

Executive Director Decision

2020/022/R

of 15 December 2020

issuing the following:

**Amendment 1 to the Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material
to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/947 and to the Annex (Part-UAS) thereto
'AMC and GM to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/947 — Issue 1, Amendment 1'
'AMC and GM to Part-UAS — Issue 1, Amendment 1'**

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,

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 the delegated and implementing acts adopted on the basis thereof.
- (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, the delegated and implementing acts adopted on the basis thereof, certification specifications and acceptable means of compliance.
- (4) With Decision 2019/021/R of 9 October 2019, the Executive Director issued Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/947 and to Part-UAS thereof.

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>).

- (5) 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.

EASA accepted the proposal that was developed by the Joint Authorities for Rulemaking on Unmanned Systems (JARUS) to evaluate the ground risk from operations over populated areas and assemblies of people. EASA created additional guidance on the application of the risk mitigation means.

Moreover, EASA, with the support of a dedicated Task Force, developed the format of registration of unmanned aircraft system (UAS) operators and of certified UAS, including the requirements for ensuring the interoperability of the national registration systems.

Finally, EASA developed new predefined risk assessments (PDRAs) to cover UAS operations that are proposed by EASA Member States.

- (6) EASA, pursuant to Article 115(1)(c) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 and Articles 6(3), 7 and 8 of the EASA Rulemaking Procedure², has widely consulted the interested parties on the evaluation of the ground risk from operations over populated areas and assemblies of people, and will provide in 2021 a written response to the comments received³.
- (7) EASA, pursuant to Article 115(1)(c) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 and Article 15 ‘Special rulemaking procedure: direct publication’ of the EASA Rulemaking Procedure, has consulted its Advisory Bodies on the format of registration of UAS operators and certified UAS, on the requirements for the interoperability of the national registration systems, as well as on the new PDRAs, and has considered the comments received.

HAS DECIDED:

Article 1

- (1) Annex I to Decision 2019/021/R of the Executive Director of the Agency of 9 October 2019 is amended as laid down in Annex I to this Decision.
- (2) Annex II to Decision 2019/021/R of the Executive Director of the Agency of 9 October 2019 is amended as laid down in Annex II to this Decision.

Article 2

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

Cologne, 15 December 2020

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

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² 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>).

³ <http://easa.europa.eu/document-library/comment-response-documents>