

Executive Director Decision

2016/016/R

of 29 July 2016

amending the Guidance Material to Annex I (Definitions) of Regulation (EU) No 965/2012

‘GM to Annex I (Definitions) — Amendment 4’

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, and in particular ARO.GEN.120(a) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Agency shall, pursuant to Article 18(c) of Regulation (EC) No 216/2008, issue acceptable means of compliance as well as Guidance Material for the application of Regulation (EC) No 216/2008 and its implementing rules.
- (2) 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.
- (3) With Decision 2012/015/R of 24 October 2012, the Executive Director issued Guidance Material to Annex I (Definitions) to Commission Regulation (EU) No 965/2012.
- (4) The Agency shall, pursuant to Article 19(2) of Regulation (EC) No 216/2008, reflect the state of the art and the best practices in the fields concerned and update its decisions taking into account worldwide aircraft experience in service, and scientific and technical progress.
- (5) Regulation (EU) No 965/2012 contains new operating procedures for performance-based navigation (‘PBN’) operations, taking into account the experience and maturity already reached in operations utilising the global navigation satellite system (‘GNSS’), and in order to ensure consistency with the latest international safety standards. New terms are used in the AMC/GM to Annexes II to VIII. As a consequence, definitions of these new terms as well as new abbreviations have been added to the GM to Annex I.

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 (EC) No 216/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 296, 25.10.2012, p. 1).

- (6) The Agency, pursuant to Article 52(1)(c) of Regulation (EC) No 216/2008 and Articles 5(3), 6 and 7 of the Agency's 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.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Annex to Decision 2012/015/R of the Executive Director of the European Aviation Safety Agency of 24 October 2012 is amended as laid down in the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

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

Done at Cologne, on 29 July 2016.

*For the European Aviation Safety Agency
The Executive Director*

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³ [EASA Management Board \(MB\) Decision 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').

⁴ <http://easa.europa.eu/document-library/comment-response-documents>

