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CAA Information Bulletin on EASA Developments – 21 January to 22 March 2017

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1 Introduction

- 1.1 This Information Notice provides highlights of EASA developments and CAA activities covering the period 21 January to 22 March 2017.

2 EASA Committee

- 2.1 The EASA Committee met on 15-16 February. The agenda covered the following items on the first day:

- i) Update on on-going Commission adoption procedures – *Information by the Commission*.

The Commission provided the usual update on progress towards the publication of revised regulations that are subject to a vote by the EASA Committee.

Following the meeting [Commission Regulation \(EU\) No. 2017/363](#) was published amending the EASA OPS Regulation (EU) No. 965/2012. The new regulation when it

comes into force on 22 March 2017 will allow Commercial Air Transport Operation of single-engine turbine powered aeroplanes at night and in IMC.

- ii) Draft Commission Regulation as regards the revision of EU operations rules for balloons and amending Commission Regulation (EU) No. 965/2012 – *Discussion*

The Committee discussed the proposals and was broadly supportive of their contents. Several Member States would have preferred to see the revised regulations being set out in a separate regulation specifically for Balloons and Sailplanes. It is expected that the proposals will be put to the vote in the June Committee meeting.

- iii) Opt-out extensions to balloons and sailplanes provision in Part-FCL in the context of the foreseen timelines for the new balloon and sailplane regulations – *Discussion*

EASA proposed that the opt-out is extended until September 2020 to allow sufficient time for the new OPS and FCL rules to be implemented. There was broad support for the proposal. The UK suggested that it may be better to move the final compliance date until spring 2021 to allow transition to be completed in the winter months, when there is significantly less flying taking place. The Commission agreed to review the proposal.

- iv) Draft Commission Regulation amending Regulation (EU) No. 640/2015 as regards additional airworthiness specifications for a given type of operations – *Discussion with a view to launch a written procedure after the meeting.*

- EASA Opinion 02/2016 – Seat crashworthiness improvement on large aeroplanes / Dynamic testing 16 g.
- EASA Opinion 04/2016 – Additional airworthiness specifications for operations: thermal/acoustic insulation materials
- EASA Opinion 08/2016 – Halon: Update of Part-26 to comply with ICAO standards
- EASA Opinion 12/2016 – Ageing aircraft structures

The proposals were discussed by the Committee. The proposals were supported by the Member States. A vote to adopt the text by written procedure is expected to take place before the next Committee meeting in June.

- v) Draft Commission Regulation based on EASA Opinion 11/2016 amending Commission Regulation (EU) No. 1178/2011 as regards training outside approved training organisations, new Annex VIII Part-DTO – *Discussion with a view to launch a written procedure after the meeting.*

The proposals were discussed by the Committee. The proposals were supported by the Member States. The Commission plans to finalise the text for adoption either by written procedure in the next few weeks or by a vote at the next Committee meeting in June.

- vi) Draft Commission Regulation based on EASA Opinion 16/2016 amending Commission Regulation (EU) No. 1178/2011 on making the multi-crew pilot licence take-off and landing requirement more competency-based – *Discussion with a view to launch a written procedure after the meeting.*

The proposals were discussed by the Committee. The proposals received strong support from the Member States. A vote to adopt the text by written procedure is expected to take place before the next Committee meeting in June.

- vii) Draft Commission Regulation based on EASA Opinion XX/2017 amending Commission Regulation (EU) No 1178/2011 to adapt it to the latest ICAO provisions on automatic validation of flight crew licences – *Discussion with a view to launch a written procedure after the meeting.*

The proposals were discussed by the Committee. The proposals received strong support from the Member States. A vote to adopt the text by written procedure is expected to take place before the next Committee meeting in June.

- viii) Implementation of Regulation (EU) No. 2016/539 in relation to PBN (Performance Based Navigation) to be applied before 25 August 2018.

France presented a paper explaining that they had identified some legal difficulties making an endorsement on pilots' licenses confirming PBN privileges before the revised regulation comes into force. They proposed a small change to the regulation that would enable this endorsement to be made in readiness for the date when it would be required. The Committee supported the clarification. The Commission will prepare the draft amendment for adoption by written procedure before the June Committee meeting.

2.2 The following agenda items were covered on the second day:

- ix) Draft Commission Regulation based on EASA Opinion 03/2016 amending Commission Regulation (EU) No. 139/2014 as regards the classification of runways – *Discussion with possible vote.*

The Commission presented their proposals. Several Member States considered that the proposals for runway classification should be tied in with forthcoming changes to the OPS regulations to ensure that the changes are implemented in a coordinated way across all affected regulations. The Commission agreed to consider if this was necessary and decide if the proposals should be adopted by written procedure in the next few weeks.

- x) EASA Opinion 14/2016 amending Commission Regulation (EU) No. 965/2012 as regards Aircrew medical fitness implementing the recommendations made by the EASA-led Germanwings Task Force on the accident of the Germanwings Flight 9525 – *Orientation discussion.*

The proposals derived from the task force recommendation were discussed. There was strong support for the introduction of peer support programmes and for random drug and alcohol testing by operators. The proposal for random testing during ramp inspections was viewed by some states (including the UK) as likely to cause difficulties if implemented. This issue will be discussed further in a special meeting of experts from the Member States on 29 March 2017.

- xi) EASA Opinion 15/2016 amending Commission Regulation (EU) No. 965/2012, as regards equipping with a terrain awareness warning system newly manufactured turbine-powered aeroplanes of less than 5,700 kg maximum certified take-off mass able to carry six to nine passengers – *Orientation discussion.*

There was broad support for aligning the European regulations with those already in force in the USA.

- xii) Commission Regulation (EU) No. 1332/2011 laying down common airspace usage requirements and operating procedures for airborne collision avoidance, and Commission Regulation (EU) No. 965/2012: Information point related to the Single European Sky initiative on Performance Based Navigation implementation in the European air traffic management network – *Information by the Commission*.

The Commission briefed on division of responsibilities between the Single European Sky Committee and the EASA Committee in respect of PBN implementation.

- xiii) Draft Commission Regulation based on EASA Opinion 09/2016 amending Commission Regulation (EU) No. 1178/2011 as regards aircraft, updating Annex IV Part MED, including provisions on the European Aero-Medical Repository (EAMR) and revising Article 12(4) on opt-outs on third-country licenses in non-commercial operation – *Discussion with a view to launch a written procedure after the meeting*.

The revised proposals were discussed. They received broad support from the Committee. A few minor changes to the text were proposed. The Commission agreed to consider if the proposal should be adopted by written procedure in the next few weeks.

- xiv) Possible vote: *Draft Commission Regulation based on EASA Opinion 03/2016 amending Commission Regulation (EU) No. 139/2014 as regards the classification of runways*.
See item ix) above

- xv) AOB
See item viii) regarding the FCL amendment proposal put forward by France.

3 Other Rulemaking Topics

3.1 Single European Sky (SES)

Progress on SES activities is covered in [CAA Information Notices](#) published periodically on the CAA website.

4 CAA Responses to NPAs and CRDs

- 4.1 The CAA made comments on the following EASA consultations since the last update ([IN-2017/004](#)) was published:

NPA 2016-09	Requirements for Air Traffic Services – Parts A and B
NPA 2016-16	Regular update of Part-FCL - Regular update of Regulation (EU) No. 1178/2011 regarding pilot training and licensing and the related oversight.
NPA 2016-19	Alignment of implementing rules and acceptable means of compliance/guidance material with Regulation (EU) No. 376/2014 – Occurrence Reporting

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

NPA 2016-15	Instructions for continued airworthiness: certification maintenance requirements.
NPA 2016-17	Regular update of certification specifications for standard changes and standard repairs (CS-STAN).
NPA 2016-18	Prediction of wind shear from aeroplanes performing commercial air transport operations.

- 4.3 [CAA responses on NPA and CRD consultations](#) can be viewed on the CAA website.

5 Opinions

5.1 EASA recently published the following Opinion:

Opinion 01/2017: Maintenance check flights

5.2 [Opinions](#) can be viewed on the EASA website.

6 Commonly used Abbreviations in EASA Bulletin

6.1 A list of commonly used abbreviations used in our EASA Bulletins and their meanings are provided as an [Annex](#) to this Information Notice. The Annex also includes a link to the standard list of terms used to describe the high-level EASA regulations.

7 Queries

7.1 Any queries as a result of this communication should be addressed to the European.Affairs@caa.co.uk e-mail address.

8 Cancellation

8.1 This Information Notice will remain in force until 22 September 2017.

Annex Commonly used Abbreviations 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
EASP EASp	EASA Aviation Safety Programme EASA Aviation Safety Plan
FABS	Finance and Business Services
FCL	Flight Crew Licensing
FTL	Flight Time Limitations
GA	General Aviation
IMC	Instrument Meteorological Conditions
IR	Implementing Rule
MAB	Member States Advisory Body
MED	Medical
MS	Member States
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
SAB	Stakeholder Advisory Board
SAFA	Safety Assessment of Foreign Aircraft
SERA	Standardised European Rules of the Air
SES	Single European Sky
TCO	Third Country Operators

TEB	Member States Technical Bodies
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