

## Executive Director Decision

**2023/011/R**

**of 31 August 2023**

**issuing the following:**

**Amendment 4 to Issue 1 of the AMC & GM to Part ATCO**

**Amendment 3 to Issue 1 of the AMC & GM to Part ATCO.AR**

**Amendment 2 to Issue 1 of the AMC & GM to Part ATCO.OR**

**Amendment 1 to Issue 1 of the AMC & GM to Part ATCO.MED**

**Amendment 1 to Issue 1 of the AMC & GM to Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/340**

***'Enhanced mobility options and streamlined qualifications for air traffic controllers'***

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2018/1139<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Articles 76(3) and 104(3)(a) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Acceptable means of compliance are non-binding standards issued by EASA, which are used by persons and organisations to show compliance with Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 and with the delegated and implementing acts adopted on the basis thereof.
- (2) Guidance material is non-binding material issued by EASA, which helps to illustrate the meaning of delegated or implementing acts or certification specifications and detailed specifications, and which is used to support the interpretation of Regulation (EU) 2018/1139, of the delegated and implementing acts adopted on the basis thereof, and of certification specifications and detailed specifications.
- (3) With Decision 2015/010/R<sup>2</sup> of 13 March 2015, the Executive Director issued Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/340.

<sup>1</sup> 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>).

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/document-library/agency-decisions/ed-decision-2015010r>

- (4) 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 civil aviation and update its Decisions, taking into account worldwide aviation experience and scientific and technical progress in the respective fields.
- (5) EASA has determined the need to issue new and amend existing acceptable means of compliance (AMC) and guidance material (GM) to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/893<sup>3</sup>, which amended Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/340, to facilitate its implementation and provide enhanced mobility options for instructors, assessors and student air traffic controllers, simplify the ratings and rating endorsement structure, and update the initial training requirements, together with the introduction of a controlled mechanism for the conversion of national military air traffic controller licences into student air traffic controller licences issued in accordance with Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/340.
- (6) Regarding the conversion of national military air traffic controller licences into student air traffic controller licences issued in accordance with Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/340, EASA has consulted its Advisory Bodies pursuant to Article 115(1)(c) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 and Article 6 of the EASA Rulemaking Procedure<sup>4</sup>, and considered the comments received.
- (7) As regards enhanced mobility options and streamlined qualifications for air traffic controllers, EASA, pursuant to Article 115(1)(c) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 and Article 6 of the EASA Rulemaking Procedure, has widely consulted the interested parties, and provided thereafter a written response to the comments received through the consultation<sup>5</sup>,

HAS DECIDED:

#### **Article 1**

Annex I to ED Decision 2015/010/R of the Executive Director of the Agency of 13 March 2015 is amended as laid down in Annex I (AMC & GM to Part ATCO — Issue 1, Amendment 4) to this Decision.

#### **Article 2**

Annex II to ED Decision 2015/010/R of the Executive Director of the Agency of 13 March 2015 is amended as laid down in Annex II (AMC & GM to Part ATCO.AR — Issue 1, Amendment 3) to this Decision.

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<sup>3</sup> Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/893 of 21 April 2023 amending Regulation (EU) 2015/340 laying down technical requirements and administrative procedures relating to air traffic controllers' licences and certificates (OJ L 118, 4.5.2023, p. 1) (<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32023R0893&qid=1686141793091>).

<sup>4</sup> EASA is bound to follow a structured rulemaking process as required by Article 115(1) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1139. Such a process has been adopted by the EASA Management Board (MB) and is referred to as the 'Rulemaking Procedure'. See MB Decision No 01-2022 of 2 May 2022 on the procedure to be applied by EASA for the issuing of opinions, certification specifications and other detailed specifications, acceptable means of compliance and guidance material ('Rulemaking Procedure'), and repealing Management Board Decision No 18-2015 (<https://www.easa.europa.eu/the-agency/management-board/decisions/easa-mb-decision-01-2022-rulemaking-procedure-repealing-mb>).

<sup>5</sup> [CRD 2021-08 - Enhanced mobility options and streamlined qualifications for air traffic controllers | EASA \(europa.eu\)](#)

**Article 3**

Annex III to ED Decision 2015/010/R of the Executive Director of the Agency of 13 March 2015 is amended as laid down in Annex III (AMC & GM to Part ATCO.OR — Issue 1, Amendment 2) to this Decision.

**Article 4**

Annex IV to ED Decision 2015/010/R of the Executive Director of the Agency of 13 March 2015 is amended as laid down in Annex IV (AMC & GM to Part ATCO.MED — Issue 1, Amendment 1) to this Decision.

**Article 5**

Annex V to ED Decision 2015/010/R of the Executive Director of the Agency of 13 March 2015 is amended as laid down in Annex V (AMC & GM to Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/340 — Issue 1, Amendment 1) to this Decision.

**Article 6**

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

It shall apply from 4 August 2024.

Cologne, 31 August 2023

*For the European Union Aviation Safety Agency*

*The Executive Director*

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