

Executive Director Decision

2016/026/R

of 30 November 2016

amending Certification Specifications and Acceptable Means of Compliance for Very Light Rotorcraft (CS-VLR)

‘CS-VLR — Amendment 2’

THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE EUROPEAN AVIATION SAFETY AGENCY,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 216/2008¹, and in particular Article 38(3)(a) thereof,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EU) No 748/2012² and in particular point 21.A.16A of the Annex (Part-21) thereto,

Whereas:

- (1) The Agency shall, pursuant to Article 18(c) of Regulation (EC) No 216/2008, issue Certification Specifications and Acceptable Means of Compliance, as well as Guidance Material for the application of Regulation (EC) No 216/2008 and its Implementing Rules.
- (2) Certification Specifications are technical standards adopted by the Agency which indicate the means to show compliance with Regulation (EC) No 216/2008 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 adopted by the Agency which illustrate means to establish compliance with Regulation (EC) No 216/2008 and its Implementing Rules.
- (4) With Decision 2003/17/RM of 14 November 2003, the Executive Director adopted Certification Specifications for Very Light Rotorcraft (CS-VLR)³.

¹ Regulation (EC) No 216/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 February 2008 on common rules in the field of civil aviation and establishing a European Aviation Safety Agency, and repealing Council Directive 91/670/EEC, Regulation (EC) No 1592/2002 and Directive 2004/36/EC (OJ L 79, 19.3.2008, p. 1).

² 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).

³ Decision No. 2003/17/RM of the Executive Director of the Agency of 14 November 2003 on certification specifications for very light rotorcraft (‘CS-VLR’).

- (5) The Agency shall, pursuant to Article 19(2) of Regulation (EC) No 216/2008, reflect the state of the art and best practices in the fields concerned, and update its Decisions taking into account worldwide aircraft experience in service, as well as scientific and technical progress.
- (6) The Agency has determined the need to amend Acceptable Means of Compliance related to yawing conditions (CS VLR.351) following a review of the safety standards applied and their consistent application in the certification of rotorcraft. Certification experience has shown that variations in the application of the AMC could have important repercussions on the structural loads established for new designs.
- (7) The Agency has furthermore determined the need to update the Acceptable Means of Compliance to CS-VLR to reflect technological changes and to address issues that have arisen in certification experience.
- (8) The Agency, pursuant to Article 52(1)(c) of Regulation (EC) No 216/2008 and Articles 5(3), 6 and 7 of the Agency's Rulemaking Procedure⁴, has widely consulted interested parties on the matters which are the subject of this Decision and has provided thereafter a written response to the comments received⁵.

HAS DECIDED:

Article 1

The Annex to this Decision is adopted as Amendment 2 to the Certification Specifications and Acceptable Means of Compliance for Very Light Rotorcraft (CS-VLR).

Article 2

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

Done at Cologne, 30 November 2016

*For the European Aviation Safety Agency
The Executive Director*

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⁴ Management Board Decision N° 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')

⁵ <http://easa.europa.eu/document-library/comment-response-documents>

