

## **Executive Director Decision**

## 2025/002/R

## of 3 February 2025

issuing the following:

Amendment 1 to the Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to Commission Regulation (EU) No 1178/2011

'AMC and GM to Commission Regulation (EU) No 1178/2011 — Issue 1, Amendment 1'

and

Amendment 13 to the Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to Annex I (Part-FCL) to Commission Regulation (EU) No 1178/2011

'AMC and GM to Part-FCL — Issue 1, Amendment 13'

and

Amendment 1 to the Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to Annex IV (Part-MED) to Commission Regulation (EU) No 1178/2011

'AMC and GM to Part-MED — Issue 2, Amendment 1'

and

Amendment 13 to the Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to Annex VI (Part-ARA) to Commission Regulation (EU) No 1178/2011

'AMC and GM to Part-ARA — Issue 1, Amendment 13'

and

Amendment 8 to the Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to Annex VII (Part-ORA) to Commission Regulation (EU) No 1178/2011

'AMC and GM to Part-ORA — Issue 1, Amendment 8'

and

Amendment 2 to the Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to Annex VIII (Part-DTO) to Commission Regulation (EU) No 1178/2011

'AMC and GM to Part-DTO — Issue 1, Amendment 2'

and

# Amendment 24 to the Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to Annex III (Part-ORO) to Commission Regulation (EU) No 965/2012

'AMC and GM to Part-ORO — Issue 2, Amendment 26'

and

Amendment 15 to the Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to Annex V (Part-SPA) to Commission Regulation (EU) No 965/2012

'AMC and GM to Part-SPA — Issue 1, Amendment 15'

### 'Requirements for relief pilots'

'Regular update of Regular update of Part-MED, of Part-ARA Subpart ARA.AeMC and ARA.MED, and of Part-ORA Subpart ORA.AeMC, as well as of the related AMC and GM'

'Regular update of regulations regarding pilot training, testing and checking and the related oversight'

'Simpler, lighter and better flight crew licensing requirements for general aviation'

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

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

## Whereas:

- (1) Acceptable means of compliance (AMC) are non-binding standards issued by EASA, which are used by persons and organisations to demonstrate compliance with Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 and with the delegated and implementing acts adopted on the basis thereof.
- (2) Guidance material is non-binding material issued by EASA, which helps to illustrate the meaning of delegated or implementing acts or certification specifications (CSs) and detailed specifications (DSs), and which is used to support the interpretation of Regulation (EU) 2018/1139, of the delegated and implementing acts adopted on the basis thereof, and of CSs and DSs.
- (3) With Decision 2018/009/R of 14 September 2018, the Executive Director issued Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to Regulation (EU) No 1178/2011.
- (4) With Decision 2011/016/R of 15 December 2011, the Executive Director issued Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to Annex I (Part-FCL) to Regulation (EU) No 1178/2011.

Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2018 on common rules in the field of civil aviation and establishing a European Union Aviation Safety Agency, and amending Regulations (EC) No 2111/2005, (EC) No 1008/2008, (EU) No 996/2010, (EU) No 376/2014 and Directives 2014/30/EU and 2014/53/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council, and repealing Regulations (EC) No 552/2004 and (EC) No 216/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Regulation (EEC) No 3922/91 (OJ L 212, 22.8.2018, p. 1) (http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2018/1139/oj).



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- (5) With Decision 2019/002/R of 28 January 2019, the Executive Director issued Issue 2 of the Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to Annex IV (Part-MED) to Regulation (EU) No 1178/2011.
- (6) With Decision 2012/006/R of 19 April 2012, the Executive Director issued Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to Annex VI (Part-ARA) to Regulation (EU) No 1178/2011.
- (7) With Decision 2012/007/R of 19 April 2012, the Executive Director issued Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to Annex VII (Part-ORA) to Regulation (EU) No 1178/2011.
- (8) With Decision 2018/009/R of 14 September 2018, the Executive Director issued Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to Annex VIII (Part-DTO) to Regulation (EU) No 1178/2011.
- (9) With Decision 2014/017/R of 24 April 2014, the Executive Director issued Issue 2 of the Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to Annex III (Part-ORO) to Regulation (EU) No 965/2012.
- (10) With Decision 2012/019/R of 24 October 2012, the Executive Director issued Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to Annex V (Part-SPA) to Regulation (EU) No 965/2012.
- (11) EASA shall, pursuant to Article 4(1)(a) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1139, reflect the state of the art and the best practices in the field of aviation and update its Decisions, taking into account worldwide aviation experience and scientific and technical progress in the respective fields.
- (12) Amendments to the AMC and GM are necessary to support the implementation of the amendments to Regulation (EU) No 1178/2011² and Regulation (EU) No 965/2012³ that were introduced with Regulation (EU) 2024/2076. In the field of flight crew licensing such amendments are related to the clarification of the regulatory framework for cruise relief copilots, the introduction of requirements for pilots of electrically powered single-engine aeroplanes, and several miscellaneous updates and improvements. In the field of aero-medical certification of aircrew, such amendments concern the medical and operational mitigating measures regarding the pilot age limit alleviations for pilots involved in single-pilot HEMS operations, preventive approach regarding cardiovascular risk factors as well as clarifications to the Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material related to the specific authority requirements relating to aero-medical certification and specific organisation requirements for aero-medical centres.
- (13) As regards the clarification of the regulatory framework for cruise relief co-pilots, the introduction of requirements for pilots of electrically powered single-engine aeroplanes and other updates in the field of general aviation, as well as the amendments in the field of aeromedical certification of aircrew, EASA, pursuant to Article 115(1)(c) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 and Article 6 of the EASA Rulemaking Procedure<sup>4</sup>, widely consulted the interested

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> EASA is bound to follow a structured rulemaking process as required by Article 115(1) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1139. Such a process has been adopted by the EASA Management Board (MB) and is referred to as the 'Rulemaking Procedure'.



Commission Regulation (EU) No 1178/2011 of 3 November 2011 laying down technical requirements and administrative procedures related to civil aviation aircrew pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 216/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 311, 25.11.2011, p. 1) (<a href="https://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2011/1178/oj">https://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2011/1178/oj</a>).

Commission 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) (http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2012/965/oj).

- parties on the content of this Decision, and provided thereafter a written response to the comments received through the consultation<sup>5</sup>.
- (14) As regards other updates to Regulation (EU) No 1178/2011 in the field of flight crew licensing, EASA, pursuant to Article 115(1)(c) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 and Article 6 of the EASA Rulemaking Procedure<sup>6</sup>, consulted its Advisory Bodies (ABs) on the content of this Decision and considered the comments received,

HAS DECIDED:

#### Article 1

Annex IV to Decision 2018/009/R of the Executive Director of the Agency of 14 September 2018 is amended as laid down in Annex I to this Decision.

#### Article 2

The Annex to Decision 2011/016/R of the Executive Director of the Agency of 15 December 2011 is amended as laid down in Annex II to this Decision.

#### Article 3

Annex I to Decision 2019/002/R of the Executive Director of the Agency of 28 January 2019 is amended as laid down in Annex III to this Decision.

#### Article 4

The Annex to Decision 2012/006/R of the Executive Director of the Agency of 19 April 2012 is amended as laid down in Annex IV to this Decision.

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



See MB Decision No 01-2022 of 2 May 2022 on the procedure to be applied by EASA for the issuing of opinions, certification specifications and other detailed specifications, acceptable means of compliance and guidance material ('Rulemaking Procedure'), and repealing Management Board Decision No 18-2015 (EASA MB Decision No 01-2022 on the Rulemaking Procedure, repealing MB Decision 18-2015 (by written procedure) | EASA (europa.eu)).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Cruise-relief co-pilots: CRD 2014-25 (<u>CRD 2014-25 - Cruise relief co-pilots | EASA (europa.eu)</u>); Aero-medical updates: CRD 2017-22 (<a href="https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/downloads/44681/en">https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/downloads/44681/en</a>); Simpler, lighter and better FCL rules for general aviation: CRD 2020-14 (<u>CRD 2020-14 - Better flight crew licensing requirements for general aviation | EASA (europa.eu)</u>).

#### Article 5

The Annex to Decision 2012/007/R of the Executive Director of the Agency of 19 April 2012 is amended as laid down in Annex V to this Decision.

#### Article 6

Annex I to Decision 2018/009/R of the Executive Director of the Agency of 14 September 2018 is amended as laid down in Annex VI to this Decision.

#### Article 7

The Annex to Decision 2014/017/R of the Executive Director of the Agency of 24 April 2014 is amended as laid down in Annex VII to this Decision.

#### Article 8

The Annex to Decision 2012/019/R of the Executive Director of the Agency of 24 October 2012 is amended as laid down in Annex VIII to this Decision.

#### Article 9

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

It shall apply from 13 February 2025.

Cologne, 3 February 2025

For the European Union Aviation Safety Agency

The Executive Director

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