

Executive Director Decision

2017/021/R

of 8 December 2017

Issuing Certification Specifications and Guidance Material for Aerodrome Design (CS ADR-DSN)

'CS ADR-DSN — Issue 4'

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,

Whereas:

- (1) EASA 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 non-binding technical standards adopted by EASA which indicate the means to demonstrate compliance with Regulation (EC) No 216/2008 and its implementing rules and which can be used by organisations for the purpose of certification.
- (3) Guidance material is non-binding material developed by EASA which helps to illustrate the meaning of a requirement or specification and is used to support the interpretation of Regulation (EC) No 216/2008, its implementing rules, certification specifications and acceptable means of compliance.
- (4) With Decision 2014/013/R of 27 February 2014, the Executive Director issued certification specifications and guidance material for aerodrome design (CS-ADR-DSN – Initial issue).
- (5) EASA shall, pursuant to Article 19(2) of Regulation (EC) No 216/2008, reflect the state of the art and the best practices in the fields concerned and update its decisions taking into account worldwide aircraft experience in service, and scientific and technical progress.
- (6) The objective of this amendment is to update the certification specifications for aerodromes design in line with the ICAO developments and other technical improvements and recommendations, and to maintain a high level of safety of aerodrome design. EASA is proposing this re-issue of CS-ADR-DSN in order to support and facilitate the aerodrome operators and airport industry together with the

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).

respective competent authorities that are currently performing a certification process following Commission Regulation (EU) No 139/2014. This certification process would need to take into account the envisaged changes.

The purpose of this amendment is to update the certification specifications and guidance material for Aerodrome Design (CS-ADR-DSN) mainly in accordance with the respective ICAO standards and recommended practices (SARPs), incorporated in ICAO State Letter AN 4/1.2.24-13/20 which includes Amendments 11-A and 11-B to ICAO Annex 14, Volume I, Aerodromes. This amendment also addresses some recommendations and comments received from stakeholders.

- (8) EASA, pursuant to Article 52(1)(c) of Regulation (EC) No 216/2008 and Articles 7 and 8 of the EASA Rulemaking Procedure², 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 received³.

HAS DECIDED:

Article 1

The Annex to this Decision is issued as 'Issue 4' to the Certification Specifications for aerodrome design.

Article 2

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

Done at Cologne, **8 December 2017**

*For the European 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')

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

