

European Aviation Safety Agency

DECISION N° 2011/014/R OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE EUROPEAN AVIATION SAFETY AGENCY

OF 12TH DECEMBER 2011

on

Initiating a rulemaking task RMT.0460 'Guidance material for development of a safety risk assessment for management of flight operations with known or forecast volcanic cloud contamination' to amend EASA regulations

THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE EUROPEAN AVIATION SAFETY AGENCY,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 216/2008¹ (hereafter referred to as the 'Basic Regulation'), and in particular Article 38(3)(a) and (e) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) ICAO international volcanic ash task force (IVATF) Airworthiness Sub-Group AIR04 has produced guidance material on management of flight operations with known or forecast volcanic cloud contamination. This guidance material, currently at revision 7, proposes an approach based on a safety management system including a risk assessment process for use by an operator wishing to conduct such an operation.
- (2) The Agency issued an Advance Notice of Proposed Amendment (A-NPA 2011-06²) to support the work of ICAO IVATF Airworthiness Sub-Group AIR04 and to consult stakeholders on the implementation of such guidance material into the European regulatory framework. The feedback provided during such consultation showed that stakeholders consider that rulemaking should be initiated in the short term in order to transpose such guidance material into the European regulatory framework.
- (3) The Agency is obliged, pursuant to Article 19 of the Basic Regulation to reflect the state-of-the-art and the best practices in the fields concerned and update Certification specifications taking into account worldwide aircraft experience in service, and scientific and technical progress.

¹ Regulation (EC) No 216/2008 of the European Parliament and the Council of 20 February 2008 on common rules in the field of civil aviation and establishing a European Aviation Safety Agency, and repealing Council Directive 91/670/EEC, Regulation (EC) No 1592/2002 and Directive 2004/36/EC (OJ L 79, 19.3.2008, p. 1). Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1108/2009 (OJ L 309, 24.11.2009, p. 51).

² See <http://easa.europa.eu/rulemaking/docs/npa/2011/A-NPA%202011-06.pdf>

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- (4) The Agency, pursuant to Article 52(1)(c) of the Basic Regulation and Article 14 of the Rulemaking Procedure³, has widely consulted interested parties on the matters which are the subject of this Decision. The consultation was performed through A-NPA 2011-06 (dated 3 May 2011). Thereafter the Agency provided the outcome from this consultation through document CRD to A-NPA 2011-06 (dated 12 December 2011),

HAS DECIDED:

Article 1

The Agency is going to initiate a rulemaking task aimed at producing guidance material for operators on the development of a safety risk assessment for the management of flight operations with known or forecast volcanic cloud contamination using the ICAO IVATF Airworthiness Sub-Group AIR04 guidance material version 7.

Article 2

This decision shall enter into force on 19th December 2011. It shall be published in the Official Publication of the Agency.

Done in Cologne, on 12th December 2011.

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³ Management Board Decision concerning the procedure to be applied by the Agency for the issuing of opinions, certification specifications and guidance material (the 'Rulemaking Procedure'), EASA MB/08/07, 13.6.2007.