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**EASA CAA INFORMATION BULLETIN
HIGHLIGHTS OF EASA DEVELOPMENTS AND RELATED CAA
ACTIVITIES, COVERING THE PERIOD
9 MAY – 19 JUNE 2013**

This Information Notice contains information that is for guidance and/or awareness.

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Applicability:	
Aerodromes:	All Aerodrome Licence Holders
Air Traffic:	All ATC and FIS
Airspace:	All NATMAC Members
Airworthiness:	All Airworthiness Organisations
Flight Operations:	All AOC Holders and General Aviation Pilots
Licensed/Unlicensed Personnel:	All Training Organisations, All Pilots and Maintenance Engineers

1 Introduction

1.1 This Information Notice provides highlights of EASA developments and CAA activities covering the period 9 May to 19 June 2013.

2 EASA Management Board

2.1 The EASA Management Board met on 5 June. The meeting included the following agenda items:

- i) Progress Report on General Aviation

The Management Board reiterated strong support for the work and was generally pleased with the direction of travel. The roadmap drawn up by the Commission and EASA was welcomed and the Board was pleased that the GA industry had been and remains engaged in the work.

There were some concerns on timing, Member States/NAAs/Industry do not want to apply resources to overly regulated prescribed standards which are then amended to take account of the GA strategy. Consideration was needed into the timing of the regulations and smarter use of transition periods.

In summary the Management Board welcomed the GA strategy progress, considered that it was going in broadly the right direction and that momentum had to be maintained.

The next progress report is expected in December.

ii) Presentation by the Agency on EASA Training Activities

The Management Board welcomed a presentation on an 'EASA Learning Gateway'; which depicted considerable on-going training activity for EASA and NAAs. The Board concluded that a proposal for an EASA Academy needed more detailed consideration and would look to the new EASA Executive Director to refine the proposal.

iii) Future Accommodation

The Agency presented 3 options for possible EASA future offices and the Management Board agreed with the Agency's preferred option. It was recognised that a decision had to be taken imminently and the Agency was asked to bring forward further detail in due course on the accommodation decision, including expected business efficiencies.

iv) Article 62 Evaluation

The Chair provided a brief update on progress. The Article 62 Panel had received approximately 50 responses to a stakeholder survey and had started its interviews. The Chair of the Panel was expected to provide its interim conclusions to the MB in September and a final report in December.

v) Executive Director's Report

The Executive Director presented his report. In particular the following was noted:

- a) Certification level of involvement – The Agency was cooperating closely with industry to define the Agency's role, particularly in respect of dealing with risk. Legislative change to Part-21 would be required.
- b) EU-US BASA – The Agency was relatively content with a text proposed by the FAA on an Annex for Licensing. The Commission noted that the timing would be tight but expected the text to be finalised by the end of the year.

The agenda also included the Election of the MB Deputy Chair (Pekka Henttu (Finland) was selected to replace Maxine Coffin, (France)), and some financial/administrative items, including a report from the FABS Committee, the 2012 Annual Accounts, the 2013 First Amending Budget, the 2014 Work Programme, the 2014-18 Business Plan and Annual General Report.

3 EASA Committee

3.1 The EASA Committee is due to meet on 10-12 July. The draft agenda covers the following on the first day:

- i) Information update on on-going Commission adoption procedures;
- ii) Discussions on Proposals for a Commission Regulation on Third Country Operators (TCO); Operational Suitability Data (OSD); and on EASA Opinions on Special

Operations (Part-SPO), A-A (Part-CAT A-A), and Sailplanes and Balloons (Part-CAT S+B).

3.2 The agenda on the second day covers:

- i) Review and discussion of EASA Opinion 6/2012 for a Commission Regulation amending EC Regulation No 2042/2003 and 965/2012, and aligning EC Regulation No 2042/2003 with the Basic Regulation and with ICAO Annex 6;
- ii) Orientation discussion on EASA Opinion 3/2013 on requirements for flying in Instrument Meteorological Conditions (IMC), amending EC Regulation No 1178/2011;
- iii) Discussion and possible vote on a proposal for a Commission Regulation on Flight Time Limitations (FTL);
- iv) Review and discussion on Article 14 of the Basic Regulation Flexibility Provisions, including:
 - a) an Information Note on handling of notifications related to the flexibility provisions under Articles 14.1, 14.4 and 14.6 of the Basic Regulation, and
 - b) 'Omnibus' Commission Decision authorising Member States to derogate from certain common aviation safety rules pursuant to Article 14.6 of the Basic Regulation.

3.3 The agenda on the third day covers:

- i) Possible votes on the proposals discussed on the previous days for a Commission Regulation on TCO, OSD, EASA Opinions on Part-SPO, Part-CAT A-A, Part-CAT S+B, FTL (if not concluded on previous day); and 'Omnibus' Commission Decision relating to Article 14.6 of the Basic Regulation;
- ii) An exchange of views on Future Regulatory Challenges;
- iii) Information from EASA and Commission on the 2014 rulemaking programme;
- iv) Information on Workshops organised by EASA.

3.4 A report will be provided following the meeting.

4 Other Rulemaking Topics

4.1 Aerodromes

As part of the project to transition to EASA certification for aerodromes from 2014, the CAA held 4 seminars for industry between 3 and 11 June. At these seminars the CAA brought industry up to date with progress on the rulemaking process, together with the CAA's transition plan. Additionally, members of the CAA aerodromes team have been invited to EASA later this month to support the Agency in finalising the acceptable means of compliance and guidance material that support the aerodrome implementing rules.

4.2 *ATM/ANS (Air Traffic Management / Air Navigation Services) Common Requirements and Oversight Regulations*

[NPA 2013-08](#), Requirements for ATM/ANS providers and the safety oversight thereof, was published on 10 May. The deadline for comments to EASA has been extended to 31 October

2013. Given the potential impact on ANSPs it is strongly recommended that stakeholders carefully examine the NPA. Further information can be found in [Information Notice 2013/092](#).

4.3 *Single European Sky (SES) and the Basic EASA Regulation*

On 11 June the European Commission presented its so-called [Single Sky 2+](#) legislative proposal to the Parliament and the Council.

The proposal consists of two draft Regulations. The first combines the existing four Single Sky Regulations into one, at the same time updating them to accelerate progress in reforming air navigation services provision across Europe. The second amends the Basic EASA Regulation to clarify the role of EASA in safety regulation of ATM, making the EASA legislation consistent with SES legislation. It also includes changes in the naming and governance of EASA in line with an inter-institutional agreement covering all EU Agencies. (See also 'Opinions published' at paragraph 6).

4.4 Progress on all SES activities is covered in the [SES Bulletin](#) published periodically on the CAA website.

5 **CAA Responses to NPAs and CRDs**

5.1 The CAA submitted comments on the following EASA consultations since the previous update (Information Notice 2013/070) was published:

NPA 2013-01	Embodiment of Safety Management System (SMS) requirements into Commission Regulation (EC) No 2042/2003
CRD 2012-12	Transfer of JAA Cabin Safety Tasks

5.2 The CAA had no comments on the following EASA consultations since the last update was published:

NPA 2013-03	Appendix 1 – Aircraft type ratings for Part-66 aircraft maintenance licence
NPA 2013-04	Rotorcraft AMC revision (1st group)
NPA 2013-05	Regular update of CS-LSA

5.3 CAA responses on NPA and CRD consultations can be viewed via the following webpage: <http://www.caa.co.uk/default.aspx?catid=620&pagetype=90&pageid=11403>

6 **Opinions Published**

6.1 EASA recently published the following Opinions which can be found on the EASA website at <http://www.easa.eu.int/agency-measures/opinions.php>

Opinion 04/2013	Alignment of the EASA and the Single European Sky frameworks through the SES2+ initiative
Opinion 05/2013	Sterile flight deck procedures
Opinion 06/2013	Critical Tasks

7 Commonly used acronyms in EASA Bulletin

- 7.1 A list of commonly used acronyms used in our EASA Bulletins and their meanings are provided as an annex to this Information Notice.

8 Queries

- 8.1 Any queries related to this Information Notice should be sent to European.Affairs@caa.co.uk.

9 Cancellation

- 9.1 This Information Notice will remain in force until 19 December 2013.

ANNEX

Commonly used Acronyms in CAA EASA Information Bulletin

ACAS	Airborne Collision Avoidance System
AMC/GM	Acceptable Means of Compliance / Guidance Material
ANS	Air Navigation Services
AR/OR	Authority Requirements/Organisation Requirements
ATCO	Air Traffic Control Officer
ATM	Air Traffic Management
CC	Cabin Crew
CRD	Comment Response Document
EAB	EASA Advisory Board
FABS	Finance and Business Services
FCL	Flight Crew Licensing
FTL	Flight Time Limitations
IMC	Instrument Meteorological Conditions
IR	Implementing Rule
MED	Medical
NAA	National Aviation Authority
NPA	Notice of Proposed Amendment
NSA	National Supervisory Authority
OJEU	Official Journal of the European Union
OPS – NCO/NCC	Operations - non-commercial operations with other than complex motor-powered aircraft, non-commercial operations with complex motor-powered aircraft
OPS – SPO/CAT (S+B)	Operations - specialised operations/commercial air transport operations for sailplanes and balloons
OPS - CAT/SPA	Operations - Commercial air transport operations and specific approvals
OSD	Operational Suitability Data
RAG	Rulemaking Advisory Group
SERA	Standardised European Rules of the Air
SES	Single European Sky
SSCC	Safety Standards Consultative Committee
TAG	Thematic Advisory Group
TCO	Third Country Operators

A further list of standard terms used to describe the EASA Regulations can be found at:
[EASA Terminology](#)