



European Aviation Safety Agency

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF PROPOSED DRAFT FAA ADVISORY CIRCULAR AC 21.101-1B FOR COMMENTS

GM 21.A.101 'Establishment of the type-certification basis of changed aeronautical products'

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ANNOUNCEMENT

The purpose of this notice is to inform European Union (EU) aviation industry that the **draft Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Advisory Circular (AC) 21.101-1B: Establishing the Certification Basis of Changed Aeronautical Products** is now available for public consultation at http://www.faa.gov/aircraft/draft_docs/ac/ until **6 July 2015**.

The European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) cooperates actively with counterpart aviation authorities on various rulemaking activities in order to establish rules that are harmonised to the full extent possible. This is particularly important in the field of initial airworthiness because manufacturers have to comply with the airworthiness requirements of all the States where their products are operated. As a means to increase efficiency in its rulemaking efforts, EASA relies to a certain extent on its counterparts' consultation processes. EASA has now identified one particular rulemaking task where it will rely to the maximum possible on its counterpart's consultation process.

The case concerned is the update of **Guidance Material (GM) 21.A.101 'Establishment of the type-certification basis of changed aeronautical products'**, which is based on the FAA AC 21.101-1A.

Updating and harmonising the current GM on the Changed Product Rule (CPR), Transport Canada (TCCA), the FAA and EASA have been collaborating since 2003 with the aim of harmonising the implementation of CPR by agreeing to publish harmonised interpretations of CPR regulations, policies, procedures, and guidance through ACs or GM and staff instructions. The harmonisation of CPR GM is being achieved through the continuing efforts of the CPR international team comprising certification experts from TCCA, FAA, EASA, and from Agência Nacional de Aviação Civil (ANAC), Brazil, which joined the team recently.

The CPR international team has worked on a proposed revision of the current CPR GM. The FAA has agreed to use its Federal Register announcement to solicit input from all industries, Canada and EU included. In an effort to address any issues or concerns the EU aviation industry may have with the proposed revision of the CPR AC, EASA shall solicit input from the EU aviation industry by inviting them to submit their comments directly to the FAA, now that the draft AC is announced.

The same CPR international team that drafted the CPR AC will be tasked with the review and disposition of all comments received. Therefore, EASA strongly encourages EU aviation industry to participate by reviewing the document as announced in the Federal Register and to submit their comments directly to the FAA.

EASA intends to issue the amended GM 21.A.101 directly, without further consultation, as soon as possible after the publication of the final FAA AC.

EASA believes that the above process is the most efficient means to maintain fully harmonised guidance to this important requirement, while still allowing for adequate involvement of EU stakeholders.

