

Executive Director Decision

2023/004/R

of 24 March 2023

issuing the following:

Amendment 18 to Issue 1 of the Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to Annex VI (Part-NCC) to Commission Regulation (EU) No 965/2012

‘AMC and GM for non-commercial operations with complex motor-powered-aircraft Issue 1, Amendment 18’

and

Amendment 15 to Issue 2 of the Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to Annex VII (Part-NCO) to Commission Regulation (EU) No 965/2012

‘AMC and GM for non-commercial operations with other-than-complex motor-powered-aircraft Issue 2, Amendment 15’

and

Amendment 18 to Issue 1 of the Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to Annex VIII (Part-SPO) to Commission Regulation (EU) No 965/2012

‘AMC and GM for specialised operations Issue 1, Amendment 18’

Provision of rescue and firefighting services for General Aviation flights

THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE EUROPEAN UNION AVIATION SAFETY AGENCY (EASA),

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2018/1139¹, and in particular Articles 76(4) and 104(3)(a) thereof,

¹ Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2018 on common rules in the field of civil aviation and establishing a European Union Aviation Safety Agency, and amending Regulations (EC) No 2111/2005, (EC) No 1008/2008, (EU) No 996/2010, (EU) No 376/2014 and Directives 2014/30/EU and 2014/53/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council, and repealing Regulations (EC) No 552/2004 and (EC) No 216/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Regulation (EEC) No 3922/91 (OJ L 212, 22.8.2018, p. 1) (<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1535612134845&uri=CELEX:32018R1139>).

Whereas:

- (1) Acceptable means of compliance are non-binding standards issued by EASA, which are used by persons and organisations to show compliance with Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 and with the delegated and implementing acts adopted on the basis thereof.
- (2) Guidance material is non-binding material issued by EASA, which helps to illustrate the meaning of delegated or implementing acts, and which is used to support the interpretation of Regulation (EU) 2018/1139, and of the delegated and implementing acts adopted on the basis thereof.
- (3) With Decision No° 2013/021/Directorate R of 23 August 2013, the Executive Director of the Agency issued Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to Annex VI (Part-NCC) to Commission Regulation (EU) No 965/2012².
- (4) With Decision 2014/016/R of 24 April 2014, the Executive Director of the Agency issued Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to Annex VII (Part-NCO) to Commission Regulation (EU) No 965/2012.
- (5) With Decision 2014/018/R of 24 April 2014, the Executive Director of the Agency issued Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to Annex VIII (part-SPO) to Commission Regulation (EU) No 965/2012.
- (6) EASA shall, pursuant to Article 4(1)(a) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1139, reflect the state of the art and the best practices in the field of aviation and update its Decisions, taking into account worldwide aviation experience and scientific and technical progress in the respective fields.

EASA determined the need to amend the AMC and GM to Part-NCC, Part-NCO, and Part-SPO, to facilitate the implementation of the requirements of Commission Regulation (EU) No 965/2012 as regards the requirements for the provision of rescue and firefighting services (RFFS) at aerodromes for General Aviation (GA) operations.

- (7) On 31 March 2022, the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) adopted Amendment 40 to its Annex 6, Part II 'International General Aviation — Aeroplanes', introducing new provisions on the availability of rescue and firefighting (RFF) equipment and RFFS for GA operations.
- (8) The Council of the European Union decided with Council Decision (EU) 2022/322³ of 18 February 2022 to support the proposed Amendment 40 to ICAO Annex 6, Part II, 'International General Aviation — Aeroplanes' on the provision of RFFS for GA operations.

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) (<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32012R0965&qid=1663582424998>).

³ Council Decision (EU) 2022/322 of 18 February 2022 on the decision to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) as regard the adoption of amendments to Annexes 1, 6 to 10, 14 and 17 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation (ST/5751/2022/INIT) (OJ L 55, 28.2.2022, p. 47).



- (9) EASA, pursuant to Article 115(1)(c) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 and Articles 6(2) and (3) of the EASA Rulemaking Procedure⁴, consulted its Advisory Bodies (ABs) on the content of this Decision and considered the comments received,

HAS DECIDED:

Article 1

The Annex to Decision No° 2013/021/ Directorate R of the Executive Director of the Agency of 23 August 2013 is amended as laid down in Annex I to this Decision.

Article 2

The Annex to Decision 2014/016/R of the Executive Director of the Agency of 24 April 2014 is amended as laid down in Annex II to this Decision.

Article 3

The Annex to Decision 2014/018/R of the Executive Director of the Agency of 24 April 2014 is amended as laid down in Annex III to this Decision.

Article 4

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

Cologne, 24.03.2023

For the European Union Aviation Safety Agency

The Executive Director

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⁴ EASA is bound to follow a structured rulemaking process as required by Article 115(1) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1139. Such a process has been adopted by the EASA Management Board (MB) and is referred to as the 'Rulemaking Procedure'. See MB Decision No 01-2022 of 2 May 2022 on the procedure to be applied by EASA for the issuing of opinions, certification specifications and other detailed specifications, acceptable means of compliance and guidance material ('Rulemaking Procedure'), and repealing Management Board Decision No 18-2015 (<https://www.easa.europa.eu/the-agency/management-board/decisions/easa-mb-decision-01-2022-rulemaking-procedure-repealing-mb>).

