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The Part-26 EAR book is divided into two main sections.

The introductory section provides general information on the EAR book. The table of the incorporated amendments indicates the applicability dates of each element of the regulatory material. The table of contents reflects the content of the EAR book. It is not the officially published table of contents of Annex I (Part-26).

The consolidated regulatory material section contains:

- the cover regulation (EU) No 2015/640 with the articles;
- the points of and appendices to Annex I (Part-26) of Regulation (EU) No 2015/640;
- the related certification specifications (CS-26) and guidance material (GM).

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All elements of the regulatory material are colour-coded and can be identified according to the illustration below. The Commission regulation or EASA Executive Director (ED) decision through which the element was introduced or last amended is indicated below the element title(s) *in italics*.

<u>Cover regulation article</u>	<i>Commission regulation</i>
Point/Appendix (annex to the regulation)	<i>Commission regulation</i>
Certification specification	<i>ED decision</i>
Guidance material	<i>ED decision</i>

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<u>Regulation (EU) 2015/640</u>	<u>Cover regulation</u> Article 1 Article 2 Article 3 Article 4 Article 5	14/5/2015
	<u>Annex I (Part-26)</u> Points: 26.10, 26.20, 26.30, 26.100	14/5/2015
	<u>Annex I (Part-26)</u> Points: 26.50, 26.105, 26.110, 26.120, 26.150, 26.155, 26.160, 26.200, 26.250	14/5/2017
	<u>Annex II</u> Point ORO.AOC.100(c)(1) in Part-ORO to Regulation (EU) No 965/2012	14/5/2015
<u>Regulation (EU) 2019/133</u>	<u>Cover regulation</u> Article 2(b), (c) and (d)	18/2/2019
	<u>Annex I (Part-26)</u> Points: 26.60, 26.156, 26.170, 26.400	18/2/2019
<u>Regulation (EU) 2020/1159</u>	<u>Cover regulation</u> Article 1 Article 2(e) to (o)	26/2/2021
	<u>Annex I (Part-26)</u> Points: 26.10, 26.30, 26.205, 26.300, 26.301, 26.302, 26.303, 26.304, 26.305, 26.306, 26.307, 26.308, 26.309, 26.330, 26.331, 26.332, 26.333, 26.334, 26.370	26/2/2021
	<u>Annex I (Part-26)</u> Point 26.157	26/8/2023
	<u>Annex I (Part-26)</u> Appendix 1	26/2/2021
<u>Regulation (EU) 2021/97</u>	<u>Annex I (Part-26)</u> Point 26.60	16/2/2021
	<u>Annex I (Part-26)</u> Point 26.334(a) and (b)	26/2/2021
	<u>Annex I (Part-26)</u> Appendix 1	26/2/2021
<u>Regulation (EU) 2022/1254</u>	<u>Cover regulation</u> Article 2(ca), (cb) and (cc)	9/9/2022

	<u>Annex I (Part-26)</u> Points: 26.201, 26.430, 26.431	9/9/2022
	<u>Annex I (Part-26)</u> Points: 26.410, 26.415, 26.420(a) and (b), 26.425	9/8/2023
	<u>Annex I (Part-26)</u> Point 26.157	26/8/2023
	<u>Annex I (Part-26)</u> Points: 26.420(c), 26.435(a)	9/8/2024
	<u>Annex I (Part-26)</u> Point 26.435(b)	9/8/2026
	<u>Annex I (Part-26)</u> Appendix 1	26/8/2023

ED DECISIONS (CERTIFICATION SPECIFICATIONS (CS)/GUIDANCE MATERIAL (GM))

ED Decision	Affected book	Issue No	Applicability date
<u>ED Decision 2015/013/R</u>	Book 1 - Certification Specifications	Initial issue	13/05/2015
	Book 2 - Guidance Material		
<u>ED Decision 2019/006/R</u>	Book 1 - Certification Specifications	Issue 2	28/2/2019
	Book 2 - Guidance Material		
<u>ED Decision 2020/023/R</u>	Book 1 - Certification Specifications	Issue 3	18/12/2020
	Book 2 - Guidance Material		
<u>ED Decision 2022/019/R</u>	Book 1 - Certification Specifications	Issue 4	20/9/2022
	Book 2 - Guidance Material		

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COVER REGULATION

COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) No 2015/640 of 23 April 2015 on additional airworthiness specifications for a given type of operations and amending Regulation (EU) No 965/2012

Article 1 Subject matter and scope

Regulation (EU) 2020/1159

1. This Regulation lays down common additional airworthiness specifications related to the continuing airworthiness and safety improvements of aircraft.
2. This Regulation applies to:
 - (a) operators of:
 - (i) aircraft registered in a Member State;
 - (ii) aircraft registered in a third country and used by an operator for which a Member State ensures oversight;
 - (b) holders of a type-certificate, restricted type-certificate, supplemental type-certificate or a change and repair design approval approved by the Agency in accordance with Commission Regulation (EU) No 748/2012¹ or deemed to have been issued in accordance with Article 3 of that Regulation;
 - (c) the applicants for a type-certificate or a restricted type-certificate for a turbine-powered large aeroplane, for which the application was submitted before 1 January 2019 and who are issued with the certificate after 26 August 2020 when specified in [Annex I](#) (Part-26).

Article 2 Definitions

Regulation (EU) 2022/1254

For the purposes of this Regulation,

- (a) “maximum operational passenger seating configuration” shall mean the maximum passenger seating capacity of an individual aircraft, excluding crew seats, established for operational purposes and specified in the operations manual.
- (b) “large aeroplane” means an aeroplane that has the Certification Specifications for large aeroplanes “CS-25” or equivalent in its certification basis;
- (c) “large helicopter” means a helicopter that has the Certification Specifications for large rotorcraft “CS-29” or equivalent in its certification basis;
- (ca) “small helicopter” means a helicopter that has the Certification Specifications for Small Rotorcraft (CS-27) or equivalent in its certification basis;
- (cb) “small category A helicopter” means a small helicopter that has all the characteristics of category A as defined in point (17) of Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 965/2012 and has in its certification basis the additional specifications set out in the Certification Specifications for Large Rotorcraft (CS-29) that are applicable by virtue of the reference in Appendix C to CS-27, or equivalent;

¹ Commission 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).

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- (cc) “Substantiated sea conditions” means those sea conditions which were selected by the applicant for a type certificate or supplemental type certificate against which the resistance of the rotorcraft to capsize has been demonstrated and subsequently certified for ditching or emergency flotation provisions.
- (d) “low-occupancy aeroplane” means an aeroplane that has a maximum operational passenger seating configuration of:
- (1) up to and including 19 seats, or;
 - (2) up to and including one third of the maximum passenger seating capacity of the type-certified aeroplane, as indicated in the aeroplane type-certificate data sheet (TCDS), provided that both of the following conditions are met:
 - (a) the total number of passenger seats approved for occupancy during taxiing, take-off or landing does not exceed 100 per deck;
 - (b) the maximum operational passenger seating configuration during taxiing, take-off or landing in any individual zone between pairs of emergency exits (or any dead-end zone) does not exceed one third of the sum of the passenger seat allowances for the emergency exit pairs bounding that zone (using the passenger seat allowance for each emergency exit pairs as defined by the applicable certification basis of the aeroplane). For the purpose of determining compliance with this zonal limitation, in the case of an aeroplane that has deactivated emergency exits, it shall be assumed that all emergency exits are functional.
- (e) “limit of validity” (LOV) means, in the context of the engineering data that supports the structural maintenance programme, a period of time, stated as a number of total accumulated flight cycles or flight hours or both, during which it is demonstrated that widespread fatigue damage will not occur in the aeroplane;
- (f) “airworthiness limitation section” (ALS) means a section in the instructions for continued airworthiness, as required by points 21.A.61, 21.A.107 and 21.A.120A of Annex I (Part 21) to Regulation (EU) No 748/2012, that contains airworthiness limitations that set out each mandatory replacement time, inspection interval and related inspection procedure;
- (g) “corrosion prevention and control programme” (CPCP) means a document reflecting a systematic approach to prevent and to control corrosion in an aeroplane’s primary structure, consisting of basic corrosion tasks, including inspections, areas subject to those tasks, defined corrosion levels and compliance times (implementation thresholds and repeat intervals). A baseline CPCP is established by the type certificate holder, which can be adapted by operators to create a CPCP in their maintenance programme specific to their operations;
- (h) “widespread fatigue damage” (WFD) means a simultaneous presence of cracks at multiple locations in the structure of an aeroplane that are of such size and number that the structure will no longer meet the fail-safe strength or residual strength used for certification of that structure;
- (i) “baseline structure” refers to the structure that is designed under the type certificate for that aeroplane model (that is, the ‘as delivered aeroplane model configuration’);
- (j) “fatigue-critical baseline structure” (FCBS) means the baseline structure of an aeroplane that is classified by the type certificate holder as a fatigue-critical structure;
- (k) “fatigue-critical modified structure” (FCMS) means any fatigue critical structure of an aeroplane introduced or affected by a change to its type design and that is not already listed as part of the fatigue-critical baseline structure;

- (l) “damage tolerance evaluation” (DTE) is a process that leads to a determination of maintenance actions necessary to detect or preclude fatigue cracking that could contribute to a catastrophic failure. When applied to repairs and changes, a DTE includes the evaluation of the repair or change and the fatigue critical structure affected by the repair or change;
- (m) “damage tolerance inspection” (DTI) means a documented inspection requirement or other maintenance action developed by holders of a type-certificate or restricted type-certificate as a result of a damage tolerance evaluation. A DTI includes the areas to be inspected, the inspection method, the inspection procedures (including the sequential inspection steps and acceptance and rejection criteria), the inspection threshold and any repetitive intervals associated with those inspections. DTIs may also specify maintenance actions such as replacement, repair or modification;
- (n) “repair evaluation guideline” (REG) means a process established by the type certificate holder that guides operators to establish damage tolerance inspections for repairs that affect fatigue-critical structure to ensure the continued structural integrity of all relevant repairs;
- (o) “fatigue-critical structure” (FCS) means a structure of an aeroplane that is susceptible to fatigue cracking that could lead to a catastrophic failure of the aeroplane.

Article 3 Additional airworthiness specifications for a given type of operation

Regulation (EU) 2015/640

Operators for which a Member State ensures oversight shall, when operating the aircraft referred to in [Article 1](#), comply with the provisions of [Annex I](#).

Article 4 Amendment to Regulation (EU) 965/2012

Regulation (EU) 2015/640

Annex III to [Regulation \(EU\) No 965/2012](#) is amended in accordance with [Annex II](#) to this Regulation, in order to contain a reference to this Regulation.

Article 5 Transitional provisions

Regulation (EU) 2015/640

Aircraft for which operators demonstrated to their competent authority compliance with JAR-26 'Additional Airworthiness Requirements for Operations' (hereinafter 'JAR-26 requirements'), issued by the Joint Aviation Authorities on 13 July 1998, as amended by the Amendment 3 of 1 December 2005, before the dates of application referred to in [Article 6](#) shall be deemed to comply with the equivalent specifications set out in [Annex I](#) to this Regulation.

Aircraft for which compliance with the JAR-26 requirements equivalent to the specifications set out in points [26.50](#), [26.105](#), [26.110](#), [26.120](#), [26.150](#), [26.155](#), [26.160](#), [26.200](#), [26.250](#) of [Annex I](#) to this Regulation has been demonstrated in accordance with the first subparagraph shall subsequently not be modified in a way that would affect its compliance with the JAR-26 requirements concerned.

Article 6 Entry into force and application

Regulation (EU) 2015/640

This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.

It shall apply from 14 May 2015.

However, points [26.50](#), [26.105](#), [26.110](#), [26.120](#), [26.150](#), [26.155](#), [26.160](#), [26.200](#) and [26.250](#) of [Annex I](#) shall apply from 14 May 2017.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

ANNEX I (PART-26)

ADDITIONAL AIRWORTHINESS SPECIFICATIONS FOR OPERATIONS

SUBPART A — GENERAL PROVISIONS

CS 26.1 Purpose and scope

ED Decision 2015/013/R

This CS is the standard means to show compliance of products with the requirements of Annex I (Part-26) to [Commission Regulation \(EU\) 2015/640](#). (See [GM1 26.1](#) and [GM2 26.1](#))

GM1 26.1 JAR-26 / JAR/CS-25 / FAR-25+121 / OPS / Part-26 / CS-26 / GM-26 cross-reference table

ED Decision 2020/023/R

This table is intended to be a quick cross-reference table between those requirements that are contained on the one hand in [Part-26](#), [CS-26](#) and GM 26, and on the other hand their ‘parent’ airworthiness code, if one exists, i.e. JAR-26, the FAA’s FAR-25 and/or FAR Part 121, as well as the related EU-OPS and the new EASA Operational requirements. This table is only indicative, and it does not pre-empt compliance with the applicable requirements, which shall be assessed by the competent authority.

JAR-26	JAR-25 / CS-25	FAR-25/ Part 121	OPS	Part-26	CS-26	GM-26
N/A	n/a	n/a	n/a	26.301	CS 26.301	n/a
N/A	n/a	n/a	n/a	26.305	CS 26.305 (a) and (c)	n/a
N/A	n/a	n/a	n/a	26.331	CS 26.331	n/a
N/A	n/a	n/a	n/a	26.370	CS 26.370	GM1 26.370(a)(ii)
N/A	n/a	n/a	n/a	26.400	CS 26.400	GM1 26.400b
N/A	JAR 25.562 CS 25.562	FAR 25.562 FAR 121.311(j) Amdt 121-315	CAT.IDE.A.2 05	26.60	CS 26.60	GM1 26.60
N/A	CS/JAR 25.571	FAR 25.571	n/a	26.300	CS 26.300(c), 26.330(c) and (d)	GM1 26.300(b) and 26.330(b); GM1 26.300(c) and 26.330(c)
N/A	CS/JAR 25.571 (a) and (b)	FAR 25.571 (a) and (b)	n/a	26.302	CS 26.302	n/a
N/A	CS 25.571 at Amendment 19	FAR 25.571 at Amendment 132	n/a	26.303	CS 26.303 (a) and (c)	GM1 26.303(a)

N/A	CS/JAR 25.571 (a) and (b)	FAR 25.571 (a) and (b)	n/a	26.304	CS 26.304 (a)	n/a
N/A	CS/JAR 25.571 (a) and (b)	FAR 25.571 (a) and (b)	n/a	26.306	CS 26.306 (a) and (d)	n/a
N/A	CS/JAR 25.571 (a) and (b)	FAR 25.571 (a) and (b)	n/a	26.307	CS 26.307 (a)(i),(ii), and (b); CS 26.307(a)(i) and (c)	n/a
N/A	CS/JAR 25.571 (a) and (b)	FAR 25.571 (a) and (b)	n/a	26.308	CS 26.308	n/a
N/A	CS/JAR 25.571 (a) and (b)	FAR 25.571 (a) and (b)	n/a	26.309	CS 26.309	n/a
N/A	CS/JAR 25.571 (a) and (b)	FAR 25.571 (a) and (b)	n/a	26.330	CS 26.300(c), 26.330(c) and (d)	GM1 26.300(b) and 26.330(b); GM1 26.300(c) and 26.330(c)
N/A	CS/JAR 25.571 (a) and (b)	FAR 25.571 (a) and (b)	n/a	26.332	CS 26.332	GM1 26.332(a)(iii); GM1 26.332(c)(ii) and 26.334
N/A	CS/JAR 25.571 (a) and (b)	FAR 25.571 (a) and (b)	n/a	26.333	CS 26.333 and 26.334	n/a
N/A	CS/JAR 25.571 (a) and (b)	FAR 25.571 (a) and (b)	n/a	26.334	CS 26.333 and 26.334	GM1 26.332(c)(ii) and 26.334
N/A	CS 25.705	n/a	n/a	26.205	CS 26.205	GM1 26.205
N/A	CS 25.851(c)	n/a	n/a	26.170	CS 26.170	GM1 26.170(b)
N/A	CS 25.856	FAR 25.856 121.312(e)	n/a	26.156	CS 26.156	GM1 26.156(a)
N/A	CS 25.857 (c) & (e) CS 25.858	FAR 857(c) & (e) FAR 25.858 FAR 121.314(c)	n/a	26.157	CS 26.157	n/a
JAR 26.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
JAR 26.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
JAR 26.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	26.30(b) (2)	n/a	n/a
JAR 26.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
JAR 26.50	JAR 25.785(h), (j) & (k) at Change 8, 30/11/81 CS 25.785(g)	FAR 25.785(g), Amdt 25-51, 06/03/80 FAR 121.311 (d)(f) & (g) at Change 21, 17/02/98	OPS 1.730 CAT.IDE.A.2 05	26.50	CS 26.50	GM1 26.50(c)
JAR 26.100	JAR 25.807(d)(7) at Change 13	121.310(m)	n/a	26.100	CS 26.100	n/a

	and Amdt 93/1 08/03/93 CS 25.807					
JAR 26.105	JAR 25.813(d) to (f) at Change 8, 30/11/81 CS 25.813	121.310(f)	OPS 1.735 CAT.IDE.A.2 15	26.105	CS 26.105	n/a
JAR 26.110	JAR 25.811(a) to (d) and (f) to (g) at Change 8, 30/11/81 JAR 25.811(e) at Change 14, 27/05/94 CS 25.811	121.310(b)	OPS 1.815 CAT.IDE.A.2 75	26.110	CS 26.110	GM1 26.110(d); GM1 26.110 (e)(4)
JAR 26.120	JAR 25.812 (b),(c),(d) & (h) at Change 8, 30/11/81 JAR 25.812 (a) & (e) at Change 12, 16/06/86 CS 25.812	FAR 121.310 (b),(c) & (d) at Change 21, 17/02/98	OPS 1.815(a)(1) CAT.IDE.A.2 75(b)	26.120	CS 26.120	n/a
JAR 26.125	JAR 25.812 (f) & (g) at Change 8, 30/11/81 CS 25.812	FAR 121.310 (h)(1) at Change 21, 17/02/98	OPS 1.185(a)(1)(i v) and (v) CAT.IDE.A.2 75(b)(4) and (5)	n/a	n/a	n/a
JAR 26.130	CS 25.810	FAR 25.2 (a) at Amdt 25-72, 20/08/90 FAR 121.310 (a) & (h)(2) at Change 21, 17/02/98	OPS 1.805 CAT.IDE.A.2 65	n/a	n/a	n/a
JAR 26.150	JAR 25.791 at Change 8, 20/11/81 JAR 25.853(a) to (d) at Change 14, 27/05/94 JAR 25.853(e) at Change 13 plus Amdt 91/1, 12/04/91 JAR 25.853(f) and Appendix F at Change 14, 27/05/94 Appendix F, Part I, at Amdt 93/1, 08/03/93	FAR 121.312	OPS 1.731 CAT.IDE.A.2 10	26.150	CS 26.150 App. F	GM1 26.150 (a); GM1 26.150 (c); GM1 26.150 (d)

	Appendix F, Part II, III, IV, V at Change 13 05/10/89 CS 25.853					
JAR 26.155	JAR 25.855 and Appendix F, Part III at Change.13 plus Amdt 93/1, 08/03/93 CS 25.855	121.314	n/a	26.155	CS 26.155 App. F	n/a
JAR 26.160	JAR 25.854 at Change.13 at Amdt 93/1, 08/03/93 CS 25.854	121.308	n/a	26.160	CS 26.160	n/a
JAR 26.200	JAR 25.729 at Amdt 93/1, 08/03/93 CS 25.729	121.289, Amdt 121-227	n/a	26.200	CS 26.200	n/a
JAR 26.250	n/a	121.313(j)(1)(ii)	n/a	26.250	n/a	n/a
JAR 26.260	CS 25.795	121.313(j)(1)(ii)	OPS 1.1255 ORO.SEC.10 0.A	n/a	n/a	n/a

[Issue: 26/3]

GM2 26.1 Demonstration of compliance

ED Decision 2019/006/R

For the initial issue of [Part-26](#), which is a transposition of existing JAR-26 requirements, the operators will be responsible for showing compliance. In most cases this can be done by referring to the certification basis of the aircraft or the approved changes in which the amendment level of the certification specification will indicate compliance. In any case, the JAR-26 requirements should have been implemented already by EU operators and since the [CS-26](#) text is equivalent to the JAR-26 text, compliance with JAR-26 means also compliance with [Part-26](#). See also [Article 5](#) of the Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/640 In the rare case where the above possibilities are not sufficient, showing compliance by the operator directly to the NAA will be difficult. They will need to involve the design approval holder of the aircraft or the approved change as relevant. This design approval holder should then apply to the EASA for certification that the design complies with the relevant [CS-26](#) or CS-25 paragraph, special condition or equivalent safety case. With that approval information the operator can show compliance to the NAA.

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26.10 Competent authority

Regulation (EU) 2020/1159

- (a) For the purposes of this Annex, the competent authority to which operators need to demonstrate compliance of aircraft, the design of which has already been certified, with the requirements of this Annex shall be the authority designated by the Member State in which the operator has its principal place of business.
- (b) For the purposes of this Annex, the competent authority to which holders of type-certificates (TC), restricted TC, supplemental type-certificates (STC), changes and repair design approvals need to demonstrate compliance of the existing type-certificates (TC), restricted TC, supplemental type-certificates (STC), changes and repair design with the requirements of this Annex shall be the Agency.

26.20 Temporary inoperative equipment

Regulation (EU) 2015/640

A flight shall not be commenced when any of the aircraft's instruments, items of equipment, or functions required by this Part are inoperative or missing unless waived by the operator's Minimum Equipment List as defined in Part-ORO.MLR.105 and approved by the competent authority.

26.30 Demonstration of compliance

Regulation (EU) 2020/1159

- (a) The Agency shall issue, in accordance with Article 76(3) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1139, certification specifications as standard means to demonstrate compliance with this Annex. The certification specifications shall be sufficiently detailed and specific to indicate the conditions under which compliance with the requirements of this Annex may be demonstrated.
- (b) Operators and holders of a type certificate, restricted type certificate, supplemental type certificate or a change and repair design approval may demonstrate compliance with the requirements of this Annex by complying with either of the following:
 - (i) the specifications issued by the Agency under paragraph (a) of this point or the equivalent certification specifications issued by the Agency under point 21.B.70 of Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 748/2012;
 - (ii) technical standards offering an equivalent level of safety to those included in those certification specifications.
- (c) Holders of a type certificate, restricted type certificate, supplemental type certificate or a change and repair design approval shall make available to each known operator of the aeroplanes any changes to the "Instructions for Continued Airworthiness" (ICA) required to demonstrate compliance with this Annex. For the purposes of this Regulation, the ICA also include damage tolerance inspections (DTIs), repair evaluation guidelines (REGs), a baseline corrosion prevention and control programme (CPCP) and a list of fatigue-critical structures (FCSs) and airworthiness limitation sections (ALSs).

SUBPART B — LARGE AEROPLANES

26.50 Seats, berths, safety belts, and harnesses

Regulation (EU) 2015/640

Operators of large aeroplanes used in commercial air transport, type certified on or after 1 January 1958, shall ensure that each flight or cabin crew member seat and its restraint system are configured in order to provide an optimum level of protection in an emergency landing whilst allowing the occupant's necessary functions and facilitating rapid egress.

CS 26.50 Seats, berths, safety belts, and harnesses

ED Decision 2020/023/R

Compliance with point [26.50](#) of Part-26 is demonstrated by complying with CS 25.785(g), (h), (j) & (k) of CS-25, or equivalent or with the following:

- (a) Each seat at a flight deck station is equipped with a combined safety belt and shoulder harness with a single-point release that permits the flight deck occupant, when seated with safety belt and shoulder harness fastened, to perform all of the occupant's necessary flight deck functions. There must be a means to secure each combined safety belt and shoulder harness, when not in use, to prevent interference with the operation of the aeroplane and with rapid egress in an emergency. Shoulder harness and combined safety belt and shoulder harness that were approved and installed prior to 6 March 1980 may continue to be used. Safety belt and shoulder harness restraint systems may be designed to the inertia load factors established under the certification basis of the aeroplane.
- (b) Each seat for a cabin crew member required by Part-ORO.CC.100, located in passenger compartments:
 - (1) is equipped with a restraint system consisting of a combined safety belt and shoulder harness unit with a single point release. Each combined safety belt and shoulder harness is equipped with a means to secure it, when not in use, to prevent interference with rapid egress in an emergency;
 - (2) to the extent possible, without compromising their proximity to required floor level emergency exits, is located to provide a direct view of the cabin area for which the cabin crew member is individually responsible, except that for aeroplanes with a certification basis prior to JAR 25.785 at Change 8 (or FAR Part 25, §25.785, at Amendment 25-51 respectively), cabin crew member seats need not be re-located to meet that condition if an indirect view into the passenger cabin is given by a mirror;
 - (3) is:
 - (i) either forward or rearward facing, with an energy absorbing rest that is designed to support the arms, shoulders, head, and spine; and
 - (ii) positioned so that when not in use they do not interfere with the use of passageways and exits.

Combined safety belt and shoulder harness that were approved and installed prior to 6 March 1980 may continue to be used. Safety belt and shoulder harness restraint systems may be designed to the inertia load factors established under the certification basis of the aeroplane.

- (c) Each seat for a cabin crew member required by Part-ORO.CC.100, is located to minimise the probability of its occupant suffering injury by being struck by items dislodged in a galley, or from a stowage compartment or serving cart. All items expected in these locations in service are considered. (See [GM1 26.50\(c\)](#))
- (d) Each occupant of a seat that makes more than an 18-degree angle with the vertical plane containing the aeroplane centreline is protected from head injury by a safety belt and an energy absorbing rest that will support the arms, shoulders, head and spine, or by a safety belt and shoulder harness that prevents the head from contacting any injurious object. Each occupant of any other seat is protected from head injury by a safety belt and, as appropriate to the type, location, and angle of facing of each seat, by one or more of the following:
- (1) a shoulder harness that will prevent the head from contacting any injurious object;
 - (2) the elimination of any injurious object within striking radius of the head;
 - (3) an energy absorbing rest that will support the arms, shoulders, head, and spine.

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GM1 26.50(c) Cabin crew seat location with respect to injury risk

ED Decision 2015/013/R

AC 25.785-1B, Section 8 is applicable when showing compliance with [CS 26.50\(c\)](#).

26.60 Emergency landing – dynamic conditions

Regulation (EU) 2021/97

Operators of large aeroplanes used in commercial air transport of passengers, type-certified on or after 1 January 1958, and for which the individual certificate of airworthiness is first issued on or after 26 February 2021 shall demonstrate for each seat type design approved for occupancy during taxiing, take-off or landing that the occupant is protected when exposed to loads resulting from emergency landing conditions. The demonstration shall be made by one of the following means:

- (a) successfully completed dynamic tests;
- (b) rational analysis providing equivalent safety, based on dynamic tests of a similar seat type design.

The obligation set out in the first paragraph shall not apply to the following seats:

- (a) flight deck crew seats;
- (b) seats in low-occupancy aeroplanes involved only in on-demand non-scheduled commercial air transport operations;
- (c) seats in an aeroplane model listed in Table A.1 of Appendix 1 and carrying a manufacturer serial number listed in that Table.

CS 26.60 Emergency landing – dynamic conditions

ED Decision 2020/023/R

Compliance with point [26.60](#) of Part-26 is demonstrated by complying with CS 25.562 of CS-25, or its equivalent, or with the following (see [GM1 26.60](#)):

- (a) Each seat type design that is approved for occupancy during taxiing, take-off, or landing must successfully complete dynamic tests or be demonstrated by rational analysis based on dynamic tests of a similar type seat, in accordance with each of the following emergency landing conditions. The tests must be conducted with an occupant simulated by a 77 kg (170 lb) anthropomorphic test dummy sitting in the normal upright position. The tests must include:
- (1) A change in the downward vertical velocity (Δv) of not less than 10.7 m/s (35 ft/s), with the aeroplane's longitudinal axis canted downward at 30 degrees with respect to the horizontal plane, and with the wings level. The peak floor deceleration must occur in not more than 0.08 seconds after the impact, and reach a minimum of 14 g.
 - (2) A change in the forward longitudinal velocity (Δv) of not less than 13.4 m/s (44 ft/s), with the aeroplane's longitudinal axis horizontal and yawed by 10 degrees either to the right or the left, whichever would cause the greatest likelihood of the upper torso restraint system (if one is installed) moving off the occupant's shoulder, and with the wings level. The peak floor deceleration must occur in not more than 0.09 seconds after the impact, and it must reach a minimum of 16 g. If floor rails or floor fittings are used to attach the seating devices to the test fixture, the rails or fittings must be misaligned with respect to the adjacent set of rails or fittings by at least 10 degrees vertically (i.e. away from being parallel), with one rolled by 10 degrees.
- (b) The following performance measures must not be exceeded during the dynamic tests that are conducted in accordance with subparagraph (a) of this paragraph:
- (1) If upper torso straps are used, the tension loads in the individual straps must not exceed 794 kg (1 750 lb). If dual straps are used to restrain the upper torso, the total strap tension loads must not exceed 907 kg (2 000 lb).
 - (2) The maximum compressive load that is measured between the pelvis and the lumbar column of the anthropomorphic dummy must not exceed 680 kg (1 500 lb).
 - (3) The upper torso restraint straps (if installed) must remain on the occupant's shoulder during the impact.
 - (4) The lap safety belt must remain on the occupant's pelvis during the impact.
 - (5) Each occupant must be protected from serious head injury under the conditions that are prescribed in sub-paragraph (a) of this paragraph. Where head contact with seats or other structure can occur, protection must be provided so that the head impact does not exceed a Head Injury Criterion (HIC) of 1 000 units. The level of HIC is defined by the equation —

$$HIC = \left\{ (t_2 - t_1) \left[\frac{1}{(t_2 - t_1)} \int_{t_1}^{t_2} a(t) dt \right]^{2.5} \right\}_{\max}$$

Where —

't1' is the initial integration time,

't2' is the final integration time, and

'a(t)' is the total acceleration vs time curve for the head strike, and where

't' is in seconds, and 'a' is in units of gravity (g).

- (6) Where leg injuries may result from contact with seats or other structures, protection must be provided to prevent axially compressive loads that exceed 1 021 kg (2 250 lb) in each femur.
- (7) The seat must remain attached at all points of attachment, although the structure may have yielded.
- (8) Seats must not yield under the tests that are specified in sub-paragraphs (a)(1) and (a)(2) of this paragraph to the extent that they would impede the rapid evacuation of the occupants of the aeroplane.

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GM1 26.60 Emergency landing – dynamic conditions

ED Decision 2019/006/R

AC 25.562-1B (dated 10 January 2006) may be used for showing compliance with [CS 26.60](#).

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26.100 Location of emergency exits

Regulation (EU) 2015/640

Except for aeroplanes having an emergency exit configuration installed and approved prior to 1 April 1999, operators of large aeroplanes used in commercial air transport having a maximum operational passenger seating configuration of more than nineteen with one or more emergency exits deactivated shall ensure that the distance(s) between the remaining exits remains (remain) compatible with effective evacuation.

CS 26.100 Location of emergency exits

ED Decision 2020/023/R

Compliance with point [26.100](#) of [Part-26](#) is demonstrated by complying with the following:

If one or more emergency exits are deactivated, the distance(s) between the remaining exits is (are) no more than 18.3 m (60 feet) from any adjacent passenger emergency exit on the same side of the same deck of the fuselage, as measured parallel to the aeroplane's longitudinal axis between the nearest exit edges.

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26.105 Emergency exit access

Regulation (EU) 2015/640

Operators of large aeroplanes used in commercial air transport shall provide means to facilitate the rapid and easy movement of each passenger from their seat to any of the emergency exits in case of an emergency evacuation.

CS 26.105 Emergency exit access

ED Decision 2020/023/R

Compliance with point [26.105](#) of Part-26 is demonstrated by complying with CS 25.813(d) to (f) or equivalent, or with the following:

- (a) Reserved.
- (b) If it is necessary to pass through a passageway between passenger compartments to reach any required emergency exit from any seat in the passenger cabin, the passageway is unobstructed. However, curtains may be used if they allow free entry through the passageway.
- (c) No door is installed in any partition between passenger compartments.
- (d) If it is necessary to pass through a doorway separating the passenger cabin from other areas to reach any required emergency exit from any passenger seat, the door has a means to latch it in the open position. The latching means withstands the loads imposed upon it when the door is subjected to the ultimate inertia forces, relative to the surrounding structure, prescribed in CS 25.561(b), or equivalent, at the amendment level specified in the relevant Type Certificate Data Sheet, or equivalent document.

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26.110 Emergency exit markings

Regulation (EU) 2015/640

Operators of large aeroplanes used in commercial air transport shall comply with the following:

- (a) means shall be provided to facilitate the location, access, and operation of emergency exits by cabin occupants under foreseeable conditions in the cabin in case of an emergency evacuation;
- (b) means shall be provided to facilitate the location and operation of emergency exits by personnel on the outside of the aeroplane in case of an emergency evacuation.

CS 26.110 Emergency exit markings

ED Decision 2020/023/R

Compliance with point [26.110](#) of [Part-26](#) is demonstrated by complying with CS 25.811(a) to (d), and (f)&(g), or equivalent, and CS 25.811(e) or equivalent, or with the following:

- (a) Each passenger emergency exit, its means of access, and its means of opening are conspicuously marked.
- (b) The identity and location of each passenger emergency exit is recognisable from a distance equal to the width of the cabin.
- (c) Means are provided to assist the occupants in locating the exits in conditions of dense smoke.

- (d) The location of each passenger emergency exit is indicated by a sign visible to occupants approaching along the main passenger aisle (or aisles). There is:
- (1) a passenger emergency exit locator sign above the aisle (or aisles) near each passenger emergency exit, or at another overhead location if it is more practical because of low headroom, except that one sign may serve more than one exit if each exit can be seen readily from the sign;
 - (2) a passenger emergency exit marking sign next to each passenger emergency exit, except that one sign may serve two such exits if they can both be seen readily from the sign; and
 - (3) a sign on each bulkhead or divider that prevents fore and aft vision along the passenger cabin to indicate emergency exits beyond and obscured by the bulkhead or divider, except that if this is not possible, the sign may be placed at another appropriate location.
- Each sign listed in this sub-paragraph may use the word 'exit' in its legend in place of the term 'emergency exit' or a universal symbolic exit sign. The design of the exit signs is chosen to provide a consistent set throughout the cabin. (See [GM1 26.110\(d\)](#))
- (e) The location of the operating handle and instructions for opening exits from the inside of the aeroplane are clearly shown in the following manner:
- (1) each passenger emergency exit has, on or near the exit, a marking that is readable from a distance of 76 cm (30 inches);
 - (2) each passenger emergency exit operating handle and the cover removal instructions, if the handle is covered, are:
 - (i) self-illuminated with an initial brightness of at least 0.51 candela/m² (160 micro-lamberts); or
 - (ii) conspicuously located and well illuminated by the emergency lighting even in conditions of occupant crowding at the exit.
 - (3) Reserved
 - (4) All Type II and larger passenger emergency exits with a locking mechanism released by motion of a handle, are marked by a red arrow with a shaft at least 19 mm (0.75 inch) wide, adjacent to the handle, that indicates the full extent and direction of the unlocking motion required. The word OPEN is horizontally situated adjacent to the arrow head and is in red capital letters at least 25 mm (1 inch) high. The arrow and word OPEN are located on a background which provides adequate contrast. (See [GM1 26.110\(e\)\(4\)](#))
- (f) Each emergency exit that is openable from the outside, and its means of opening is marked on the outside of the aeroplane. In addition, the following apply:
- (1) The outside marking for each passenger emergency exit in the side of the fuselage includes one 5 cm (2 inch) coloured band outlining the exit.
 - (2) Each outside marking including the band, has colour contrast to be readily distinguishable from the surrounding fuselage surface. The contrast is such that if the reflectance of the darker colour is 15% or less, the reflectance of the lighter colour is at least 45%. 'Reflectance' is the ratio of the luminous flux reflected by a body to the luminous flux it receives. When the reflectance of the darker colour is greater than 15%, at least a 30% difference between its reflectance and the reflectance of the lighter colour is provided.

- (3) In the case of exits other than those in the side of the fuselage, such as ventral or tail cone exits, the external means of opening, including instructions if applicable, are conspicuously marked in red, or bright chrome yellow if the background colour is such that red is inconspicuous. When the opening is located on only one side of the fuselage, a conspicuous marking to that effect is provided on the other side.

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GM1 26.110(d) Universal symbolic exit signs

ED Decision 2015/013/R

Guidance on the use of universal symbolic exit signs can be found in AMC 25.812(b)(1).

GM1 26.110(e)(4) Emergency Exit Markings

ED Decision 2015/013/R

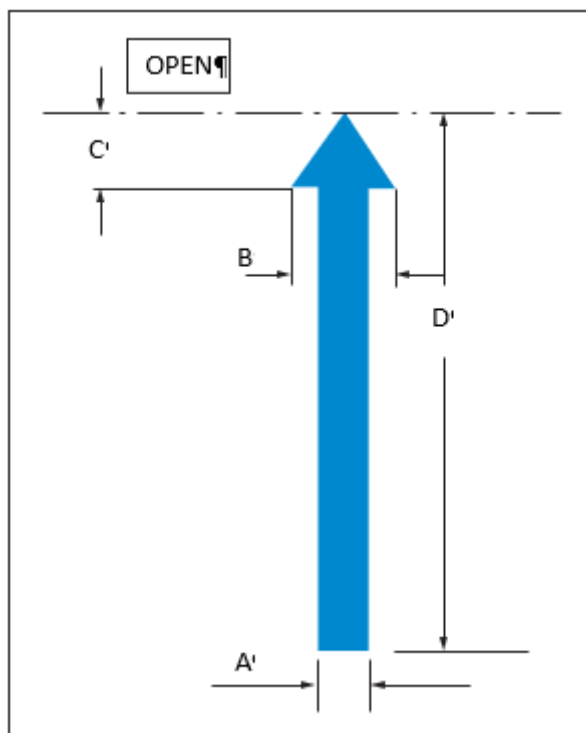
The indicating markings for all Type II and larger passenger emergency exit unlocking handle motions should conform to the general shapes and dimensions indicated by Figures 1 and 2.

NOTE: As far as is practicable the markings should be located to avoid obscuring viewing windows located on or alongside the exits, or coincidence with any other required marking or safety feature.

FIGURE 1

EXAMPLE MARKING FOR INDICATION OF LINEAR OPENING MOTION

Where practical and unambiguous arrow point and base of arrow shaft to be within ± 25 mm (1 inch)



of fully unlocked and fully locked positions respectively

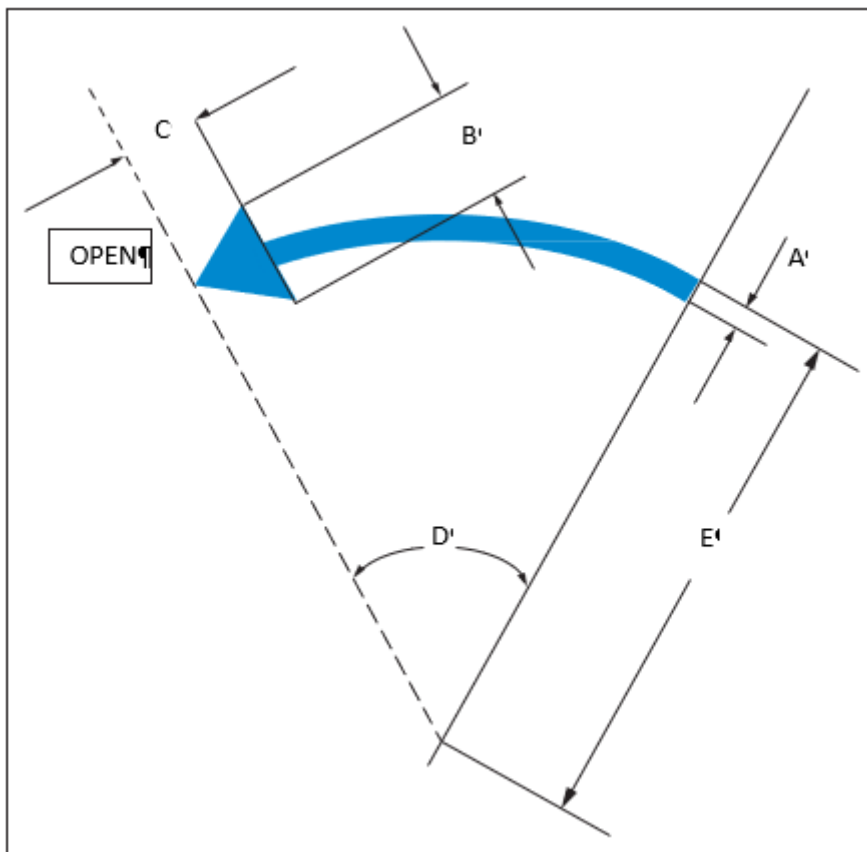
DIMENSIONS

- A = 19 mm (0.75") minimum
- B = 2 x A
- C = B (recommended)
- D = Indicative of the full extent of handle travel (each installation to be individually assessed)

FIGURE 2

EXAMPLE MARKING FOR INDICATION OF ROTARY OPENING MOTION

Arrow point and base of arrow shaft to be within ± 25 mm (1 inch) of fully unlocked and fully locked positions respectively



DIMENSIONS

- A = 19 mm (0.75") minimum
- B = 2 x A
- C = B (recommended)
- D = Full extent of handle centreline travel
- E = Three quarters of handle length (where practicable)

26.120 Interior emergency lighting and emergency light operation

Regulation (EU) 2015/640

Operators of large aeroplanes used in commercial air transport shall provide means to ensure that illuminated exit signage, general cabin and exit area illumination, and low level exit path illumination is available to facilitate the location of exits and movement of passengers to the exits in case of emergency evacuation.

CS 26.120 Interior emergency lighting and emergency light operation

ED Decision 2020/023/R

Compliance with point [26.120](#) of [Part-26](#) is demonstrated by complying with CS 25.812 (b),(c),(d) and (h) of CS-25 or equivalent and CS 25.812 (a) and (e) of CS-25 or equivalent, or with the following:

- (a) An emergency lighting system, independent of the main lighting system, is installed. However, sources of general cabin illumination may be common to both the emergency and the main lighting system if the power supply to the emergency lighting system is independent of the power supply to the main lighting system. The emergency lighting system includes:
 - (1) Illuminated emergency exit marking and locating signs, sources of general cabin illumination and interior lighting in emergency exit areas.
 - (2) for aeroplanes that have a maximum approved passenger seating configuration of more than 19, a floor proximity emergency escape path marking provides emergency evacuation guidance for passengers when all sources of illumination more than 1.22 m (4 feet) above the cabin aisle floor are totally obscured. In the dark of the night, the floor proximity emergency escape path marking enables each passenger to:
 - (i) after leaving the passenger seat, visually identify the emergency escape path along the cabin aisle floor to the first exits or pair of exits forward and aft of the seat;
 - (ii) readily identify each exit from the emergency escape path by reference only to markings and visual features not more than 1.22 m (4 feet) above the cabin floor.
- (b) Except for lights forming part of the emergency lighting subsystems provided in compliance with Part CAT.IDE.A.275 (b)(4) and (5) that serve no more than one assist means, are independent of the aeroplane's main emergency lighting systems, and are automatically activated when the assist means is deployed, each light required for interior and exterior emergency lighting:
 - (1) is operable manually both from the flight crew station and for aeroplanes on which a cabin crew member is required, from a point in the passenger compartment that is readily accessible from a normal cabin crew seat;
 - (2) has a means to prevent inadvertent operation of the manual controls;
 - (3) when armed or turned on at either station, remains lighted or becomes lighted upon interruption of the aeroplane's normal electric power;
 - (4) provides the required level of illumination for at least 10 minutes at the critical ambient conditions after emergency landing;
 - (5) has a cockpit control device that has an 'on', 'off', and 'armed' position.

- (c) In addition to subparagraphs (a), and (b) above, for an aeroplane which had its initial Certificate of Airworthiness issued prior to 1 December 2006, the following conditions are met:
- (1) For an aeroplane for which the application for the type certificate was filed prior to 1 May 1972:
 - (i) Each passenger emergency exit marking and each locating sign has white letters at least 25 mm (1 inch) high on a red background at least 5 cm (2 inches) high. These signs may be internally electrically illuminated, or self-illuminated by other than electrical means, with an initial brightness of at least 0.509 cd/m^2 (160 microlamberts). The colours may be reversed in the case of internally electrically illuminated signs if this will increase the illumination of the exit. On these aeroplanes, no sign may continue to be used if its luminescence (brightness) decreases to below 0.318 cd/m^2 (100 microlamberts).
 - (ii) The sources of general cabin illumination provides enough general lighting in the passenger cabin so that the average illumination when measured at 102 cm (40-inch) intervals at seat armrest height, on the centreline of the main passenger aisle, is at least 0.54 lux (0.05 foot-candle).
 - (iii) The floor of the passageway leading to each floor level passenger emergency exit, between the main aisles and the exit openings is provided with illumination.
 - (2) For an aeroplane for which the application for the type certificate was filed on or after 1 May 1972, the interior emergency lighting specifications under which the aeroplane was type certificated. On these aeroplanes, no sign may continue to be used if its luminescence (brightness) decreases to below 0.796 cd/m^2 (250 microlamberts).
- (d) In addition to subparagraphs (a) and (b) above, for an aeroplane which had its initial Certificate of Airworthiness issued on or after 1 December 2006, and for which the application for the type certificate was filed prior to 1 May 1972, the following conditions are met:
- (1) For an aeroplane that has a passenger seating configuration, excluding pilot seats, of:
 - (i) 10 seats or more, each passenger emergency exit locator sign and marking sign required by point [26.110\(d\)](#) of Part-26 has red letters at least 38 mm (1 ½ inches) high on an illuminated white background, and has an area of at least 135 cm^2 (21 square inches) excluding the letters. The lighted background-to-letter contrast is at least 10:1. The letter height to stroke-width ratio is not more than 7:1 nor less than 6:1. These signs are internally electrically illuminated with a background brightness of at least 86 cd/m^2 (25 foot-lamberts) and a high-to-low background contrast no greater than 3:1. Other passenger emergency exit signs required by point [26.110\(d\)](#) of Part-26 have red letters at least 38 mm (1 ½ inches) high on a white background having an area of at least 135 cm^2 (21 square inches) excluding the letters. These signs are internally, electrically illuminated or self-illuminated by other than electrical means and have an initial brightness of at least 1.27 cd/m^2 (400 microlamberts). The colours are reversed in the case of a sign that is self-illuminated by other than electrical means. On these aeroplanes, no sign continues to be used if its luminescence (brightness) decreases to below 0.796 cd/m^2 (250 microlamberts).

- (ii) 9 seats or less, passenger emergency exit signs that are required by point [26.110\(d\)](#) of Part-26, have red letters at least 25 mm (1 inch) high on a white background at least 5 cm (2 inches) high. These signs may be internally electrically illuminated or self-illuminated by other than electrical means, with an initial brightness of at least 0.509 cd/m² (160 microlamberts). The colours may be reversed in the case of a sign that is self-illuminated by other than electrical means. On these aeroplanes, no sign continues to be used if its luminescence (brightness) decreases to below 0.318 cd/m² (100 microlamberts).
- (2) General illumination in the passenger cabin is provided so that when measured along the centreline of the main passenger aisle(s), and cross aisle(s) between main aisles, at seat armrest height and at 102 cm (40-inch) intervals, the average illumination is not less than 0.54 lux (0.05 foot-candle) and the illumination at each 102 cm (40-inch) interval is not less than 0.11 lux (0.01 foot-candle). A main passenger aisle is considered to extend along the fuselage from the most forward passenger emergency exit or cabin occupant seat, whichever is farther forward, to the most rearward passenger emergency exit or cabin occupant seat, whichever is farther aft.
- (3) The floor of the passageway leading to each floor-level passenger emergency exit, between the main aisles and exit openings, is provided with illumination that is not less than 0.22 lux (0.02 foot-candle) measured along a line that is within 15 cm (six inches) of and parallel to the floor and is centred on the passenger evacuation path.
- (e) Each sign required by point [26.120](#) of Part-26 may use a universal symbolic exit sign. The design of the signs is chosen to provide a consistent set throughout the cabin. (See [GM1 26.110\(d\)](#))

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26.150 Compartment interiors

Regulation (EU) 2015/640

Operators of large aeroplanes used in commercial air transport shall comply with the following:

- (a) all materials and equipment used in compartments occupied by the crew or passengers shall demonstrate flammability characteristics compatible with minimising the effects of in-flight fires and the maintenance of survivable conditions in the cabin for a time commensurate with that needed to evacuate the aircraft;
- (b) smoking prohibition shall be indicated with placards;
- (c) disposal receptacles shall be such that containment of an internal fire is ensured; such receptacles shall be marked to prohibit the disposal of smoking materials.

CS 26.150 Compartment interiors

ED Decision 2020/023/R

Compliance with point [26.150](#) of Part-26 is demonstrated by complying with CS 25.853 and [Appendix F](#) or equivalent, CS 25.853(e) or equivalent and CS 25.791 or equivalent or with the following:

For each compartment occupied by the crew or passengers the following apply:

- (a) Upon any major replacement of any individual group of components as specified in [Appendix F, Part I](#), sub-paragraph (a)(1)(i), such as interior ceiling panels, wall panels, etc., this individual group of components complies with [Appendix F, Part I](#), of this CS-26. (See [GM1 26.150\(a\)](#))

- (b) Seat cushions, except those on flight crew member seats, on large aeroplanes, type certificated after 1 January 1958, comply with the fire protection specifications of [Appendix F, Part II](#).
- (c) (1) Heat release (other than for lavatory interiors or flight deck), for interior ceiling and wall panels (other than lighting lenses), partitions, and the outer surfaces of galleys, large cabinets and stowage compartments (other than underseat stowage compartments and compartments for stowing small items, such as magazines and maps), in large aeroplanes which had their initial Certificate of Airworthiness issued on or after 20 August 1988, but prior to 20 August 1990, and having a MOPSC of more than 19, comply with the heat release rate testing provisions of [Appendix F Part IV](#), except that the total heat release over the first two minutes of sample exposure does not exceed 100 kilowatt-minutes per square metre, and the peak heat release rate does not exceed 100 kilowatts per square metre.
- (2) Heat release and smoke density (other than for lavatory interiors or flight deck) for interior ceiling and wall panels (other than lighting lenses), partitions, and the outer surfaces of galleys, large cabinets and stowage compartments (other than underseat stowage compartments and compartments for stowing small items, such as magazines and maps), in large aeroplanes, having a MOPSC of more than 19, which had their initial Certificate of Airworthiness issued on or after 20 August 1990, comply with the heat release and smoke density specifications of [Appendix F Parts IV and V](#). (See [GM1 26.150\(c\)](#))
- (d) Large aeroplanes having a MOPSC of more than 19, Type Certificated after 1 January 1958 upon the first substantially complete replacement of the cabin interior components, (i.e. interior ceiling and wall panels (other than lighting lenses), partitions, and the outer surfaces of galleys, large cabinets and stowage compartments (other than underseat stowage compartments and compartments for stowing small items, such as magazines and maps)), comply with the heat release and smoke density specifications of [Appendix F Parts IV and V](#). (See [GM1 26.150\(d\)](#))
- (e) Smoking prohibition is indicated by a placard so stating.
- (f) Each disposal receptacle for towels, paper or waste is fully enclosed and constructed of materials adequate in resistance to fire such that any fire likely to occur in it under normal use is contained. The ability of the disposal receptacle to contain those fires under all probable conditions of wear, misalignment, and ventilation expected in service is demonstrated by test unless appropriate maintenance tasks are put in place to ensure that excess wear or misalignment are quickly repaired. A placard containing the legible words or symbology indicating 'No Cigarette Disposal' is located on or near each disposal receptacle door.

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GM1 26.150(a) Compartment interiors

ED Decision 2015/013/R

'Major Replacement': More than 50% of any component types affected in the cabin are replaced. For example, 51% of the sidewall panels, or 51% of the ceiling panels.

GM1 26.150(c) Compartment interiors

ED Decision 2015/013/R

Galley carts and containers are considered as ‘open galley surfaces’ and therefore are subject to the same requirements as galleys in this respect, namely [CS 26.150\(c\)](#). However, because of the rotatable nature of these components, and their limited lifespan, it is permissible to use galley carts and containers manufactured prior to 20/08/1990.

GM1 26.150(d) Compartment interiors

ED Decision 2015/013/R

‘Complete Replacement’: All of the affected components in the cabin are replaced. Whether the other components that are not affected are replaced is not relevant.

- 1 The qualifying word ‘substantially’ may be used to avoid operators avoiding compliance by not replacing a minor, inconsequential cabin component and stating that there had not been a ‘complete replacement’.
- 2 The definition does, therefore, permit individual replacement of cabin interior components without the mandatory replacement of all components at the same time. It should also be noted that removing components for refinishing and reinstalling them in the same aeroplane, or in a different aeroplane not subject to more stringent requirements, is considered ‘refurbishment’ and not ‘replacement’.

26.155 Flammability of cargo compartment liners

Regulation (EU) 2015/640

Operators of large aeroplanes used in commercial air transport, type certified after 1 January 1958, shall ensure that the liners of Class C or Class D cargo compartments are constructed of materials that adequately prevent the effects of a fire in the compartment from endangering the aircraft or its occupants.

CS 26.155 Flammability of cargo compartment liners

ED Decision 2020/023/R

Compliance with point [26.155](#) of Part-26 is demonstrated by complying with CS 25.855 & [Appendix F Part III](#), or equivalent or with the following:

- (a) Large aeroplanes, Type Certificated after 1 January 1958, with Class C or D compartment, greater than 5.66 m³ (200 cubic feet) have ceiling and sidewall liner panels which are constructed of:
 - (1) glass fibre reinforced resin, or
 - (2) materials which meet the flame penetration test specifications of [Appendix F Part III](#), or other equivalent methods, or
 - (3) aluminium (only in the case of aluminium liner installations approved prior to 1 July 1989).
- (b) For compliance with this paragraph, the term ‘liner’ includes any design features, such as a joint or fastener which would affect the capability of the liner to safely contain a fire.

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26.156 Thermal or acoustic insulation materials

Regulation (EU) 2019/133

Operators of large aeroplanes used in commercial air transport, type certified on or after 1 January 1958, shall ensure that:

- (a) for aeroplanes for which the first individual certificate of airworthiness is issued before 18 February 2021, when new thermal or acoustic insulation materials are installed as replacements on or after 18 February 2021, those new materials have flame propagation resistance characteristics which prevent or reduce the risk of flame propagation in the aeroplane;
- (b) for aeroplanes for which the first individual certificate of airworthiness is issued on or after 18 February 2021, thermal and acoustic insulation materials have flame propagation resistance characteristics which prevent or reduce the risk of flame propagation in the aeroplane;
- (c) for aeroplanes for which the first individual certificate of airworthiness is issued on or after 18 February 2021 and with a passenger capacity of 20 or more, thermal and acoustic insulation materials (including the means of fastening the materials to the fuselage) installed in the lower half of the aeroplane have flame penetration resistance characteristics which prevent or reduce the risk of flame penetration into the aeroplane after an accident and which ensure survivable conditions in the cabin for a time needed to evacuate the aeroplane.

CS 26.156 Thermal/acoustic insulation materials

ED Decision 2020/023/R

- (a) Compliance with point [26.156\(a\)](#) of Part-26 is demonstrated by complying with CS 25.856(a), or its equivalent.
- (b) Compliance with point [26.156\(b\)](#) of Part-26 is demonstrated by complying with CS 25.856(a), or its equivalent.
- (c) Compliance with point [26.156\(c\)](#) of Part-26 is demonstrated by complying with CS 25.856(b), or its equivalent.

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GM1 26.156(a) Insulation materials installed as replacement

ED Decision 2020/023/R

The requirement of point [26.156\(a\)](#) of Part-26 is applicable to insulation materials which are:

1. of a blanket construction, or
2. installed around air ducting

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26.157 Conversion of Class D compartments

Regulation (EU) 2022/1254

Operators of large aeroplanes used in commercial air transport, type certified on or after 1 January 1958, except for operators of an aeroplane model listed in Table A.1 of Appendix 1 to this Annex, shall ensure that:

- (a) for aeroplanes, the operation of which involves the transport of passengers, each Class D cargo or baggage compartment, regardless of its volume, complies with the certification specifications applicable to a Class C compartment;
- (b) for aeroplanes, the operation of which involves the transport of cargo only, each Class D cargo compartment, regardless of its volume, complies with the certification specifications applicable to either a Class C or a Class E compartment.

CS 26.157 Conversion of Class D compartments

ED Decision 2020/023/R

- (a) Compliance with point [26.157\(a\)](#) of Part-26 is demonstrated by showing compliance with CS 25.857(c) and CS 25.858, or the equivalent.
- (b) Compliance with point [26.157\(b\)](#) of Part-26 is demonstrated by showing compliance with:
 - (1) either CS 25.857(c) and CS 25.858, or the equivalent; or
 - (2) CS 25.857(e) and CS 25.858, or the equivalent.

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26.160 Lavatory fire protection

Regulation (EU) 2015/640

Operators of large aeroplanes used in commercial air transport with a maximum operational passenger seating configuration of more than 19 shall comply with the following:

Lavatories shall be equipped with:

- (a) smoke detection means;
- (b) means to automatically extinguish a fire occurring in each disposal receptacle.

CS 26.160 Lavatory fire protection

ED Decision 2020/023/R

Compliance with point [26.160](#) of Part-26 is demonstrated by complying with CS 25.854, or equivalent or with the following:

- (a) Each lavatory is equipped with a smoke detector system or equivalent that provides a warning light in the cockpit, or provides a warning light or audible warning in the passenger cabin that would be readily detected by a cabin crew member; and
- (b) Each lavatory is equipped with a built-in fire extinguisher for each disposal receptacle for towels, paper, or waste, located within the lavatory. The extinguisher is designed to discharge automatically into each disposal receptacle upon occurrence of a fire in that receptacle.

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26.170 Fire extinguishers

Regulation (EU) 2019/133

Operators of large aeroplanes shall ensure that the following extinguishers do not use halon as an extinguishing agent:

- (a) built-in fire extinguishers for each lavatory waste receptacle for towels, paper or waste in large aeroplanes for which the first individual certificate of airworthiness is issued on or after 18 February 2020;
- (b) portable fire extinguishers in large aeroplanes for which the first individual certificate of airworthiness is issued on or after 18 May 2019.

CS 26.170 Fire extinguishers

ED Decision 2020/023/R

Compliance with point [26.170](#) of Part-26 is demonstrated by complying with the following (see also [GM1 26.170\(b\)](#)):

- (a) the extinguishing agent that is used in a built-in fire extinguisher for a lavatory waste receptacle or in a portable fire extinguisher for cabins and crew compartments must not be one of the agents that are listed in Annex A — Group II: Halons (halon 1211, halon 1301, and halon 2402) of ‘The Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer’, 8th Edition, 2009;
- (b) the agent in any fire extinguisher must be acceptable, and be of a kind and in a quantity that is appropriate for the kinds of fire that are likely to occur in the compartment where the extinguisher is intended to be used;
- (c) any agent that is used in a personnel compartment or that is likely to enter a personnel compartment must be selected to minimise the hazard of a toxic gas concentration; and
- (d) a discharge of the extinguisher must not cause any structural damage.

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GM1 26.170(b) Fire extinguishers

ED Decision 2019/006/R

1 LAVATORY FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

Appendix D to Report DOT/FAA/AR-96/122 ‘Development of a Minimum Performance Standard for Lavatory Trash Receptacle Automatic Fire Extinguishers’ of February 1997 may be used for showing compliance with [CS 26.170\(b\)](#).

General guidance on the alternative extinguishing agents that are considered to be acceptable can be found in AMC 25.851(c).

2 HANDHELD FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) Aerospace Standard (AS) 6271 ‘Halocarbon Clean Agent Hand-Held Fire Extinguisher’ or European Technical Standard Order (ETSO) 2C515 ‘Aircraft Halocarbon Clean Agent — Handheld Fire Extinguisher’ may be used for showing compliance with [CS 26.170\(b\)](#).

General guidance on the alternative extinguishing agents that are considered to be acceptable can be found in AMC 25.851(c).

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26.200 Landing gear aural warning

Regulation (EU) 2015/640

Operators of large aeroplanes used in commercial air transport shall ensure that an appropriate landing gear aural warning device is installed in order to significantly reduce the likelihood of landings with landing gear inadvertently retracted.

CS 26.200 Landing gear aural warning

ED Decision 2020/023/R

Compliance with point [26.200](#) of Part-26 is demonstrated by complying with CS 25.729, or equivalent or with the following:

- (a) Large aeroplanes have a landing gear aural warning device that functions continuously under the following conditions:
 - (1) For aeroplanes with an established approach flap position, whenever the flaps are extended beyond the maximum certificated approach climb configuration position in the Aeroplane Flight Manual and the landing gear is not fully extended and locked.
 - (2) For aeroplanes without an established approach climb flap position, whenever the flaps are extended beyond the position at which landing gear extension is normally performed and the landing gear is not fully extended and locked.
- (b) The warning system of sub-paragraph (a) of this paragraph:
 - (1) does not have a manual shut-off means readily available to the flight crew such that it could be operated instinctively, inadvertently or by habitual reflexive action;
 - (2) is, in addition to the throttle-actuated device, installed under the airworthiness type certification specifications; and
 - (3) may utilise any part of the throttle-actuated system, including the aural warning device.
- (c) The flap position sensing unit may be installed at any suitable place in the aeroplane.

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26.201 Tyre inflation pressure

Regulation (EU) 2022/1254

Operators of large aeroplanes shall minimise the risk of a tyre being below its minimum serviceable inflation pressure during operation.

CS 26.201 Tyre inflation pressure

ED Decision 2022/019/R

Compliance with point [26.201](#) of Part-26 is demonstrated by complying with CS 25.733(f) of CS-25 or its equivalent, or with the following:

- (a) 'Minimum serviceable inflation pressure' means a tyre inflation pressure specified by the aeroplane type certificate holder below which damage to the tyre, potentially leading to a tyre failure, may occur.

- (b) The operator ensures that one, or a combination, of the following means is (are) used:
- (1) A task is incorporated in the aeroplane maintenance programme (AMP) that requires tyres inflation pressure checks to be performed at a suitable time interval.
 - (2) The aeroplane is equipped with an installed system that monitors the tyres inflation pressures and that:
 - (i) provides an alert to the flight crew whenever a tyre inflation pressure is below the minimum serviceable inflation pressure, or
 - (ii) allows the tyres inflation pressures to be checked prior to the dispatch of the aeroplane, and a tyre inflation pressure check task is included in the pre-flight procedures of the operations manual.

- (c) Tyre inflation pressure checks in the AMP

A 'suitable time interval' is the maximum time interval between two consecutive tyre inflation pressure checks.

These pressure checks are conducted daily in order to ensure that the elapsed clock time between two consecutive tyre inflation pressure checks does not exceed 48 hours.

Time intervals longer than 48 hours may be used if they are substantiated and agreed by the competent authority. This substantiation includes at least an analysis of the expected loss of tyre pressure during operation, taking into account environmental and operational factors, including the potential for pressure loss at a rate that exceeds the normal diffusion resulting from damage to or degradation of the tyre/wheel assembly. If available, statistical data related to pressure losses gathered from the service experience of aeroplanes equipped with equivalent wheel designs may also be used. The substantiation is made in cooperation with the tyre manufacturer(s). In addition, the operator may take credit from an installed system monitoring the tyre inflation pressures.

The time interval does not exceed the applicable value provided by the type certificate holder in the instructions for continued airworthiness.

- (d) Tyre pressure monitoring system

If a tyre pressure monitoring system is installed, its development assurance level is commensurate with the potential consequences of an alert not being provided, as well as with the consequences of false alerts. If the system includes the indication of tyre pressure levels, the consequences of a false indication are also taken into account. The assessment of these consequences includes the effects of the failure of one or more tyres (including simultaneous tyre failures) that may be caused by the operation of the aeroplane with under-inflated tyres.

Tasks are included as necessary in the AMP (taking into account the instructions for continued airworthiness provided by the design approval holder) to ensure that the calibration of the tyre pressure monitoring system is maintained.

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26.205 Runway overrun awareness and alerting systems

Regulation (EU) 2020/1159

- (a) Operators of large aeroplanes used in commercial air transport shall ensure that every aeroplane for which the first individual certificate of airworthiness was issued on or after 1 January 2025, is equipped with a runway overrun awareness and alerting system.
- (b) This system shall be designed in a manner allowing to reduce the risk of a longitudinal runway excursion during landing by providing an alert, in-flight and on the ground, to the flight crew when the aeroplane is at risk of not being able to stop within the available distance to the end of the runway.

CS 26.205 Runway overrun awareness and alerting systems

ED Decision 2020/023/R

Compliance with point [26.205](#) of Part-26 is demonstrated by showing compliance with CS 25.705, or with the following:

- (a) During approach (from a given height above the selected runway) and landing, the runway overrun awareness and alerting system (ROAAS) shall perform real-time energy-based calculations of the predicted landing stopping point, compare that point with the location of the end of the runway, and provide the flight crew with:
 - (1) in-flight, timely, and unambiguous predictive alert(s) of a runway overrun risk; and
 - (2) on-ground, timely, and unambiguous predictive alert(s) of a runway overrun risk. At the option of the applicant, the ROAAS may also provide an automated means of deceleration control that prevents or minimises runway overruns during landing.
- (b) The ROAAS must at least accommodate dry and wet runway conditions for normal landing configurations.

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GM1 26.205 Runway overrun awareness and alerting systems

ED Decision 2020/023/R

- (a) When demonstrating compliance with [CS 26.205](#), the applicant should take account of EUROCAE Document ED-250 'Minimum Operational Performance Standard for a Runway Overrun Awareness and Alerting System' dated December 2017.
- (b) When demonstrating the compliance of the ROAAS with CS 25.1581 and CS 25.1585 or equivalent specifications, the applicant should include in the aeroplane flight manual the following elements:
 - (1) A description of the runway overrun awareness and alerting system (ROAAS) operational domain, including all the conditions in which the ROAAS is expected to perform its intended function,
 - (2) Any operational limitations applicable to the ROAAS, and
 - (3) Operational procedures to be used by the flight crew when ROAAS alerts are triggered.

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26.250 Flight crew compartment door operating systems — single incapacitation

Regulation (EU) 2015/640

Operators of large aeroplanes used in commercial air transport shall ensure that flight crew compartment door operating systems, where installed, be provided with alternate opening means in order to facilitate access by cabin crew members into the flight crew compartment in the case of a single flight crew member incapacitation.

26.300 Continuing structural integrity programme for ageing aeroplanes structures — general requirements

Regulation (EU) 2020/1159

- (a) A holder of a type-certificate (TC) or a restricted TC for a turbine-powered large aeroplane certified on or after 1 January 1958, for which the application for TC was submitted before 1 January 2019, shall establish a continuing structural integrity programme for ageing aeroplane structures, which shall comply with the requirements set out in points 26.301 to 26.309.
- (b) Paragraph (a) shall not apply to an aeroplane model, which was issued with a type-certificate before 26 February 2021 and which meets any of the following conditions:
 - (i) it is listed in Table A.1 of [Appendix 1](#) of this Annex;
 - (ii) it is not operated anymore after 26 February 2021;
 - (iii) it has not been certified to conduct civil operation with a payload or passengers;
 - (iv) it has a restricted TC issued before 26 February 2021 in accordance with damage tolerance requirements, provided that it is not operated beyond 75 % of its design service goal and is primarily operated in support of the approval holders manufacturing operation;
 - (v) it is certified with a restricted TC and is designed primarily for firefighting.

The exceptions provided for in paragraph (b)(ii) to (b)(v) shall apply only after the holder of a type-certificate (TC) or a restricted TC submits to the Agency before 27 May 2021 for approval a list identifying the aeroplane type and models, variations or serial numbers together with information supporting the reasons why the aeroplane has been included in the list.

- (c) For an aeroplane model which was issued with a first type-certificate before 26 February 2021 and for which an existing change or repair is not and will not be incorporated in any aeroplane in operation on and after 26 February 2022, paragraphs (a)(ii) and (a)(iii) of point 26.307 and paragraph (a)(ii) of point 26.308 shall not apply if before 26 February 2022 the holder of a type-certificate (TC) or a restricted TC submits to the Agency for the approval the list of all changes and repairs.

CS 26.300(c), 26.330(c) and (d) Substantiation of change and repair status

ED Decision 2020/023/R

Compliance with points [26.300\(c\)](#), [26.330\(c\)](#) and [26.330\(d\)](#) of Part-26 is demonstrated by complying with points (a) or (b) of this CS:

- (a) The change or repair is only applicable to an aeroplane that is demonstrated to be excluded from the ageing aeroplane requirements for damage tolerance in accordance with points [26.300\(b\)](#) or [26.330\(b\)](#) of Part-26.
- (b) Evidence is provided showing that the change or repair is only incorporated into aeroplanes not in operation after:
 - (1) 26 February 2022 for demonstration of compliance with point [26.300\(c\)](#) of Part-26; or
 - (2) 26 August 2022 for demonstration of compliance with point [26.330\(c\)](#) of Part-26,and it is demonstrated that such change or repair will not be incorporated into any other aeroplanes.

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GM1 26.300(b) and 26.330(b) Guidance on applicability

ED Decision 2020/023/R

Any product for which the TC has been surrendered is not subject to points [26.300](#) to [26.334](#) of Part-26.

For aeroplane models with an EASA TC, the wording ‘not operated any more’ means that no aeroplanes of that model are operated anywhere in the world after 26 February 2021.

The following non-exhaustive list provides examples of how to demonstrate that an aeroplane model is not operated any more:

- Provide evidence that all the examples of that aeroplane model have been scrapped;
- Provide evidence that all the remaining examples of that aeroplane model are no longer in airworthy condition and are not expected to return to service in the future (e.g. permanent storage for the purpose of being transferred to a museum or scrapped).

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GM1 26.300(c) and 26.330(c) Substantiation of change and repair status

ED Decision 2020/023/R

The demonstration that a change or repair will not be incorporated into any other aeroplane can be achieved by:

- (a) providing evidence that there are no available kits for such changes or repairs; or
- (b) providing evidence that if kits are available, they will not be sold; or

- (c) ensuring that no future production of such change/repair kits is permitted; or
- (d) limiting the applicability of the changes and repairs subject to point [26.300\(c\)](#) of Part-26 by updating the associated instructions for continued airworthiness.

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26.301 Compliance Plan for (R)TC holders

Regulation (EU) 2020/1159

- (a) A holder of a type-certificate (TC) or a restricted TC for a turbine-powered large aeroplane certified on or after 1 January 1958, for which the application for TC was submitted before 1 January 2019, shall:
 - (i) establish a compliance plan for continuing structural integrity that describes the planned demonstration of compliance with the requirements set out in points 26.302 to 26.309;
 - (ii) submit the compliance plan for continuing structural integrity referred in paragraph (i) to the Agency before 27 May 2021 for approval.
- (b) An applicant for a TC or restricted TC referred to in letter (c) of [Article 1](#) paragraph 2 shall:
 - (i) establish a compliance plan for continuing structural integrity that describes the planned demonstration of compliance with the requirements set out in points 26.303 to 26.306;
 - (ii) submit the compliance plan for continuing structural integrity referred to in paragraph (i) to the Agency before 27 May 2021 or, before the issuance of the certificate, if it occurs later, for approval.

CS 26.301 Compliance plan for (R)TC holders and applicants

ED Decision 2020/023/R

Compliance with point [26.301](#) of Part-26 is demonstrated when a compliance plan exists that includes the following:

- (a) a project schedule identifying all the major milestones for meeting the compliance dates as specified in points [26.302](#) to [26.309](#) of Part-26, as applicable;
- (b) a proposed means of compliance with the applicable requirements as specified in points [26.302](#) to [26.309](#) of Part-26, including as appropriate, methods and procedures for:
 - (1) performing the damage tolerance evaluation (DTE) of baseline structure, modified structure and published repairs;
 - (2) identifying the aeroplane structural configuration to be evaluated;
 - (3) identifying widespread fatigue damage (WFD)-susceptible structure;
 - (4) identifying the source of engineering data that will be used to perform the required evaluations;
 - (5) performing the WFD evaluation of structure;
 - (6) establishing a limit of validity (LOV) and plans for distribution upon approval (including incorporation of the LOV into the (airworthiness limitation section) ALS);
 - (7) identifying and developing the maintenance actions required to support the LOV;
 - (8) developing a baseline corrosion prevention and control programme (CPCP);

- (9) establishing a process to ensure the continuing structural integrity programme remains valid;
 - (10) establishing the list of fatigue-critical baseline structures (FCBSs);
 - (11) developing the repair evaluation guidelines (REGs);
- (c) a plan for submitting a draft of all the required compliance items for review by EASA not less than 60 days before the applicable compliance date.

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26.302 Fatigue and damage tolerance evaluation

Regulation (EU) 2020/1159

- (a) A holder of a type-certificate (TC) or a restricted TC, for a turbine-powered large aeroplane certified to carry 30 passengers or more, or with a payload capacity of 3 402 kg (7 500 lbs) or more, certified on or after 1 January 1958, for which the application for TC was submitted before 1 January 2019, shall carry out a fatigue and damage tolerance evaluation of the aeroplane structure and develop the DTI that will avoid catastrophic failures due to fatigue throughout the operational life of the aeroplane.
- (b) Unless the documentation describing the DTI referred to in paragraph (a) have already been approved by the Agency in accordance with Annex I (Part 21) to Regulation (EU) No 748/2012, the holder of a TC or a restricted TC shall submit that documentation to the Agency before 26 February 2023 for approval.

CS 26.302 Fatigue and damage tolerance evaluation

ED Decision 2020/023/R

Compliance with point [26.302](#) of Part-26 is demonstrated by complying with CS 25.571 Amendment 19, or subsequent amendment, or with points (a) or (b) of this CS:

- (a) For aeroplane structures certified on the basis of JAR 25.571 Change 6 or 14 CFR §25.571 Amendment 44 or equivalent, or earlier amendments, a fatigue and damage tolerance evaluation according to JAR 25.571 Change 7 or 14 CFR §25.571 Amendment 45 or equivalent, or later amendment, exists, except that residual strength loads may be based upon the fail-safe load cases of the original certification basis. In addition, the inspection and other procedures resulting from this evaluation:
 - (1) are contained in an existing ALS; or
 - (2) are contained in a supplemental structural inspection document (SSID) mandated by an airworthiness directive (AD).

In both cases, the documentation includes the time in flight cycles, flight hours or another relevant measure by which the actions within the ALS/SSID are implemented.

- (b) For aeroplane structures certified on the basis of JAR 25.571 Change 7 or 14 CFR §25.571 Amendment 45 or equivalent, or later amendments: the inspections or other procedures resulting from the DTE required by that certification basis are included in the ALS.

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26.303 Limit of Validity

Regulation (EU) 2020/1159

- (a) A holder of a type-certificate (TC) or a restricted TC, for a turbine-powered large aeroplane certified on or after 1 January 1958, for which the application for TC was submitted before 1 January 2019, certified with a maximum take-off weight (MTOW) greater than 34 019 kg (75 000 lbs), shall:
- (i) establish a limit of validity (LOV) and include that LOV in an amended ALS;
 - (ii) identify existing and new maintenance actions upon which the LOV depends, and develop service information necessary for operators to implement those maintenance actions and submit the service information for the maintenance actions to the Agency in accordance with a binding schedule agreed with the Agency.

The aeroplane structural configurations to be evaluated for the purpose of establishing the LOV shall include all model variations and derivatives approved under the TC before 26 February 2021 and all structural changes and replacements to the structural configurations of those aeroplanes that are required by an airworthiness directive issued before 26 February 2021.

By way of derogation from paragraph (a)(ii), a holder of a type-certificate (TC) or a restricted TC for a turbine-powered large aeroplane shall not be required to develop and submit to the Agency the service information for a maintenance action applicable to an aeroplane model which will not be operated anymore after the scheduled point of submittal for the service information of that maintenance action. For this exception to take effect, the holder of a type-certificate (TC) or a restricted TC shall inform the Agency not later than the date at which the aeroplane model ceases operation.

- (b) The holder of the type-certificate (TC) or the restricted TC shall submit the LOV established in accordance with paragraph (a) and the amendment to the ALS referred to in that paragraph together with the binding schedule to the Agency, before the deadlines established in paragraphs (i) to (iii), for approval:
- (i) 26 August 2022 for fatigue critical structure with a certification basis that does not include a damage tolerance evaluation;
 - (ii) 26 February 2026 for aeroplane structure subject to ongoing full-scale fatigue testing at the date of the applicability of this amending Regulation;
 - (iii) 26 February 2025 for all other aeroplane structures.
- (c) An applicant for a TC or restricted TC as referred in letter (c) of [Article 1](#) paragraph 2, for a turbine-powered large aeroplane with a maximum take-off weight (MTOW) greater than 34 019 kg (75 000 lbs), shall:
- (i) establish a limit of validity (LOV) and include that LOV in the ALS;
 - (ii) identify existing and new maintenance actions upon which the LOV depends, and develop service information necessary for operators to implement those maintenance actions and submit the service information for the maintenance actions to the Agency in accordance with a binding schedule agreed with the Agency.
- (d) The applicant for a TC or restricted TC as referred in letter (c) of Article 1 paragraph 2 shall submit the LOV established in accordance with paragraph (c) and the ALS referred to in that paragraph together with the binding schedule to the Agency, for approval.

- (e) The following deadlines shall apply to the obligations referred to in paragraph (d)
- (i) before the date approved by the Agency in the plan of the applicant for completing tests and analyses of any aeroplane structure requiring new full-scale fatigue testing to support establishment of the LOV;
 - (ii) before 26 February 2025 for all other aeroplane structures.

CS 26.303(a) and (c) Limit of validity

ED Decision 2020/023/R

Compliance with points [26.303\(a\) and \(c\)](#) of Part-26 is demonstrated by complying with CS 25.571 Amendment 19, or subsequent amendment, or with the following:

- (a) The evaluation supporting the LOV required by point [26.303](#) of Part-26 includes a substantiation that WFD will not occur in the aeroplane structure. An ALS exists and includes the LOV of each aeroplane structural configuration required by point [26.303](#) of Part-26 and each LOV is supported by sufficient test evidence, analysis and, if available, service experience and teardown inspection results of high-time aeroplanes of similar structural design, accounting for differences in operating conditions and procedures. Where the certification basis of the aeroplane includes mixed requirements with respect to the CS/CFR Part 25/JAR 25.571 amendment status, the earliest amendment is used to define the compliance times.
- (b) A list is established of all the maintenance actions upon which the LOV is dependent. The list identifies existing mandated actions, existing actions that have not been mandated at the date of entry into force of the rule and any new maintenance actions required. A schedule for the development and submission of the maintenance actions to EASA is agreed by EASA prior to the approval of the LOV. For compliance times, refer to points [26.303\(b\) or 26.303\(d\) and 26.303\(e\)](#) of Part-26, as applicable. The new maintenance actions are established, and, together with the existing non-mandated actions, are submitted to EASA for approval according to the schedule agreed by EASA.
- (c) Additional means of compliance are provided by Paragraph 8 of and Appendix 2 to AMC 20-20A.

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GM1 26.303(a) Derogation from point (a)(ii)

ED Decision 2020/023/R

Compliance with point [26.303\(a\)\(ii\)](#) of Part-26 is not required if the holder of the (R)TC demonstrates that the aeroplane models affected by the service information for a maintenance action will not be operated any more after the scheduled point of submittal for the service information of that maintenance action.

The wording 'not operated any more' means that no aeroplanes of that model are operated anywhere in the world after the scheduled point of submittal of the service information.

The following non-exhaustive list provides examples of how to demonstrate that an aeroplane model is not operated any more:

- Provide evidence that all the examples of that aeroplane model have been scrapped;

- Provide evidence that all the remaining examples of that aeroplane model are no longer in airworthy condition and are not expected to return into service in the future (e.g. permanent storage for the purpose of being transferred to a museum or scrapped).

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26.304 Corrosion prevention and control programme

Regulation (EU) 2020/1159

- (a) A holder of a type-certificate (TC) or a restricted TC for a turbine-powered large aeroplane certified on or after 1 January 1958, for which the application for TC was submitted before 1 January 2019, shall establish a baseline corrosion prevention and control programme (CPCP).
- (b) Unless the baseline CPCP referred to in paragraph (a) has already been approved by the Agency in accordance with point 21.A.3B(c)(1) of Annex 1 to Regulation (EU) No 748/2012 or in a maintenance review board report (MRBR) approved by the Agency, the holder of a type-certificate (TC) or a restricted TC shall submit the CPCP to the Agency before 26 February 2023, for approval.
- (c) An applicant for a TC or restricted TC as referred to in letter (c) of [Article 1](#) paragraph 2, for a turbine-powered large aeroplane shall establish a baseline corrosion prevention and control programme (CPCP) prior to the TC being issued.

CS 26.304(a) CPCP

ED Decision 2020/023/R

Compliance with point [26.304](#) of Part-26 is demonstrated by complying with CS 25.571 Amendment 19 or subsequent amendment, or with points (a) or (b) of this CS:

- (a) A baseline CPCP is established according to AMC 20-20A Paragraph 9 or equivalent means, it includes a statement that requires the operator to control corrosion to Level 1 or better, and is submitted to EASA for approval.
- (b) A baseline CPCP already exists for the type that is either approved by EASA through the maintenance review board (MRB) and industry steering committee (ISC) using existing procedures for EASA maintenance review board report (MRBR) approval or through an existing EASA AD.

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26.305 Validity of the continuing structural integrity programme

Regulation (EU) 2020/1159

- (a) A holder of a type-certificate (TC) or a restricted TC for a turbine-powered large aeroplane certified on or after 1 January 1958, for which the application for TC was submitted before 1 January 2019, shall establish and implement a process that ensures that the continuing structural integrity programme remains valid throughout the operational life of the aeroplane, taking into account service experience and current operations.
- (b) The holder of a type-certificate (TC) or a restricted TC shall submit a description of the process referred to in paragraph (a) to the Agency before 26 February 2023 for approval. The holder of a type-certificate (TC) or a restricted TC shall implement the process within 6 months after its approval by the Agency.

- (c) An applicant for a TC or restricted TC as referred to in letter (c) of [Article 1](#) paragraph 2 for a turbine-powered large aeroplane, shall establish and implement a process that ensures that the continuing structural integrity programme remains valid throughout the operational life of the aeroplane, taking into account service experience and current operations. It shall submit a description of the process to the Agency before 26 February 2023, or before the issuance of the certificate, whichever occurs later, for approval and shall implement the process within 6 months after its approval by the Agency.

CS 26.305(a) and (c) Validity of the continuing structural integrity programme

ED Decision 2020/023/R

Compliance with points [26.305\(a\)](#) and [26.305\(c\)](#) of Part-26 is demonstrated by complying with the following:

- (a) Except as provided in point (h) of this CS, a process exists, and a report is submitted to EASA that describes the process and how it is implemented;
- (b) The process is either continuous with each service finding, or is a regular review following several findings, or a combination of both;
- (c) The process includes a plan to audit and report to EASA the effectiveness of the continuing structural integrity programme, including the continuing validity of the assumptions upon which it is based, prior to reaching any significant point in the life of the aeroplane;
- (d) The process includes criteria for summarising findings of fatigue, environmental or accidental damage and their causes, and recording them in a way that allows any potential interaction to be evaluated;
- (e) The process includes criteria to assess and record the relevance of each potential contributing factor to the finding, including operational usage, fatigue load spectra, environmental conditions, material properties, manufacturing processes and the fatigue and damage tolerance analytical methods of analysis and their implementation;
- (f) The process includes criteria for establishing and revising sampling programmes to supplement the inspections and other procedures established in compliance with the applicable fatigue and damage tolerance requirements; and
- (g) The process includes criteria for establishing when structures should be modified, or the inspection programme revised, in the light of in-service damage findings;
- (h) Sunset criteria: The extent to which the above elements of the process require definition may be tailored to the size of the fleet and its expected useful remaining life.
- (i) Additional means of compliance may be found in Paragraph 5 of and Appendix 5 to AMC 20-20A.

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26.306 Fatigue critical baseline structure

Regulation (EU) 2020/1159

- (a) A holder of a type-certificate (TC) or a restricted TC for a turbine-powered large aeroplane certified on or after 1 January 1958, for which the application for TC was submitted before 1 January 2019, and certified to carry 30 passengers or more, or with a payload capacity of 3 402 kg (7 500 lbs) or more shall identify and list the fatigue-critical baseline structures (FCBS) for all aeroplane model variations and derivatives included in the TC or restricted TC.
- (b) The holder of a type-certificate (TC) or a restricted TC shall submit the list of the structures referred to in paragraph (a) to the Agency before 26 August 2021 for approval.
- (c) Upon approval of the list referred to in paragraph (a) by the Agency, the holder of a type-certificate (TC) or a restricted TC shall make it available to operators and persons required to comply with points [26.330](#) and [26.370](#).
- (d) An applicant for a TC or restricted TC as referred to in letter (c) of [Article 1](#) paragraph 2, for a turbine-powered large aeroplane to be certified to carry 30 passengers or more, or with a payload capacity of 3 402 kg (7 500 lbs) or more shall identify and list the fatigue-critical baseline structures (FCBS) for all aeroplane model variations and derivatives included in the TC or restricted TC. It shall submit the list of these structures to the Agency before 26 August 2021, or before the issuance of the certificate, whichever occurs later, for approval.
- (e) Upon approval of the list referred to in paragraph (d) by the Agency, the applicant for a TC or restricted TC as referred to letter (c) of [Article 1](#) paragraph 2 shall make it available to operators and persons required to comply with point [26.370](#).

CS 26.306(a) and (d) Fatigue-critical baseline structure

ED Decision 2020/023/R

Compliance with points [26.306\(a\)](#) and [26.306\(d\)](#) of Part-26 is demonstrated when a list of the FCBSs exists that has been identified in compliance with AMC 25.571 Appendix 5 or AMC 20-20A Appendix 3 paragraph 3.3, and which clearly describes the location and the extent of the FCBSs.

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26.307 Damage tolerance data for existing changes to fatigue-critical structure

Regulation (EU) 2020/1159

- (a) A holder of a type-certificate (TC) or restricted TC for a turbine-powered large aeroplane certified on or after 1 January 1958 certified to carry 30 passengers or more, or with a payload capacity of 3 402 kg (7 500 lbs) or more, for changes and fatigue-critical modified structure (FCMS) existing on 26 February 2021 shall:
 - (i) review existing design changes (design modifications) and identify all changes that affect FCBS identified in accordance with point [26.306](#);
 - (ii) for each change identified in accordance with paragraph (a)(i), identify any associated fatigue-critical modified structure (FCMS);
 - (iii) for each change identified in accordance with paragraph (a)(i), perform a damage tolerance evaluation and establish and document the associated damage tolerance inspections;

- (b) The holder of a type-certificate (TC) or a restricted TC shall submit the list of all fatigue-critical modified structure (FCMS) identified in accordance with paragraph (a)(ii) to the Agency before 26 February 2022, for approval.
- (c) The holder of a type-certificate (TC) or a restricted TC shall submit the damage tolerance data, including DTI, resulting from the evaluation performed in accordance with paragraph (a)(iii) to the Agency before 26 August 2022, for approval.
- (d) Upon approval by the Agency of the FCMS list submitted in accordance with paragraph (b), the holder of a type- certificate (TC) or restricted shall make that list available to operators and persons required to comply with points [26.330](#) and [26.370](#).

CS 26.307(a)(i),(ii) and (b) List of fatigue-critical modified structure

ED Decision 2020/023/R

Compliance with points [26.307\(a\)\(i\) and \(ii\)](#) and [26.307\(b\)](#) of Part-26 is demonstrated when a list of the fatigue-critical modified structures (FCMSs) exists that has been identified in compliance with AMC 20-20A Appendix 3 paragraph 4, and which clearly describes the location and the extent of the FCMS.

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CS 26.307(a)(iii) and (c) Damage tolerance data for existing changes to the FCS

ED Decision 2020/023/R

Compliance with the fatigue and damage tolerance evaluation required by point [26.307 \(a\)\(iii\) and \(c\)](#) of Part-26 is demonstrated by complying with CS 25.571 Amendment 19 or subsequent amendment, or with the following:

- (a) The fatigue and damage tolerance evaluation is in accordance with the damage tolerance requirements of the applicable certification basis, except as provided in point (b) of this CS.
- (b) For aeroplanes certified on the basis of JAR-25 Change 6 or 14 CFR §25.571 Amendment 44 or equivalent, or earlier amendments, the fatigue and damage tolerance evaluation of the change is in accordance with JAR-25 Change 7 or 14 CFR §25.571 Amendment 45, or equivalent, or later amendments, except that residual strength loads may be based upon the fail-safe load cases of the original certification basis.

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26.308 Damage tolerance data for existing repairs to fatigue-critical structure

Regulation (EU) 2020/1159

- (a) A holder of a type-certificate (TC) or restricted TC for a turbine-powered large aeroplane certified on or after 1 January 1958 certified to carry 30 passengers or more, or with a payload capacity of 3 402 kg (7 500 lbs) or more, for published repairs existing on 26 February 2021 shall:
 - (i) review the repair data and identify each repair specified in the data that affects the fatigue-critical baseline structure and the fatigue-critical modified structure identified in accordance with paragraph (a) of point [26.306](#) and paragraph (a)(ii) of point [26.307](#);
 - (ii) perform a damage tolerance evaluation for each repair identified in accordance with paragraph (a)(i), unless previously done.

- (b) The holder of a type-certificate (TC) or restricted TC shall submit the damage tolerance data, including DTI, resulting from the evaluation performed in accordance with paragraph (a)(ii) to the Agency before 26 May 2022, for approval, unless already approved in accordance with point 21.A.435(b)(2) of Annex I (Part 21) to Regulation (EU) No 748/2012 before 26 August 2022.

CS 26.308 Damage tolerance data for existing published repairs to fatigue-critical structure

ED Decision 2020/023/R

Compliance with point [26.308\(a\)](#) of Part-26 is demonstrated when damage tolerance data is developed in accordance with AMC 20-20A Paragraph 7 and Appendix 3 for each existing published repair to the fatigue-critical structure (FCS) identified in accordance with points [26.306](#) and [26.307](#) of Part-26.

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26.309 Repair evaluation guidelines

Regulation (EU) 2020/1159

- (a) A holder of a type-certificate (TC) or restricted TC for a turbine-powered large aeroplane certified on or after 1 January 1958 certified to carry 30 passengers or more, or with a payload capacity of 3 402 kg (7 500 lbs) or more and for which the TC or restricted TC was issued prior to 11 January 2008, shall develop repair evaluation guidelines (REGs) to establish:
- (i) a process for conducting surveys of affected aeroplane that enables the identification and documentation of all existing repairs affecting the fatigue-critical structure identified in accordance with paragraph (a) of point [26.306](#) and paragraph (a)(ii) of point [26.307](#);
 - (ii) a process that enables operators to obtain a DTI for repairs identified in accordance with paragraph (a)(i);
 - (iii) an implementation schedule that provides time frames for conducting aeroplane surveys, obtaining DTIs and incorporating DTIs into the maintenance programme of the operator of the aeroplane.
- (b) The holder of a TC or a restricted TC shall submit the repair evaluation guidelines developed in accordance with paragraph (a) to the Agency before 26 February 2023, for approval.

CS 26.309 Repair evaluation guidelines

ED Decision 2020/023/R

Compliance with point [26.309](#) of Part-26 is demonstrated when REGs are developed in accordance with AMC 20-20A Paragraph 7 and Appendix 3 for existing reinforcing repairs affecting the FCS identified in accordance with points [26.306](#) and [26.307](#) of Part-26.

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26.330 Damage tolerance data for existing supplemental type-certificates (STCs), other existing major changes and existing repairs affecting those changes or STCs

Regulation (EU) 2020/1159

- (a) A holder of a STC issued before 26 February 2021 for a major change, or a holder of a major change that has been deemed approved in accordance with Article 4 of Regulation (EU) No 748/2012, for large aeroplanes certified on or after 1 January 1958 to carry 30 or more passengers or that have a payload capacity of 3 402 kg (7 500 lbs) or more, shall support operators required to comply with point [26.370\(a\)\(ii\)](#) by addressing the adverse effects of those changes and repairs to those changes on the aeroplane structure and shall comply with the requirements set out in points [26.331](#) to [26.334](#).
- (b) Paragraph (a) shall not apply to major changes and repairs to an aeroplane model first certified prior to 26 February 2021 when that aeroplane model meets any of the following conditions:
 - (i) it is listed in Table A.1 of [Appendix 1](#);
 - (ii) it does not operate anymore after 26 February 2021;
 - (iii) it has not been certified to conduct civil operation with a payload or passengers;
 - (iv) it has a restricted TC and have been certified in accordance with damage tolerance requirements, provided that it is not operated beyond 75 % of its design service goal and is primarily operated in support of the restricted TC holders manufacturing operation;
 - (v) it is certified with a restricted TC and is designed primarily for firefighting;
- (c) Paragraph (a) shall not apply to major changes and repairs to an aeroplane first certified prior to 26 February 2021 when the changes or repairs are not, and will not be, embodied on any aeroplane in operation on or after 26 August 2022.
- (d) The exceptions provided for in paragraph (b)(ii) to (b)(v) and (c) shall apply only after the change approval holder submits a list of changes that affect fatigue-critical baseline structure, together with information supporting the reasons why each change has been included in the list, to the Agency before 26 February 2022 for approval.

26.331 Compliance Plan for STC holders

Regulation (EU) 2020/1159

A holder of a change approval shall:

- (a) establish a compliance plan that addresses the requirements of points [26.332](#) to [26.334](#);
- (b) submit the compliance plan referred in paragraph (a) to the Agency before 25 August 2021, for approval.

CS 26.331 Compliance plan for STC holders

ED Decision 2020/023/R

Compliance with point [26.331](#) of Part-26 is demonstrated when a compliance plan exists that includes:

- (a) a project schedule identifying all the major milestones for meeting the compliance times specified in points [26.332](#) to [26.334](#) of Part-26;
- (b) an explanation of how the changes that affect the FCS will be identified and presented;

- (c) a proposed means of compliance with the DTE required by points [26.333](#) and [26.334](#) of Part-26;
- (d) a plan for submitting drafts of all the compliance items required by point [26.330](#) of Part-26 for review by EASA not less than 60 days before the applicable compliance date.

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26.332 Identification of changes affecting fatigue critical structure

Regulation (EU) 2020/1159

- (a) A holder of a change approval shall:
 - (i) review the changes and shall identify those changes that affect fatigue-critical baseline structure;
 - (ii) for each change identified in accordance with paragraph (a)(i), identify any associated FCMS;
 - (iii) identify the published repairs affecting each change identified in accordance with paragraph (a)(i).
- (b) The holder of a change approval that was issued on or after 1 September 2003, shall develop and submit a list of the changes and FCMS identified in accordance with paragraphs (a)(i) and (a)(ii) to the Agency before 26 February 2022, for approval, and, upon approval by the Agency, make the list available to persons and operators required to comply with paragraph (b)(ii) of point [26.370](#).
- (c) The holder of a change approval that was issued before 1 September 2003 shall:
 - (i) develop and submit a list of the changes identified in accordance with paragraph (a)(i) to the Agency before 26 February 2022, for approval;
 - (ii) upon request of an operator required to comply with point [26.370\(a\)\(ii\)](#) for a change, identify and list any FCMS associated with the change and submit this data to the Agency within 12 months from the operators request, for approval;
 - (iii) upon approval of any data submitted according to paragraphs (c)(i) and (c)(ii), make that data available to persons and operators required to comply with paragraph (b)(ii) of point [26.370](#).

CS 26.332 Identification of changes affecting fatigue-critical structure

ED Decision 2020/023/R

- (a) Compliance with points [26.332\(a\)\(i\)](#) and [26.332\(b\)](#) or [26.332\(c\)\(i\)](#) of Part-26 is demonstrated when the changes affecting the FCBS are identified in compliance with AMC 20-20A Appendix 3 paragraph 4, and the list of changes has been submitted to EASA for approval.
- (b) Compliance with points [26.332\(a\)\(ii\)](#) and [26.332\(b\)](#) or [26.332\(c\)\(ii\)](#) of Part-26 is demonstrated when any associated FCMS has been identified in compliance with AMC 20-20A Appendix 3 paragraph 4, and the list of the FCMSs clearly describing the location and the extent of the FCMSs has been submitted to EASA for approval.

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GM1 26.332(a)(iii) Identification of published repairs to changes affecting fatigue-critical structure

ED Decision 2020/023/R

There is no requirement to list the published repairs to changes; however, the change approval holder will need to have identified these repairs in order to subsequently comply with points [26.333\(a\)\(i\)](#) and [26.334\(a\)\(i\)](#) of Part-26.

‘Published repairs’ are described in AMC 20-20A, Appendix 3, paragraph 4.3.3.

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GM1 26.332(c)(ii) and 26.334 FCMS and DTE for STCs and other changes approved prior to 1 September 2003

ED Decision 2020/023/R

The design approval holder should normally receive a request from an operator for FCMS lists and a DTI within 13 months of the date of applicability of the Regulation following the operator’s review of records to identify modifications affecting the FCBS, (see [CS 26.370\(b\)\(ii\)](#)). The request should result in the design approval holder listing the FCMSs, performing a DTE and making the approved FCMS list and a DTI available to the operator.

Design approval holders are recommended to initiate DTE of STCs and other changes as soon as possible if it is considered likely that operators will make a request.

When a request is received, the date of its receipt should be recorded, and a record kept of the subsequent communications with the operator, the agreements reached, and actions taken. An example of such records would be a copy of the contract to perform the DTE.

If no request for a DTI is made by an operator prior to 26 February 2023, the design approval holder may assume that their support is not required by any operator to develop a DTI because the aeroplane is not currently in operation according to Regulation (EU) No 965/2012 Annex IV (Part-CAT).

In this case, it is not necessary for the design approval holder to develop an FCMS list or DT data until such a request is received from an operator; for example, when an aeroplane is incorporated into their fleet.

Note: It might also be possible that an operator operating under Regulation (EU) No 965/2012 Annex IV (Part-CAT) has engaged the support of a third party to develop the DTI, but there is no obligation on the design approval holder to verify whether this is the case. If a design approval holder is in a situation where the need to comply with point [26.334](#) of Part-26 is not clear, this should be highlighted to EASA in the frame of the discussion of the compliance plan required in point [26.331](#) of Part-26 in order to find a way forward.

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26.333 Damage tolerance data for STCs and repairs to those STCs approved on or after 1 September 2003

Regulation (EU) 2020/1159

- (a) A holder of a change approval that was issued on or after 1 September 2003 shall:
 - (i) for changes and published repairs identified in accordance with paragraph (a)(i) of point [26.332](#) and paragraph (a)(iii) of point [26.332](#), perform a damage tolerance evaluation;
 - (ii) establish and document the associated damage tolerance inspection, unless it has already been done.
- (b) The holder of a change approval shall submit the damage tolerance data resulting from the damage tolerance evaluation performed in accordance with paragraph (a)(i) to the Agency before 26 February 2023, for approval, unless it is already approved in accordance with point 21.B.111 of Annex I (Part 21) to Regulation (EU) No 748/2012.
- (c) By way of derogation from paragraph (b), for changes that did not have a damage tolerance evaluation requirement in the certification basis, the holder of a change approval identified in paragraph (a) shall submit the damage tolerance data resulting from the damage tolerance evaluation performed in accordance with paragraph (a) to the Agency, within the following deadlines, whichever occurs later, for approval:
 - (i) prior to an aeroplane with that change embodied being operated in accordance with Annex IV (Part-CAT) to Regulation (EU) No 965/2012¹; or
 - (ii) before 26 February 2023.

CS 26.333 and 26.334 Damage tolerance data for STCs, other changes and repairs to those STCs and changes

ED Decision 2020/023/R

Compliance with the fatigue and damage tolerance evaluation required by points [26.333\(a\)\(i\)](#) or [26.334\(a\)\(i\)](#) of Part-26 is demonstrated by complying with CS 25.571 Amendment 19, or subsequent amendment, or with the following:

- (a) The fatigue and damage tolerance evaluation is accomplished in accordance with the damage tolerance requirements of the applicable certification basis or a later amendment, except as provided in point (b) of this CS.
- (b) For aeroplanes certified on the basis of JAR-25 Change 6 or 14 CFR §25.571 Amendment 44 or equivalent, or an earlier amendment, the fatigue and damage tolerance evaluation of the change or repair is accomplished in accordance with JAR-25 Change 7 or 14 CFR §25.571 Amendment 45, or equivalent, or later amendments, except that residual strength loads may be based upon the fail-safe load cases of the original certification basis.

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¹ Regulation (EU) No 965/2012 of 5 October 2012 laying down technical requirements and administrative procedures related to air operations pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 216/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 296, 25.10.2012, p. 1).

26.334 Damage tolerance data for STCs and other changes and repairs to those changes approved before 1 September 2003

Regulation (EU) 2021/97

- (a) Upon request of an operator required to comply with point 26.370(a)(ii), a holder of a change approval that was issued before 1 September 2003 shall:
 - (i) for changes and published repairs identified in accordance with paragraph (a)(i) of point 26.332 and paragraph (a) (iii) of point 26.332, perform a damage tolerance evaluation;
 - (ii) establish and document the associated damage tolerance inspection, unless it has already been done.
- (b) The holder of a change approval shall submit the damage tolerance data resulting from the evaluation performed in accordance with paragraph (a)(i) to the Agency:
 - (i) within 24 months from receipt of a request, for requests received prior to 26 February 2023, for approval; or
 - (ii) before 26 February 2025 or within 12 months from receipt of a request, whichever occurs later, for requests received on or after 26 February 2023, for approval.

26.370 Continuing airworthiness tasks and aircraft maintenance programme

Regulation (EU) 2020/1159

- (a) Operators or owners of turbine-powered large aeroplanes certified on or after 1 January 1958 shall ensure the continuing airworthiness of ageing aeroplanes structures by preparing the aircraft maintenance programme provided for in point M.A.302 of Annex I (Part-M) to Commission Regulation (EU) No 1321/2014¹ that shall include:
 - (i) for aeroplanes certified to carry 30 passengers or more, or with a payload capacity greater than 3 402 kg (7 500 lbs), an approved damage-tolerance-based inspection programme;
 - (ii) for aeroplanes operated in accordance with Annex IV (Part-CAT) to Regulation (EU) No 965/2012 and certified to carry 30 passengers or more or with a payload capacity greater than 3 402 kg (7 500 lbs), a means for addressing the adverse effects that repairs and modifications may have on fatigue-critical structure and on inspections provided for in point (a)(i);
 - (iii) for aeroplanes certified with a maximum take-off weight (MTOW) greater than 34 019 kg (75 000 lbs) an approved LOV;
 - (iv) a CPCP;

¹ Commission Regulation (EU) No 1321/2014 of 26 November 2014 on the continuing airworthiness of aircraft and aeronautical products, parts and appliances, and on the approval of organisations and personnel involved in these tasks (OJ L 362, 17.12.2014, p. 1).

- (b) The following deadlines shall apply to the obligation referred to in paragraph (a):
- (i) the aircraft maintenance programme shall be revised to address the requirements of points (a)(i), (a)(ii) and (a)(iv) before 26 February 2024 or before operating the aeroplane, whichever occurs later;
 - (ii) the aircraft maintenance programme shall be revised to address the requirements of point (a)(iii) before 26 August 2021, or 6 months after the publication of the LOV, or before operating the aeroplane, whichever occurs later;
- (c) For an aeroplane model first certified before 26 February 2021 and:
- (i) that does not operate anymore after 26 February 2024 points (a)(i), (a)(ii) and (a)(iv) shall not apply;
 - (ii) that does not operate anymore after 26 August 2021 point (a)(iii) shall not apply;
 - (iii) with a restricted TC issued before 26 February 2021 in accordance with damage tolerance requirements, provided that it is not operated beyond 75 % of its design service goal and is primarily operated in support of the approval holders manufacturing operation points (a)(i), (a)(ii) and (a)(iv) shall not apply;
- (d) For an aeroplane model with a restricted type certificate issued before 26 February 2021 and the primary purpose of which is firefighting, points (a)(i) and (a)(ii) shall not apply.

CS 26.370 Continuing airworthiness tasks and aircraft maintenance programme — Operators and organisations responsible for maintenance programmes for large aeroplanes under Part-M

ED Decision 2020/023/R

- (a) Compliance with point [26.370\(a\)\(i\)](#) of Part-26 is demonstrated by incorporating into the aircraft maintenance programme (AMP) the approved damage-tolerance-based inspection programme developed by the design approval holders in accordance with [CS 26.302](#).
- (b) Compliance with point [26.370\(a\)\(ii\)](#) of Part-26 is demonstrated by complying with point (i) of this CS or by ensuring that the adverse effects that repairs and modifications may have on FCS are addressed by:
- (1) incorporating into the AMP all available approved DTIs for modifications by 26 February 2024 following compliance with points (c) to (e) of this CS;
 - (2) complying with point (f) of this CS;
 - (3) incorporating in the AMP the approved DTIs for all other repairs and modifications in accordance with the schedule adopted in a plan to be included, or referred to, in the AMP by 26 February 2024 in compliance with points (g) and (h) of this CS.
- (c) Review of aeroplane records and initial request for data
- (1) A candidate list of the major modifications in the aeroplane that affect or include FCS has been identified by means of a review of records, and listed in a report prepared by the continuing airworthiness maintenance organisation by 26 February 2022.
 - (2) Requests for FCMS lists and DTIs for modifications identified in point (c)(1) above as supplemental type certificates (STCs) and other changes, approved prior to 1 September 2003, are submitted to the design approval holder by 26 March 2022, or an alternative source of approved DTIs is identified.

- (3) A final list of the major modifications in the aeroplane that affect or include FCS, taking into account the candidate list in point (c)(1) above, the available design approval holder lists of changes that affect the FCBS and the continuing airworthiness management organisation's own evaluation, is included in a report prepared by the continued airworthiness management organisation. The report should be completed by 26 August 2022 or before operating the aeroplane in accordance with Part-CAT, whichever occurs later.
- (d) Operator or owner review of design approval holder compliance data
- A review has been conducted by the continuing airworthiness management organisation of the applicable documents supplied by type certificate (TC) holders and STC holders in compliance with points [26.302](#), [26.306](#) to [26.309](#) and [26.332](#) to [26.334](#) of Part-26, which supports the identification of the available FCS and DTIs relevant to each aeroplane.
- (e) DTIs that should be incorporated into the AMP before 26 February 2024.
- For modifications with an approved DTI that is available and compliant with points [26.307](#) or [26.333](#) of Part 26, all the applicable DTIs should be incorporated into the AMP by 26 February 2024 or before operating the aeroplane in accordance with Part-CAT, whichever occurs later.
- (f) Modifications incorporated in an aeroplane imported to the EU after 26 February 2021
- For all major modifications affecting FCS incorporated in an aeroplane that is imported to the EU after 26 February 2021, the applicable approved DTI should be obtained and incorporated into the AMP by 26 February 2024 or before operating the aeroplane in accordance with Part-CAT, whichever occurs later.
- (g) Means to address the adverse effect of repairs and modifications that have not had DTIs incorporated into the AMP according to points (e) and (f) of this CS
- (1) A plan has been established by the continuing airworthiness management organisation to obtain and implement all the applicable DT data for existing major modifications and reinforcing repairs affecting the FCS.
- (2) The plan has been incorporated, in full or by reference, into the AMP for approval in accordance with point M.A.302 of Annex I (Part-M) to Regulation (EU) No 1321/2014.
- (3) For each modification identified in the list contained in the report of point (c)(3) above and that is subject to this point, the plan shows that:
- (i) requests for DT data have been made to the DAH that has to comply with point [26.334](#) of Part-26, and an agreement for obtaining approved DTIs is reached, or
- (ii) an agreement is established with a third party to provide approved DTIs,
- in order to support a schedule for incorporation of the DTIs into the AMP in accordance with point (h).
- (4) In case a modification is identified after establishing the list of modifications according to point (c)(3) above, e.g. during an aeroplane survey, add that modification to the list.

- (5) The plan ensures that reinforcing repairs to the FCS will be identified and assessed for DT by specifying processes for:
- (i) conducting surveys and records reviews of the affected aeroplanes as necessary to ensure the identification and documentation of all the existing reinforcing repairs that affect the FCS; and
 - (ii) obtaining DT data for reinforcing repairs identified in point (g)(5)(i) above.
- The plan does not need to include an aeroplane survey when the aeroplane certification basis for the complete structure of the aeroplane is CS 25.571. Reinforcing repairs are described in point 3.13.3 of Appendix 3 to AMC 20-20A.
- (6) This plan also includes schedules for:
- (i) conducting aeroplane surveys, obtaining DT data for repairs and incorporating all approved DTIs into the AMP considering the applicable REGs. Additional means of compliance may be found in Appendix 3 to AMC 20-20A;
 - (ii) obtaining DT data for all major modifications identified either in the plan or added to the list of modifications according to point (g)(4) above, and incorporating the applicable approved DTIs in the AMP in accordance with point (h) below.
- (h) Schedule for obtaining DT data for certain modifications
- For major modifications subject to point (g), a schedule is established for obtaining DT data such that:
- (1) for major modifications identified in the plan in accordance with point (g)(3), all applicable approved DTIs will be incorporated into the AMP before 26 February 2026; and
 - (2) for major modifications identified according to point (g)(4), the applicable approved DTIs will be incorporated into the AMP by 26 February 2026 or within 12 months of the identification of that modification, or before operating the aircraft in accordance with Part-CAT, whichever occurs later.
- (i) As an alternative to compliance with points (c) to (h) above, compliance with point 26.370(a)(ii) of Part-26 is demonstrated when a process exists and has been implemented to ensure that approved DTIs for all repairs and modifications affecting the FCS of an aeroplane have been incorporated into the AMP since the aeroplane first entered service.
- (j) Compliance with point [26.370\(a\)\(iii\)](#) of Part-26 is demonstrated by incorporating into the maintenance programme the most restrictive applicable limitation of points (1), (2) or (3) below, in flight cycles or flight hours or both, as appropriate:
- (1) An EASA-approved LOV in accordance with Part-26, or
 - (2) An EASA-approved limitation on the applicability of the ALS of the instructions for continued airworthiness at the aeroplane level, in accordance with JAR/CS 25.571 and 25.1529 (or equivalent), or

- (3) For aeroplanes listed in Table 1 below, the limitation in Table 1, unless EASA has approved different limitations in accordance with (1) or (2).

Type/Model	FC/FH
Boeing 707 (-300 Series and -400 Series)	20 000 FC
Boeing 720	30 000 FC
DC 8	50 000 FC/50 000 FH
DC-9	100 000 FC/100 000 FH
DC-10-10, -15	42 000 FC/60 000 FH
DC-10-30, -40, -10F, -30F, -40F	30 000 FC/60 000 FH
MD-10-10F	42 000 FC/60 000 FH
MD-10-30F	30,000 FC/60,000 FH
MD-90	60 000 FC/90 000 FH
Lockheed Electra L-188	26 600 FC
Lockheed Hercules 382 Series Hercules Models 382, 382B, 382E, 382F, and 382G	20 000 FC/50 000 FH
Lockheed Tristar L-1011-385-1, L-1011-385-1-14, L-1011-385-1-15, and L-1011-385-3.	36 000 FC

Table 1

- (k) Compliance with point [26.370\(a\)\(iv\)](#) of Part-26 is demonstrated by incorporating a CPCP into the maintenance programme, and where a TC holder baseline CPCP produced in accordance with point [26.304](#) of Part-26 exists, it is taken into account in the development of the operator's CPCP.

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GM1 26.370(a)(ii) Means to address the adverse effects of repairs and modifications

ED Decision 2020/023/R

Unless an operator or owner complies with [CS 26.370\(i\)](#) and in order to comply in a timely manner with point [26.370\(a\)\(ii\)](#) of Part-26, it is necessary to accomplish specific actions beforehand, to identify changes affecting the FCS, request the DT data, and review the design approval holder documentation, in accordance with [CS 26.370 \(c\) and \(d\)](#).

DTIs that should be available and incorporated into the AMP before 26 February 2024 are those DTIs that have been developed by the TC holder and STC holders in compliance with points [26.302](#), [26.307](#) and [26.333](#) of Part-26. The timescales for those requirements should mean that the DT data is submitted to EASA for approval by 26 February 2023, and following approval, the design approval holder has to make the DTIs available to operators, allowing them to incorporate the data prior to 26 February 2024. The operator will need to identify and contact the design approval holder for the applicable modification and request DT data for the modification. If the design approval holder for a modification installed on an operator's aeroplane no longer exists or does not make the DTI available for some reason that is out of the operator's control, the DTI may be obtained and incorporated according to the schedules outlined in [CS 26.370\(h\)](#). In these cases, the plan used in accordance with [CS 26.370\(g\)](#) should show the course of action for that modification, including the agreements by which the DTIs will be obtained.

For modifications approved after 1 September 2003, if the operator decides not to obtain the DTI that is available from the design approval holder of the modification and elects to contract a third party,

the timescale of [CS 26.370\(e\)](#) for the incorporation of the approved DTI into the AMP remains unchanged.

For the DTIs of modifications where the TC holder is not the approval holder and the approval was issued prior to 1 September 2003, the operator will have to make a request for that data to the approval holder, who would then have to comply with point [26.334](#) of Part-26 and make the DTIs available, or the operator may arrange with a third party to perform the DTE and provide approved DTIs. The DT data should be obtained, and the DTIs incorporated into the AMP according to the schedules outlined in [CS 26.370\(h\)](#), and this should be part of the plan used in accordance with [CS 26.370\(g\)](#).

When a request for DT data is made to the design approval holder that has to comply with point [26.334](#) of Part-26, it should be in written form, the date of the request should be recorded, and a record kept of the subsequent communications with the DAH, the agreements reached and the actions taken. An example of such records would be a copy of the contract to provide the DT data.

For each modification identified in the review of records as per [CS 26.370\(c\)](#), when the DTI for a modification is not already incorporated into the AMP, the operator should ensure that it will be obtained. This means that the design approval holders of all modifications for which the operator has identified a potential need for DTIs should be approached in a timely manner.

For repairs, acceptable procedures for conducting aeroplane surveys, and schedules for obtaining, incorporating and implementing DTIs may be found in the applicable REGs made available by the TC holder as required by point [26.309](#) of Part-26 and described in Appendix 3 to AMC 20-20A.

[Issue: 26/3]

SUBPART C — HELICOPTERS

26.400 Fire extinguishers

Regulation (EU) 2019/133

Operators of large helicopters shall ensure that the following extinguishers do not use halon as an extinguishing agent:

- (a) built-in fire extinguishers for each lavatory waste receptacle for towels, paper or waste in large helicopters for which the individual certificate of airworthiness is first issued on or after 18 February 2020;
- (b) portable fire extinguishers in large helicopters for which the individual certificate of airworthiness is first issued on or after 18 May 2019.

CS 26.400 Fire extinguishers

ED Decision 2020/023/R

Compliance with point [26.400](#) of [Part-26](#) is demonstrated by complying with the following (see also [GM1 26.400\(b\)](#)):

- (a) the extinguishing agent that is used in a built-in fire extinguisher for a lavatory waste receptacle or in a portable fire extinguisher for cabins and crew compartments must not be one of the agents that are listed in Annex A — Group II: Halons (halon 1211, halon 1301, and halon 2402) of 'The Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer', 8th Edition, 2009;
- (b) the agent in any fire extinguisher must be acceptable, and be of a kind and in a quantity that is appropriate for the kinds of fire that are likely to occur where the extinguisher is intended to be used;
- (c) any agent that is used in a personnel compartment or that is likely to enter a personnel compartment must be designed to minimise the hazard of a toxic gas concentration; and
- (d) a discharge of the extinguisher must not cause any structural damage.

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GM1 26.400(b) Fire extinguishers

ED Decision 2020/023/R

1. LAVATORY FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

Appendix D to Report DOT/FAA/AR-96/122 'Development of a Minimum Performance Standard for Lavatory Trash Receptacle Automatic Fire Extinguishers' of February 1997 may be used for showing compliance with [CS 26.400\(b\)](#).

General guidance on the alternative extinguishing agents that are considered to be acceptable can be found in AMC 29.1197.

2. HANDHELD FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) Aerospace Standard (AS) 6271 'Halocarbon Clean Agent Hand Held Fire Extinguisher' or European Technical Standard Order (ETSO) 2C515 'Aircraft Halocarbon Clean Agent — Handheld Fire Extinguisher' may be used for showing compliance with [CS 26.400\(b\)](#).

General guidance on the alternative extinguishing agents that are considered to be acceptable can be found in AMC 29.1197.

[Issue: 26/3]

26.410 Emergency controls operated underwater

Regulation (EU) 2022/1254

Operators of small helicopters and large helicopters that are required, in accordance with point CAT.IDE.H.320(a) of Annex IV to Regulation (EU) No 965/2012, to be designed for landing on water or certified for ditching, shall ensure that all the emergency controls that need to be operated underwater are marked with the method of operation as well as with yellow and black stripes.

CS 26.410 Emergency controls operated underwater

ED Decision 2022/019/R

Compliance with point [26.410](#) of Part-26 is demonstrated by complying with CS 27.1555(d)(2) of CS 27 at Amendment 5 or later, or the equivalent, or CS 29.1555(d)(2) of CS-29 at Amendment 5 or later, or the equivalent respectively.

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26.415 Underwater emergency exits

Regulation (EU) 2022/1254

- (a) Operators of small helicopters and large helicopters that are required, in accordance with point CAT.IDE.H.320(a) of Annex IV to Regulation (EU) No 965/2012, to be designed for landing on water or certified for ditching, shall ensure that:
- (1) it is possible for occupants to easily identify the means to operate all the underwater emergency exits to facilitate egress in the case of ditching or capsizing;
 - (2) an underwater emergency exit is available on each side of the helicopter for each unit, (or part of a unit, of four passenger seats unless the emergency underwater exit is large enough to permit the simultaneous egress of two passengers);
 - (3) passenger seats are located in relation to the underwater emergency exits referred to in point (2) in such a way as to facilitate the escape of passengers in the event of the helicopter capsizing and the cabin becoming flooded.
- (b) Operators of small category A helicopters and large helicopters that are required, in accordance with point CAT.IDE.H.320(a) of Annex IV to Regulation (EU) No 965/2012, to be designed for landing on water or certified for ditching, shall ensure that:
- (1) all emergency exits, including flight crew emergency exits, and any door, window or other opening suitable to be used for the purpose of underwater escape, remain operable in an emergency;
 - (2) an automatic means is provided to easily identify the periphery of the apertures of all underwater emergency exits in all lighting conditions; such markings must be designed to remain visible in case the helicopter is capsized or the cabin is submerged.

CS 26.415 Underwater emergency exits

ED Decision 2022/019/R

- (a) Compliance with point [26.415\(a\)\(1\)](#) of Part-26 is demonstrated by complying with CS 27.805(c) and CS 27.807(d)(5) of CS-27 at Amendment 5 or later, or the equivalent, or CS 29.811(h)(2) of CS-29 at Amendment 5 or later, or the equivalent respectively.

Each operational device (pull tab(s), operating handle, 'push here' decal, etc.) of underwater emergency exits provided for flight crew or passengers must be marked with black and yellow stripes. Any other operating feature, e.g. highlighted 'push here' decal(s) for openable windows, must also incorporate black-and-yellow-striped markings.

In order to provide a conspicuous means of identifying the operating device or feature, at least two bands of each colour of approximately equal widths are used.

- (b)
- (1) Compliance with points [26.415\(a\)\(2\)](#) and [\(3\)](#) of Part-26 is demonstrated by complying with CS 27.807(d)(1) of CS-27 at Amendment 5 or later, or the equivalent, or CS 29.807(d)(1) of CS-29 at Amendment 5 or later, or the equivalent respectively.
 - (2) If the dimensions of the underwater emergency exits are smaller than those stipulated in CS 27.807(d)(1) of CS-27 at Amendment 5 or later, or the equivalent, or CS 29.807(d)(1) of CS-29 at Amendment 5 or later as appropriate, then the applicant must ensure that the exit can facilitate the rapid escape from the helicopter by passengers (of the maximum shoulder size that are permitted to be seated in that location) in the event of a ditching or capsizing. This can be demonstrated through test or analysis.

NOTE: The following dimensions and passenger size restrictions may be defined without the need for demonstration:

- (i) For the egress of passengers with shoulder width of 559 mm (22 inches) or smaller:
 - (A) a rectangular opening no smaller than 356 mm (14 inches) wide, with a diagonal between corner radii no smaller than 559 mm (22 in);
 - (B) a non-rectangular or partially obstructed opening (e.g. by a seat back) that is capable of admitting an ellipse of 559 mm x 356 mm (22 inches x 14 inches).
 - (ii) For the egress of passengers with shoulder width greater than 559 mm (22 inches), openings that are no smaller than 480 mm x 660 mm (19 inches x 26 inches) or that are capable of admitting an ellipse of 480 mm x 660 mm (19 inches x 26 inches).
- (c) Compliance with point [26.415\(b\)\(1\)](#) of Part-26 is demonstrated by complying with CS 27.805(c) of CS-27 at Amendment 5 or later, or the equivalent, CS 29.805(c) of CS-29 at Amendment 5 or later, or the equivalent respectively, and with CS 27.807(b)(2) and (d) of CS-27 at Amendment 5 or later, or the equivalent, CS 29.807(d) of CS-29 at Amendment 5 or later respectively, CS 29.809(c) of CS-29 at Amendment 5 or later, or the equivalent respectively, or with the following:

Underwater emergency exits for flight crew and passengers must be proven by test, demonstration or analysis to provide for rapid escape with the helicopter in the upright floating position or capsized. The means to open an underwater emergency exit must be simple and obvious, must not require any exceptional effort, and must be evaluated.

- (d) Compliance with point [26.415\(b\)\(2\)](#) of Part-26 is demonstrated by complying with CS 29.811(h)(1) of CS-29 at Amendment 5 or later, or the equivalent, or with the following:

Underwater emergency exits for flight crew and passengers must be provided with highly conspicuous illuminated markings that are provided along the periphery (but not necessarily continuously) of each underwater emergency exit that illuminate automatically and give a clear indication of the aperture and are designed to remain visible with the helicopter capsized and the cabin or cockpit flooded. The markings must be sufficient to highlight the full periphery. The additional illuminated markings must remain visible for at least 10 minutes following rotorcraft flooding. The method chosen to automatically activate the system (e.g. water immersion switch(es), tilt switch(es), etc.) must illuminate the markings immediately, or be already illuminated, when a capsizing of the helicopter is inevitable.

[Issue: 26/4]

GM1 26.415(b) Underwater emergency exits

ED Decision 2022/019/R

The objective is for no passenger to be in a worse position than the second person to egress through an exit in the event of a capsizing. The time available for evacuation is very short in such situations, and the provision of sufficient underwater emergency exits and ensuring that no occupant should need to wait for more than one other person to escape before being able to make their own escape will minimise the passengers' time to escape. The provision of an underwater emergency exit in each side of the fuselage for each unit (or part of a unit) of four passenger seats will make this possible, provided that the seats are positioned relative to the exits to maximise the probability of safe egress.

With regard to the location of the seats relative to the exits, the most obvious layout that maximises the achievement of the objective that no passenger is in a worse position than the second person to egress through an exit is a four-abreast arrangement with all the seats in each row located appropriately and directly next to the emergency exits. However, this might not be possible in all rotorcraft designs due to issues such as limited cabin width, the need to locate seats such as to accommodate normal boarding and egress, and the installation of items other than seats in the cabin. Notwithstanding this, an egress route necessitating movement such as along an aisle, around a cabin item, or in any way other than directly towards the nearest emergency exit, to escape the rotorcraft is not considered to be compliant with this provision.

[Issue: 26/4]

GM1 26.415(c) Underwater emergency exits

ED Decision 2022/019/R

A possible design solution for the provision of sufficient underwater emergency exits may be to use the passenger cabin windows as additional emergency egress means by including a jettison feature. The jettison feature may be provided by modifying the elastomeric window seal such that its retention strength is either reduced, or can be reduced by providing a removable part of its cross section, i.e. the so-called push out window.

Exit designs with the following characteristics, when operated in an upright or any foreseeable floating attitude, would be considered to be compliant with point [26.415\(b\)\(1\)](#) of Part-26 and [CS 26.415\(c\)](#):

- (a) the use of only one hand is needed to operate the exit itself;
- (b) no part of the opening means (e.g. an operating handle or control) is located remotely from the exit (that requires the person to move away from the immediate vicinity of the exit in order to reach it);
- (c) any operating handle or control can be gripped using either a bare or a gloved hand;
- (d) the exit meets the opening effort limitations set by FAA AC 29-2C AC 29.809.

The required test, demonstration or analysis may be conducted in a non-capsized attitude (i.e. dry) but considering obstructions that may be present when capsized.

[Issue: 26/4]

GM1 26.415(d) Underwater emergency exits

ED Decision 2022/019/R

Disorientation of occupants may result in the normal emergency exit markings in the cockpit and passenger cabins being ineffective following the rotorcraft capsizing and the cabin flooding.

The additional markings of underwater emergency exits may be in the form of illuminated strips that give clear indications in all environments (e.g. at night, underwater) of the location of the underwater emergency exits.

[Issue: 26/4]

26.420 Emergency equipment for flight over water

Regulation (EU) 2022/1254

- (a) Operators of small helicopters and large helicopters that are required to comply with the requirements of point CAT.IDE.H.300 of Annex IV, point NCC.IDE.H.227 of Annex VI or point SPO.IDE.H.199 of Annex VIII to Regulation (EU) No 965/2012, shall ensure that each inflated life raft has a means to hold it near the helicopter, and an additional means to keep the inflated life raft attached to the helicopter further away at a distance that would not pose a danger to the life raft itself nor to the persons on board. In the event that the helicopter totally submerges, both of those life raft retention means shall break before the helicopter submerges, even when the life raft is empty.
- (b) Operators of small helicopters and large helicopters that are required, in accordance with point CAT.IDE.H.320(a) of Annex IV to Regulation (EU) No 965/2012, to be designed for landing on water or certified for ditching, shall ensure that stowage provisions are provided that accommodate one life preserver for each helicopter occupant within easy reach of each occupant while seated, unless occupants are always required to wear them whilst on board the helicopter.
- (c) Operators of large helicopters that are required by point SPA.HOFO.165(d) of Annex V to Regulation (EU) No 965/2012 to have one or more life rafts installed, shall ensure that the life raft(s):

- (1) is (are) remotely deployable, with the means to deploy the life raft(s), located within easy reach of the flight crew, the occupants of the passenger cabin and any survivors in the water, with the helicopter in an upright floating or capsized position;
- (2) can be reliably deployed with the helicopter in any reasonably foreseeable floating attitude, including capsize, and in the substantiated sea conditions for capsize resistance.

CS 26.420 Flight over water emergency equipment

ED Decision 2022/019/R

- (a) Compliance with point [26.420\(a\)\(1\)](#) of Part-26 is demonstrated by complying with CS 27.1415(b)(2) of CS-27 at Amendment 5 or later, or the equivalent, or CS 29.1415(b)(2) of CS-29 at Amendment 5 or later, or the equivalent respectively, or with the following:

Each life raft must be attached to the helicopter by a short retaining line to keep it alongside the helicopter and a long retaining line designed to keep it attached to the helicopter. Both retaining lines must be weak enough to break before submerging the empty life raft to which they are attached. The long retaining line must be of sufficient length that a drifting life raft will not be drawn towards any part of the helicopter that would pose a danger to the life raft itself or the persons on board.

- (b) Compliance with point [26.420\(b\)](#) of Part-26 is demonstrated by complying with CS 27.1415(c) of CS-27 at Amendment 5, or later, or the equivalent, or CS 29.1415(c) of CS-29 at Amendment 5 or later or the equivalent respectively.

- (c) Compliance with point [26.420\(c\)](#) of Part-26 is demonstrated by complying with CS 29.1415(b)(1) and CS 29.1561(a) and (c) of CS-29 at Amendment 5 or later, or the equivalent, or with the following:

- (1) For life raft activation, the following must be provided for each life raft:
 - (i) primary activation: manual activation control(s), readily accessible to each pilot on the flight deck whilst seated;
 - (ii) secondary activation: activation control(s) accessible from the passenger cabin with the rotorcraft in the upright or capsized position; if any control is located within the cabin, it must be protected from inadvertent operation; and
 - (iii) tertiary activation: activation control(s) accessible to a person in the water, with the rotorcraft in any foreseeable floating attitude, including capsized.

It is acceptable for two of the manual activation functions from (i) to (iii) to be incorporated into one control.

- (2) Automatic life raft activation is permitted (e.g. triggered by water immersion); however, this capability must be provided in addition to the required manual activation controls. Mitigation must be provided to address inadvertent deployment in flight and the potential for damage to the life raft from turning rotors during deployment on the water.
- (3) Placards must be installed, of appropriate sizes, numbers and locations, to highlight the location of each of the above life raft activation controls. All reasonably foreseeable rotorcraft floating attitudes must be considered when locating these placards.

[Issue: 26/4]

GM1 26.420(a) Flight over water emergency equipment

ED Decision 2022/019/R

In accordance with [CS 26.420](#), each life raft must be equipped with two retaining lines to be used for securing the life raft to the helicopter. The short retaining line should be of such a length as to hold the raft at a point next to an upright floating helicopter such that the occupants can enter the life raft directly without entering the water. If the design of the helicopter is such that the flight crew cannot enter the passenger cabin, it is acceptable for them to take a more indirect route when boarding the life raft. After life raft boarding is completed, the short retaining line may be cut, and the life raft then remains attached to the rotorcraft by means of the long retaining line.

The length of the long retaining line should not result in the life raft taking up a position which could create a potential puncture risk or hazard to the occupants, such as directly under the tail boom, tail rotor or main rotor disc.

[Issue: 26/4]

GM1 26.420(c) Flight over water emergency equipment

ED Decision 2022/019/R

No provision for the stowage of life preservers is necessary if Regulation (EU) No 965/2012 mandates the need for constant-wear life preservers.

[Issue: 26/4]

26.425 Provision of substantiated sea conditions

Regulation (EU) 2022/1254

- (a) A holder of a type certificate for a small helicopter or a large helicopter shall ensure that the substantiated sea conditions for capsizing resistance and any associated information relating to the ditching certification or emergency flotation provisions are included in the rotorcraft flight manual (RFM) and provided to all operators.
- (b) A holder of a supplemental type certificate for an emergency flotation system that is installed on a small helicopter or a large helicopter shall ensure that the substantiated sea conditions for capsizing resistance and any associated information relating to the ditching certification or emergency flotation provisions are included in the RFM and provided to all operators.

CS 26.425 Provision of substantiated sea conditions

ED Decision 2022/019/R

Compliance with point [26.425](#) of Part-26 is demonstrated by complying with CS 27.1587(b)(3) of CS-27 at Amendment 5 or later, or the equivalent, or CS 29.1587(c) of CS-29 at Amendment 5 or later or the equivalent respectively.

[Issue: 26/4]

26.430 Resistance of an emergency flotation system to damage

Regulation (EU) 2022/1254

- (a) Operators of small helicopters or large helicopters that have their first individual certificate of airworthiness issued on or after 9 August 2025 and that are required, in accordance with point CAT.IDE.H.320(a) of Annex IV to Regulation (EU) No 965/2012, to be designed for landing on water or certified for ditching, shall ensure that if the helicopter includes a stowed emergency flotation system, the effects on the successful deployment and retention of the emergency flotation system as a result of possible damage from a water impact are minimised as far as practicable in the design.
- (b) Operators of small helicopters or large helicopters with stowed emergency flotation systems that are installed for the first time on or after 9 August 2025 that are required, in accordance with CAT.IDE.H.320(a) of Annex IV to Regulation (EU) No 965/2012, to be certified for ditching, shall ensure that the effects on the successful deployment and retention of the emergency flotation systems as a result of possible damage from a water impact are minimised as far as practicable in the design.

CS 26.430 Emergency flotation system resistance to damage

ED Decision 2022/019/R

Compliance with point [26.430](#) of Part-26 is demonstrated by:

- (a) compliance with CS 27.801(c)(1) of CS-27 at Amendment 5 or later, or the equivalent, or CS 29.801(c)(1) of CS-29 at Amendment 5 or later, or the equivalent certification specification as detailed in the existing type certificate of the helicopter or supplemental type certificate of the emergency flotation system; or
- (b) determining that the effects on the successful deployment and retention of the system as a result of possible damage from a water impact are minimised through the evaluation of the functionality of the emergency flotation system in the event of a water impact.

[Issue: 26/4]

26.431 Determination of the robustness of emergency flotation system designs

Regulation (EU) 2022/1254

- (a) An operator of a small helicopter or a large helicopter that is required, in accordance with point CAT.IDE.H.320(a) of Annex IV to Regulation (EU) No 965/2012, to be designed for landing on water or certified for ditching, may request the person referred to in point (b) to provide the services referred to in point (c), where both the following conditions are met:
 - (1) the operator is required to demonstrate compliance with point 26.430 of this Annex;
 - (2) the robustness of the emergency flotation system in the event of water impact has not been demonstrated as part of the type certificate or supplemental type certificate of that helicopter.

- (b) The person who shall provide the services referred to in point (c) are:
- (1) the type certificate holder, if the emergency flotation system is included within the type design;
 - (2) the supplemental type certificate holder, if the emergency flotation system is certified through a supplemental type certificate.
- (c) The person referred to in point (b) shall:
- (1) determine that the effects on the successful deployment and retention of the emergency flotation system as a result of possible damage from a water impact are minimised, as far as practicable;
 - (2) determine that the effects referred to in point (c)(1) are taken into consideration in the design of the emergency flotation system;
 - (3) provide an assessment to the operator.

CS 26.431 Determination of the robustness of emergency flotation system designs

ED Decision 2022/019/R

Compliance with point [26.431](#) is demonstrated by carrying out an assessment in accordance with CS 27.801(c)(1) of CS-27 at Amendment 5 or later, or equivalent, or CS 29.801(c)(1) of CS-29 at Amendment 5 or later, or equivalent respectively, or with the following:

- (a) An evaluation of the functionality of the emergency flotation system in the event of a water impact that determines and takes into consideration the effects on the successful deployment and retention of the system as a result of possible damage from a water impact.
- (b) The design of the emergency flotation system must, as far as is practicable, in terms of complexity of design changes and any associated weight penalty:
 - (1) have system components that are located away from the major effects of structural deformation;
 - (2) maximise the use of flexible pipes/hoses;
 - (3) avoid passing pipes/hoses or electrical wires through bulkheads that could act as 'guillotines' when the structure is subject to water impact loads; and
 - (4) for large helicopters and small Category A helicopters certified with ditching provisions, include redundant or distributed systems.
- (c) The evaluation must be documented and subsequently provided to the Agency. Design changes that are identified by the type certificate holder of the helicopter or the supplemental type certificate holder of the emergency flotation system as providing an improvement in the likelihood of a successful deployment and retention of the emergency flotation system following a water impact must be specified in this evaluation. Suitable justification for not incorporating a design change in the design must be provided. A schedule for the incorporation of any design changes must also be provided to the Agency. The evaluation is subject to review and agreement by the Agency.

[Issue: 26/4]

GM1 26.431 Determination of the robustness of emergency flotation system designs

ED Decision 2022/019/R

The design changes that are identified after the evaluation are to be proposed to the Agency. Design changes that are not proposed for incorporation into the design are to be accompanied by a suitable justification for not doing so. The concepts contained in Appendix E to GM 21.A.101 'Procedure for evaluating material contribution to safety or impracticality of applying latest certification specifications to a changed product' to Regulation (EU) 748/2012 Annex I (Part 21) may be used as a suitable methodology to determine those design changes that are not proposed for incorporation or alternatively other suitable criteria may be proposed to the Agency.

[Issue: 26/4]

26.435 Automatic deployment of an emergency flotation system

Regulation (EU) 2022/1254

- (a) Operators of small helicopters that are required, in accordance with point CAT.IDE.H.320(a) of Annex IV to Regulation (EU) No 965/2012, to be designed for landing on water or certified for ditching, shall ensure that if an emergency flotation system is installed and is stowed during flight, then it shall automatically deploy as a result of entry into water.
- (b) Operators of small category A helicopters and large helicopters that are required, in accordance with point CAT.IDE.H.320(a) of Annex IV to Regulation (EU) No 965/2012, to be designed for landing on water or certified for ditching, shall ensure that if an emergency flotation system is installed and is stowed during flight, then it shall automatically deploy as a result of entry into water and shall not rely on any pilot action during flight.

CS 26.435 Automatic deployment of an emergency flotation system

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- (a) Compliance with point [26.435\(a\)](#) of Part-26 is demonstrated by complying with CS 27.801(c)(2) of CS-27 at Amendment 5 or later, or the equivalent, or with the following:
 - (1) An emergency flotation system that is stowed in a deflated condition during normal flight must have a means of automatic deployment following water entry. The means to automatically deploy the emergency flotation system must operate irrespective of whether or not inflation prior to water entry is the intended operation mode. If a manual means of inflation is provided, the emergency flotation system activation switch must be located on one of the primary flight controls and must be safeguarded against inadvertent actuation.
 - (2) Activation of the emergency flotation system upon water entry (irrespective of whether or not inflation prior to water entry is the intended operation mode) must result in an inflation time short enough to prevent the rotorcraft from becoming excessively submerged.
- (b) Compliance with point [26.435\(b\)](#) of Part-26 is demonstrated by complying with CS 29.801(c)(2) of CS-29 at Amendment 5 or later, or the equivalent, or with the following:

An emergency flotation system that is stowed in a deflated condition during normal flight must have a means of automatic deployment following water entry that does not rely on any pilot action during flight. The inflation system of the emergency flotation system must have an appropriately low probability of spontaneous or inadvertent actuation in flight conditions for

which float deployment has not been demonstrated to be safe. If this is achieved by disarming the inflation system, this must be achieved by the use of an automatic system employing appropriate input parameters. The choice of input parameters, and the architecture of the system, must be such that rearming of the system occurs automatically in a manner that will assure the inflation system functions as intended in the event of a water impact. It is not acceptable to specify any pilot action during flight.

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The disarming of an emergency flotation system is typically required at high airspeeds, and could be achieved automatically using an airspeed switch. However, this would retain the possibility of inadvertent flight into the water at high airspeed, with the risk that the floats would not deploy. This scenario could be addressed by providing an additional or alternative means of rearming the floats as the helicopter descends through an appropriate height threshold. A height below that of the majority of offshore helidecks could be chosen in order to minimise exposure to inadvertent activation above the demonstrated float deployment airspeed.

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APPENDIX 1

List of aeroplane models not subject to certain provisions of Annex I (Part-26)

Regulation (EU) 2022/1254

[Appendix 1 as replaced with Regulation (EU) 2022/1254 is applicable from 26 August 2023. Until 25 August 2023 Appendix 1 as replaced by Regulation (EU) 2021/97 is applicable.]

Table A.1

TC Holder	Type	Models	Manufacturer serial number	Provisions of Annex I (Part-26) that do NOT apply
The Boeing Company	707	All		26.301 to 26.334
The Boeing Company	720	All		26.301 to 26.334
The Boeing Company	DC-10	DC-10-10 DC-10-30 DC-10-30F	All	26.301 to 26.334
The Boeing Company	DC-8	All		26.301 to 26.334
The Boeing Company	DC-9	DC-9-11, DC-9-12, DC-9-13, DC-9-14, DC-9-15, DC-9-15F, DC-9-21, DC-9-31, DC-9-32, DC-9-32 (VC-9C), DC-9-32F, DC-9-32F (C-9A, C-9B), DC-9-33F, DC-9-34, DC-9-34F, DC-9-41, DC-9-51	All	26.301 to 26.334
The Boeing Company	MD-90	MD-90-30	All	26.301 to 26.334
FOKKER SERVICES B.V.	F27	Mark 100, 200, 300, 400, 500, 600, 700	All	26.301 to 26.334
FOKKER SERVICES B.V.	F28	Mark 1000, 1000C, 2000, 3000, 3000C, 3000R, 3000RC, 4000	All	26.301 to 26.334
GULFSTREAM AEROSPACE CORP.	G-159	G-159 (Gulfstream I)	All	26.301 to 26.334

GULFSTREAM AEROSPACE CORP.	G-II_III_IV_V	G-1159A (GIII) G-1159B (GIIB) G-1159 (GII)	All	26.301 to 26.334
KELOWNA FLIGHTCRAFT LTD.	CONVAIR 340/440	440	All	26.301 to 26.334
LEARJET INC.	Learjet 24/25/31/36/35/55/60	24, 24A, 24B, 24B-A, 24D, 24D-A, 24F, 24F-A, 25, 25B, 25C, 25D, 25F	All	26.301 to 26.334
LOCKHEED MARTIN CORPORATION	1329	All		26.301 to 26.334
LOCKHEED MARTIN CORPORATION	188	All		26.301 to 26.334
LOCKHEED MARTIN CORPORATION	382	382, 382B, 382E, 382F, 382G	All	26.301 to 26.334
LOCKHEED MARTIN CORPORATION	L-1011	All		26.301 to 26.334
PT. DIRGANTARA INDONESIA	CN-235	All		26.301 to 26.334
SABRELINER CORPORATION	NA-265	NA-265-65	All	26.301 to 26.334
VIKING AIR LIMITED	SD3	SD3-30 Sherpa SD3 Sherpa	All	26.301 to 26.334
VIKING AIR LIMITED	DHC-7	All		26.301 to 26.334
VIKING AIR LIMITED	CL-215	CL-215-6B11	All	26.301 to 26.334
TUPOLEV PUBLIC STOCK COMPANY	TU-204	204-120CE	All	26.301 to 26.334
AIRBUS	A320 series	A320-251N, A320-271N	10033, 10242, 10281 and 10360	26.60
AIRBUS	A321 series	A321-271NX	10257, 10371 and 10391	26.60
AIRBUS	A330 series	A330-243, A330-941	1844, 1861, 1956, 1978, 1982, 1984, 1987, 1989, 1998, 2007, 2008 and 2011	26.60
ATR-GIE Avions de Transport Régional	ATR 72 series	ATR72-212A	1565, 1598, 1620, 1629, 1632, 1637, 1640, 1642, 1649, 1657, 1660, 1661	26.60
The Boeing Company	737 series	737-8 and 737-9	43299, 43304, 43305, 43310, 43321, 43322, 43332, 43334, 43344, 43348,	26.60

			43391, 43579, 43797, 43798, 43799, 43917, 43918, 43919, 43921, 43925, 43927, 43928, 43957, 43973, 43974, 43975, 43976, 44867, 44868, 44873, 60009, 60010, 60040, 60042, 60056, 60057, 60058, 60059, 60060, 60061, 60063, 60064, 60065, 60066, 60068, 60194, 60195, 60389, 60434, 60444, 60455, 61857, 61859, 61862, 61864, 62451, 62452, 62453, 62454, 62533, 63358, 63359, 63360, 64610, 64611, 64612, 62613, 64614, 65899, 66147, 66148, 66150	
GULFSTREAM AEROSPACE LP.	Gulfstream G100 series	1125 Astra 1125 Astra SP G100/Astra SPX	All	26.157
GULFSTREAM AEROSPACE LP.	Gulfstream G100 series	Gulfstream G150	All	26.157
GULFSTREAM AEROSPACE LP.	GALAXY G200 series	Gulfstream 200/Galaxy	All	26.157
TEXTRON AVIATION INC.	650 series	650	All	26.157
TEXTRON AVIATION INC.	Cessna 500/550/S550/560/560XL series	500 550 560 560XL S550	All	26.157
TEXTRON AVIATION INC.	Hawker Series	BAe.125 Series Hawker 750 Hawker 800XP	All	26.157
TEXTRON AVIATION INC.	CESSNA 750 (Citation X) series	750	All	26.157

APPENDIX F TO CS-26

Part I — Test Criteria and Procedures

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Refer to CS-25 Appendix F Part I initial issue or later amendments.

Part II — Flammability of Seat Cushions

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Refer to CS-25 Appendix F Part II initial issue or later amendments.

Part III — Test Method to Determine Flame Penetration Resistance of Cargo Compartment Liners

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Refer to CS-25 Appendix F Part III initial issue or later amendments.

Part IV — Test Method to Determine the Heat Release Rate From Cabin Materials Exposed to Radiant Heat

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Refer to CS-25 Appendix F Part IV initial issue or later amendments.

Part V — Test Method to Determine the Smoke Emission Characteristics of Cabin Materials

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Refer to CS-25 Appendix F Part V initial issue or later amendments.