

EASA Regulatory Update - EASA publishes updates to Easy Access Rules for Air Operations July 2021

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The European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) published the updated Easy Access Rules for Air Operations (Revision 15).

Air Operations - Revision 15 includes:

- Regulation (EU) 2020/745 postponing dates of application of certain measures in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic;
 - New requirements for alcohol testing, peer support programmes, and psychological assessments of pilots as introduced by Commission Regulation (EU) 2018/1042.

Regulation (EU) 2020/1176 postponing dates of application of certain measures in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic;

- Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1387 lays down new standards on aircraft landing performance calculation, which are applicable from 5 November 2020.
 - In order to avoid that the application of these standards impedes the seamless process of resumption of flights in the context of the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic because of additional operational requirements, their applicability should thus be postponed in order to allow the competent authorities and stakeholders to prepare for their implementation.

Regulation (EU) 2020/2036 as regards the requirements for flight crew competence and training methods and postponing dates of application of certain measures in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic;

- In 2013 the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) published the 'Manual of evidence-based training' (Doc 9995 AN/497), which contains a competency framework ('core competencies') necessary to operate safely, effectively and efficiently in a commercial air transport environment and the corresponding descriptions and related behavioural indicators to assess those competencies.
 - The evidence-based training ('EBT') competencies, encompass what was previously known in pilot training as technical and non-technical knowledge, skills and attitudes ('KSA').

ED Decision 2019/025/R issuing the Certification Specifications for Aeroplane Flight Simulation Training Devices, as well as updating the Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to Annex III (Part-ORO) to Commission Regulation (EU) No 965/2012;

ED Decision 2020/013/R issuing the Certification Specifications for Aeroplane Flight Simulation Training Devices, as well as updating the Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to Annex III (Part-ORO) to Commission Regulation (EU) No 965/2012;

ED Decision 2021/002/R, which updates of the Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to Regulation (EU) No 965/2012 on flight crew competence and training methods in order to facilitate the implementation of the new requirements on evidence-based training;

ED Decision 2021/005/R which updates of the Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to Regulation (EU) No 965/2012 on aeroplane performance, PBCS, oxygen equipment, medical equipment, recorders, technical records, non-ETOPS operations, ground de-icing/anti-icing procedures;

- Update of the Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to Regulation (EU) No 965/2012.
- Aeroplane performance, PBS, oxygen equipment, medical equipment, recorders, technical records, non-ETOPS operations, ground de-icing/anti-icing procedures.
- Following the adoption of Regulation (EU) 2019/1387, amending Regulation (EU) No 965/2012 (Air OPS Regulation), the objective of this Decision is to support the implementation of the requirements on:
 - power supply to cockpit voice recorders (CVRs) in order to improve the availability of recordings;
 - in-flight recording for light aircraft;
 - commercial operation of certain categories of aeroplanes without an ETOPS approval;
 - runway surface condition reporting and in-flight assessment of landing performance ;
 - reduced required landing distance for certain categories of commercially operated aeroplanes;
 - operations in airspaces where performance-based communication and surveillance (PBCS) is implemented;

- new technical standards on first-aid oxygen dispensing units, medical equipment, de-icing/anti-icing ground procedures; and technical records.

ED Decision 2021/008/R which updates of the Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to Regulation (EU) No 965/2012 on flight recorders and underwater locating devices — Certification specifications, acceptable means of compliance, and guidance material for locating an aircraft in distress.

- The objective of this Decision is to facilitate the implementation of point CAT.GEN.MPA.210 'Location of an aircraft in distress — Aeroplanes' of Annex IV (Part-CAT) to Regulation (EU) No 965/2012 ('Air OPS Regulation').
- This Decision amends certification specifications (CSs), acceptable means of compliance (AMC), and guidance material (GM), to support the implementation of point CAT.GEN.MPA.210. The scope of this Decision includes air operations (Air OPS), initial airworthiness (IAW), and air traffic management (ATM).
- The amendments are expected to increase safety as they will facilitate locating an accident scene. This will increase the chances of rescuing accident survivors, and accelerate the collection of evidence that is necessary for determining the accident causes. In addition, these amendments are expected to ensure consistency with the existing requirements on flight recorders, emergency locator transmitters (ELTs), and low-frequency (8.8 kHz) underwater locating devices (ULDs).

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