

European Aviation Safety Agency

**DECISION N° 2012/001/S
OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE EUROPEAN AVIATION SAFETY AGENCY**

OF 27TH JULY 2012

ON THE GUIDANCE MATERIAL FOR SAFA RAMP INSPECTIONS

THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE EUROPEAN AVIATION SAFETY AGENCY

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 216/2008 of the European Parliament and of 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/EC¹,

Having regard to Commission Directive 2008/49/EC of 16 April 2008 amending Annex II to Directive 2004/36/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council regarding the criteria for the conduct of ramp inspections on aircraft using Community airports², and in particular paragraphs 4.3, 5.2 and 6.4 of the Annex thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Having in mind the collective nature of the EC SAFA Programme, it is very important that ramp inspections are performed in a harmonised manner throughout all participating states;
- (2) The Annex to Directive 2008/49/EC mandates the Agency to publish detailed guidance material in order to assist the Member States in the implementation of certain paragraphs thereof;
- (3) When developing such guidance material the Agency is, according to Article 2 of that same directive, bound to consult the Member States, and where necessary appropriate experts from relevant interested parties, according to a transparent consultation procedure;
- (4) The Agency has established such transparent consultation procedure through Procedure S.P045-01 which is established in accordance with its quality management system;
- (5) The Agency has adopted guidance material for SAFA ramp inspections by means of ED Decision No 2009/001/S of 22 July 2009;
- (6) Existing guidance material for SAFA ramp inspections has to be amended in order to reflect the latest standards, as well as to take into due consideration the observations received from the Member States, and the feedback following EASA standardisation visits;
- (7) When reviewing the existing SAFA guidance material, the Agency has consulted all States participating in the EC SAFA Programme;

¹ OJ L 79, 19.3.2008, p. 1.

² OJ L 109, 19.04.2008, p. 17.

- (8) The comments formulated in the framework of the consultation period have led to such changes for which a re-consultation was considered necessary;
- (9) All comments received during the two periods of consultations were reviewed and duly taken into account;

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS

Article 1

The Annex to ED Decision 2009/001/S, which contains the SAFA guidance material for SAFA ramp inspections, is replaced by the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

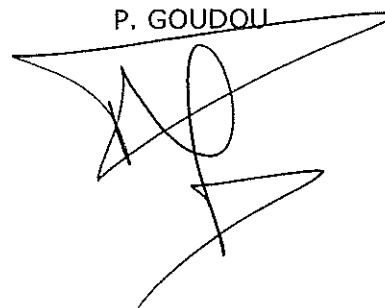
This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its signature.

Article 3

This Decision shall be published in the Official Publication of the Agency and on the SAFA Community Website.

Done in Cologne, 27th July 2012.

P. GOUDOU

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