

FAQs:

Applicability, Third Country Operators (TCO), Regulations

Question:

Which EU operating rules are applicable to third country operators?

Answer:

(TCO.200) Third country operators intending to perform commercial air transport operations (into, out or within the EU) are subject to Part-TCO. In addition, they must comply with the Standardised European Rules of the Air (SERA) and Airspace Usage Requirements (AUR). The State Aeronautical Information Publication (AIP), the Single European Sky (SES) implementing rules and in particular the Interoperability rules also apply. There are also other Regulations under the responsibility of the European Commission that need to be followed, including:

- Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1206/2011 of 22 November 2011 (requirements on aircraft identification for surveillance for the Single European Sky), as amended by Regulation (EU) 2020/587
- Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1207/2011 of 22 November 2011 (requirements for the performance and the interoperability of surveillance for the single European sky), as amended by Regulation (EU) No 1028/2014, Regulation (EU) 2017/386, Regulation (EU) 2020/587 and Regulation (EU) 2022/2;
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 29/2009 of 16 January 2009 (requirements on data-link services for the single European sky), as amended by Regulation (EU) No 441/2014, Regulation (EU) No 2015/310, Regulation (EU) 2019/1170 and Regulation (EU) No 2020/208;
- Commission Decision (EU) 2019/2012 of 29 November 2019 (exemptions on data link services requirements);
- Commission Implementing Regulation (EC) No 1079/2012 of 16 November 2012 (requirements on air ground voice channel spacing for the single European sky), as amended by Regulation (EU) No 657/2013, Regulation (EU) 2016/2345 and Regulation (EU) 2017/2160;
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1332/2011 of 16 December 2011 (common airspace usage requirements and operating procedures for airborne collision avoidance) [ACAS II

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