

Executive Director Decision

2015/021/R

of 12 October 2015

**amending Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to Part-CAT, Part-NCC
and Part-SPO of Commission Regulation (EU) No 965/2012**

**‘AMC and GM to Part-CAT — Issue 2, Amendment 3;
AMC and GM to Part-NCC — Amendment 3, and
AMC and GM to Part-SPO — Amendment 3’**

‘Flight recorders’

THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE EUROPEAN AVIATION SAFETY AGENCY,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 216/2008¹, and in particular Article 38(3)(a) thereof,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EU) No 965/2012² of 5 October 2012, and in particular ARO.GEN 120(a) of Annex II thereto,

Whereas:

- (1) The Agency shall, pursuant to Article 18(c) of Regulation (EC) No 216/2008, issue Certification Specifications and Acceptable Means of Compliance, as well as Guidance Material for the application of Regulation (EC) No 216/2008 and its Implementing Rules.

¹ 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/EC (OJ L 79, 19.3.2008, p. 1).

² Commission Regulation (EU) No 965/2012 of 5 October 2012 laying down technical requirements and administrative procedures related to air operations pursuant to Regulation (EU) No 216/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 296, 25.10.2012, p. 1).



- (2) Acceptable Means of Compliance are non-binding standards adopted by the Agency which may be used by persons and/or organisations to establish compliance with Regulation (EC) No 216/2008 and its Implementing Rules.
- (3) Guidance Material is non-binding material developed by the Agency which helps to illustrate the meaning of a requirement or specification and is used to support the interpretation of Regulation (EC) No 216/2008, its Implementing Rules, Certification Specifications and Acceptable Means of Compliance.
- (4) With Decision 2014/015/R of 24 April 2014 the Executive Director issued Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to Annex IV (Part-CAT) to Regulation (EU) No 965/2012.
- (5) With Decision 2013/021/R of 23 August 2013 the Executive Director issued Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to Annex VI (Part-NCC) to Regulation (EU) No 965/2012.
- (6) With Decision 2014/018/R of 24 April 2014 the Executive Director issued Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to Annex VIII (Part-SPO) to Regulation (EU) No 965/2012.
- (7) The Agency shall, pursuant to Article 19(2) of Regulation (EC) No 216/2008, reflect the state of the art and best practices in the fields concerned and update its Decisions taking into account worldwide aircraft experience in service, as well as scientific and technical progress.
- (8) The Agency has identified three changes to Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material related to flight recorders which need to be implemented without delay and include the following:
 - (a) to adopt the changes to the provisions presented in Comment-Response Document (CRD) 2013-26 and addressing the continued serviceability of flight recorders;
 - (b) to correct the conditions under which the flight data recorder (FDR) parameters 'Primary flight control surface and primary flight control pilot input' and 'All flight control input forces' should be recorded; and
 - (c) to clarify the operational performance requirements applicable to the equipment dedicated to the cockpit voice recorder (CVR).
- (9) The Agency, pursuant to Article 52(1)(c) of Regulation (EC) No 216/2008 and Articles 5(3), 6 and 7 of the its Rulemaking Procedure³, has widely consulted interested parties on the matters which are the subject of this Decision and has provided thereafter a written response to the comments received⁴.

³ EASA MB Decision No 01-2012 of 13 March 2012 amending and replacing Decision 08-2007 concerning the procedure to be applied by the Agency for the issuing of Opinions, Certification Specifications and Guidance Material ('Rulemaking Procedure') (<http://www.easa.europa.eu/the-agency/facts-and-figures/easa-mb-decision-01-2012-amending-and-replacing-mb-decision-08-2007>).

⁴ http://easa.europa.eu/document-library/comment-response-documents?search=2013-26&date_filter_1%5Bvalue%5D%5Byear%5D=&=Apply



HAS DECIDED:

Article 1

The Annex to Decision 2014/015/R (AMC/GM to Part-CAT) of the Executive Director of the Agency of 24 April 2014 is amended as laid down in Annex I to this Decision.

Article 2

The Annex to Decision 2013/021/R (AMC/GM to Part-NCC) of the Executive Director of the Agency of 23 August 2013 is amended as laid down in Annex II to this Decision.

Article 3

The Annex to Decision 2014/018/R (AMC/GM to Part-SPO) of the Executive Director of the Agency of 24 April 2014 is amended as laid down in Annex III to this Decision.

Article 4

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

Done at Cologne, 12 October 2015

*For the European Aviation Safety Agency
The Executive Director*

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