1 June 2011. Therein, it is proposed that Member States may elect not to apply Part-SPA to CAT helicopter operations, as well as to non-commercial operations until 8 April 2014.

After the transition period, and based on Opinion No 04/2011 mentioned above in relation to Part-SPA — Subpart SPA.PBN, the specific approval process should be the same for commercial and non-commercial operators, since the safety requirements apply to all air operators. This is summarised in Table 1 below:

Type of energtions	EASA AMC 20	Operational approval			
Type of operations	EASA AMC 20	CAT	SPO	NCC	NCO
RNAV 10	AMC 20-12	Yes	Yes	Yes	yes
RNAV 5 (B-RNAV)	AMC 20-4	No	No	No	No
RNAV 2	to be developed	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
RNAV 1 (~P-RNAV)	future AMC 20-16	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
RNP 4	to be developed	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
RNP 1	future AMC 20-XX	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
RNP APCH (LNAV)	AMC 20-27	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
RNP APCH (LNAV/VNAV)	AMC 20-27	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
RNP APCH (LPV)	AMC 20-28 (CRD published in Dec. 2011)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
RNP AR APCH	AMC 20-26		Yes	Yes	Yes

Table 1: Required SPA for PBN in EASA Opinion 04/2011

Representatives of non-commercial operators, however, claimed that the Agency would be much stricter than the FAA. They also stated that the proposed EASA rules were much stricter than those presently in force in several EASA Member States.

Therefore, in spring 2011 the Agency distributed a questionnaire to the members of its Advisory Group of National Authorities (AGNA). Question V therein asked whether respective national law encompasses a specific operational approval for certain PBN operations. 20 States replied. A summary of such replies is presented in Table 2 below:

PBN Operations	Specific operational approval required by national law			PBN included	PBN included
	CAT	NCC	NCO	in the curriculum for pilot training	and checked in the instrument rating
	Number of States (out of 20 respondents)				
RNAV 10	16	5	5	14	8
RNAV 5 (B-RNAV)	15	6	5	15	8
RNAV 2	5	2	2	5	3
RNAV 1 (P-RNAV)	16	4	4	15	8
RNP 4	9	2	2	6	3
RNP 1	7	3	3	4	3
RNP APCH (LNAV)	11	3	3	11	8
RNP APCH (LNAV/VNAV)	11	3	3	10	8
RNP APCH (LPV)	9	2	3	8	6
RNP AR APCH	7	2	2	6	6

Table 2: Currently required SPA for PBN based on national law

From Table 2 above one could observe that:

- for RNAV 10, the SPA requirement is mainly driven by FAA requirements to enter the oceanic MNPSA;
- for CAT, the present requirement for SPA is mainly driven by the rule EU-OPS 1.243 (i.e. legal provision) and not necessarily by safety assessment at national level;
- only less than one third of the respondents requires SPA for NCC or NCO in relation to PBN operations en route and in terminal areas;
- even in the presence of EU-OPS 1.243, which, however, leaves some flexibility, only about 50 % of the respondents require SPA for RNP APCH by CAT operators;
- only very few States require SPA for RNP APCH by non-commercial operators; and
- a significant number of States has already introduced specific requirements for pilot training before adoption of Part-FCL.

In addition to the publication of the EASA Opinion No 04/2011, three important events (further contributing to the maturity of the PBN) occurred since 2010:

- the French DGAC, based on the 'common requirements' for the provision of Air Navigation Services (ANS), issued in July 2010 the certificate to the EGNOS ESSP as NSP (i.e. provider of radio navigation signals)⁷;
- the ESSP signed the declaration of verification of the EGNOS system, allowing the latter to be used for 'safety of life' services, which include PBN instrument approach and landing procedures;
- the 37th Session of the ICAO General Assembly adopted, via Resolution A37-11, a challenging implementation plan for PBN, including instrument approaches supported by GNSS at any runway instrument end.

The aim of this last ICAO Resolution is not only to enhance efficiency and regularity of flight, but also safety, since the Controlled Flight Into Terrain (CFIT) is still a relatively frequent accident category for general aviation.

The basic legal tools to oversee the safety of all actors involved in PBN are now available since end of 2011⁸. The approach of requiring specific operational approvals for PBN operations and in particular the situation of general aviation could therefore be progressively reviewed (excluding RNP AR APCH for which SPA is assumed to continue to exist).

The major remaining gap is possibly the lack of common (at EU level) requirements for pilot training and periodic checking. The latter are in fact not exhaustive in relation to PBN in the first edition of part FCL.

Furthermore, in 2013 ICAO produced the fourth edition of Doc 9613 which, through A-RNP offers the possibility to bundle requirements (if not for airworthiness and equipment performance, surely for operations and pilots) and approvals, as well as Doc 9997 which states that authorities should take conscious decisions whether or not to require formal approval processes.

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⁷ Giving this way certainty for the responsibility of said NSP as distinct from the responsibilities of the air operators and of the Air Traffic Service Providers (ATSP) when using the EGNOS signal in space.

Applicability of Article 8b of Regulation (EC) No 216/2008 due to entry into force of the related implementing rules for ATM/ANS.

Cross-references between 'EU-OPS' and proposed EASA Regulation on Air Operations

EU ODS	EASA OPS		
EU OPS	IR	AMC-GM	
No common EU rule	ARO.OPS.200 Specific approval procedure	N.A.	
No common EU rule	ORO.GEN.205 Contracted activities	N.A.	
OPS 1.243 Operation in areas with specified navigation performance requirements	SPA.PBN.100 PBN operations SPA.PBN.105 PBN operational approval		
OPS 1.450 Low visibility operations — Training and qualifications	SPA.LVO.120 Flight crew training and qualifications	N.A.	
Appendix 1 to OPS 1.450 Low visibility operations — Training and qualifications	Not applicable at the level of I.R., since the content has been transposed at the level of AMC to provide operators with some flexibility.	AMC1-SPA.LVO.120 and GM1- SPA.LVO.120 Flight crew training and qualifications Flight crew training and qualifications	
OPS 1.865 Communication and navigation equipment for operations under IFR, or under VFR over routes not navigated by reference to visual landmarks	CAT.IDE.A.345 and CAT.IDE.H.345 Communication and navigation equipment for operations under IFR or under VFR over routes not navigated by reference to visual landmarks	AMC2-CAT.IDE.A.345 and AMC2-CAT.IDE.H.345 Communication and navigation equipment for operations under IFR, or under VFR over routes not navigated by reference to visual landmarks	
OPS 1.870 Additional navigation equipment for operations in MNPS airspace	SPA.MNPS.105 MNPS	AMC2-CAT.IDE.A.345 and AMC2-CAT.IDE.H.345	
OPS 1.872 Equipment for operation in defined airspace with reduced vertical separation minima (RVSM)	SPA.RVSM.110 RVSM equipment requirements	AMC1-SPA.RVSM.110	
OPS 1.873 Electronic navigation data management	CAT.IDE.A.355 Electronic navigation data management	AMC1-CAT.IDE.A.355 Electronic navigation data management	
Appendix 1 to OPS 1.1045 Operations Manual Contents	ORO.MLR.101 Operations manual		

Tentative list of items to be considered by the Drafting Group to advise the Agency for deciding to introduce, maintain or remove SPA for certain PBN operations

- (a) legal tools available to the authorities competent for safety, in order oversee all the actors in the 'total aviation system';
- (b) the aircraft, including its navigation avionics, has an airworthiness approval covering the type of envisaged IFR operations;
- (c) the complexity of said IFR operations does not present particular challenges for pilots and operators;
- (d) the concept and systems upon which the IFR operation will be carried out are mature enough (= not 'new'; standards and requirements validated and proved by experience);
- (e) the risk associated with normal, abnormal and emergency operations (including to third parties in the air or on the ground) is tolerable;
- (f) accuracy, integrity, availability and continuity of radio-navigation signals is ensured, under responsibility of a Navigation Service Provider (NSP);
- (g) appropriate standards for quality and management by procedure designers are established;
- (h) accuracy and integrity of NAV database is ensured;
- (i) appropriate training and checking standards for pilots exist and are implemented;
- (j) requirements on experience and currency of pilots;
- (k) availability of operator training programmes;
- (I) availability of operating procedures and check lists;
- (m) provision of information (e.g. MMEL and training requirements) from holders of Type Certificates (TC) to air operators, throughout the life cycle of the aircraft is ensured (e.g. through Operational Suitability Data); and
- (n) AIS information (including NOTAM) is provided by an AIS Provider.