

Executive Director Decision

2024/003/R

of 16 May 2024

issuing the following:

Issue 5 of the Certification Specifications and Acceptable Means of Compliance for Airborne Communications, Navigation and Surveillance

‘CS-ACNS Issue 5’

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

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 748/2012², and in particular points 21.B.5(b) and 21.B.70 of Annex I (Part 21) thereto,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 409/2013³, and in particular Article 8(4)(c) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) EASA shall, pursuant to Article 76(3) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1139, issue certification specifications (CSs) and acceptable means of compliance (AMC), as well as guidance material (GM), for the application of Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 and of the delegated and implementing acts adopted on the basis thereof.
- (2) Certification specifications (CSs) are non-binding technical standards issued by EASA, which indicate the means to demonstrate compliance with Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 and with the

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>).

² Commission Regulation (EU) No 748/2012 of 3 August 2012 laying down implementing rules for the airworthiness and environmental certification of aircraft and related products, parts and appliances, as well as for the certification of design and production organisations (recast) (OJ L 224, 21.8.2012, p. 1) (<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32012R0748&qid=1710849237884>).

³ Commission Regulation (EU) No 407/2013 of 23 April 2013 correcting the Spanish and the Swedish versions of Regulation (EU) No 475/2012 amending Regulation (EC) No 1126/2008 adopting certain international accounting standards in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1606/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards International Accounting Standard (IAS) 1 and International Accounting Standard (IAS) (OJ L 121, 3.5.2013, p. 44) (<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32013R0407&qid=1710849318506>).

delegated and implementing acts adopted on the basis thereof, and which are used by persons and organisations for the purpose of certification.

- (3) Acceptable means of compliance (AMC) 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, or with the certification specifications (CSs) and detailed specifications (DSs).
- (4) Guidance material (GM) is non-binding material issued by EASA, which helps to illustrate the meaning of delegated or implementing acts or certification specifications (CSs) and detailed specifications (DSs), and which is used to support the interpretation of Regulation (EU) 2018/1139, of the delegated and implementing acts adopted on the basis thereof, and of certification specifications (CSs) and detailed specifications (DSs).
- (5) With Decision 2013/031/R⁴ of 17 December 2013, the Executive Director issued Certification Specifications and Acceptable Means of Compliance for Airborne Communication, Navigation and Surveillance (CS-ACNS).
- (6) In the context of Rulemaking Task (RMT).0524 on data link services, EASA identified the need to issue additional certification specifications (CSs), acceptable means of compliance (AMC) and guidance material (GM) for airborne data link systems to provide support to operators of aircraft required to implement ATM functionality 6 (AF6) on 'Initial Trajectory Information Sharing' as defined in the Annex to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/116⁵.
- (7) EASA, pursuant to Article 115(1)(c) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 and Article 6 of the EASA Rulemaking Procedure⁶, widely consulted the interested parties on the content of this Decision, and provided thereafter a written response to the comments⁷ received through the consultation,

⁴ Decision 2013/031/R of the Executive Director of the Agency of 17 December 2013 adopting Certification Specifications for Airborne Communications Navigation and Surveillance (CS-ACNS) — 'CS-ACNS Initial Issue' (<https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/document-library/certification-specifications/cs-acns-initial-issue>).

⁵ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/116 of 1 February 2021 on the establishment of the Common Project One supporting the implementation of the European Air Traffic Management Master Plan provided for in Regulation (EC) No 550/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council, amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 409/2013 and repealing Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 716/2014 (OJ L 36, 2.2.2021, p. 10) (<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32021R0116&qid=1710850026254>).

⁶ 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>).

⁷ CRD to NPA 2023-07 (<https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/document-library/comment-response-documents>)



HAS DECIDED:

Article 1

The Annex to this Decision is issued as Issue 5 of the Certification Specifications and Acceptable Means of Compliance for Airborne Communications, Navigation and Surveillance (CS-ACNS).

Article 2

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

Cologne, 16 May 2024

For the European Union Aviation Safety Agency

The Executive Director

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