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EASA CAA INFORMATION BULLETIN
HIGHLIGHTS OF EASA DEVELOPMENTS AND RELATED CAA
ACTIVITIES, COVERING THE PERIOD
1 OCTOBER 2012 – 7 NOVEMBER 2012

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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 1 October 2012 to 7 November 2012.

2 EASA Committee

2.1 The EASA Committee met on 24-25 October. The agenda included the following items:

- i) EASA Opinion on Flight Time Limitations – There was a technical session during which the proposals were explained and Committee members were able to seek clarity on any points and a later strategic level discussion, which was very constructive and positive. The Committee agreed unanimously that the Agency and the rule-making group had provided excellent quality work on a challenging topic. All Member States recognised that the proposal needed to be considered as a package of measures; any changes to requirements within the proposal would need careful consideration, particularly given potential consequences upon other areas of the package. The Commission noted its intention to prepare the Commission's draft regulation for discussion at the next EASA Committee in December.

- ii) EASA Opinion on OPS SPO (aerial work) – The Commission was not seeking decisions at Committee but further advice to help inform its work with the Agency to draw up some firm Commission proposals for presentation at the next meeting. There was a lengthy discussion on how to adjust the proposals better to reflect the risks associated with some activities whilst not imposing undue burdens on others, such as sport activities. There was a broad level of agreement that, in general, non-commercial activities should not be subject to Part-SPO, except for a few specific high-risk activities which would be clearly defined. For commercial SPO activities, there was a range of views about the extent certification was desirable as opposed to declaration on which the Commission and Agency would reflect further.
- iii) Draft revised Standardisation Regulation –The Commission presented a draft revision to the regulation which governs the way the Agency monitors the implementation by Member States of the EASA Basic Regulation and its implementing rules. The Agency stressed that the objective was that all players in the aviation system should work together to ensure that the “standardisation” work adds safety value, targeting inspections so as not waste anyone’s limited resources – in either the Agency, the Member States or the industry. The Committee gave its initial reactions, recognising that more time would be needed for a comprehensive analysis of the text. Member States were universally supportive of the general thrust of the proposal i.e. a risk-based, performance-based approach; making use of continuous monitoring and alignment with ICAO; and more targeted and flexible inspections. Written comments were invited in order that a further draft could be reviewed at the next meeting.
- iv) Update on on-going Commission adoption procedures - The Commission announced that the Regulation on Commercial air transport operations was about to be published (see paragraph 4.3 below), and that the regulation covering non-commercial operations (Parts NCC and NCO) would shortly be sent for translation, followed by the scrutiny procedure of Council and Parliament leading to publication probably in late spring, early summer 2013.
- v) Other Business - The Commission explained that it had launched a public consultation on potential changes to EASA and Single European Sky (SES) legislation for the purposes of simplification, clarification and modernisation and to ensure alignment of SES and EASA rules. The initiative is known as **SES II+**. The consultation document is available on the European Commission website at:
http://ec.europa.eu/transport/air/consultations/2012-12-13-sestwoplus_en.htm
The deadline for submission of comments to the Commission is 13 December 2012 ([See CAA Information Notice 2012/170](#)).
- vi) Future Meetings - The next meeting of the EASA Committee will take place on 3-4 December (changed from that previously advised as 4-5 December).
The following is a list of tentative dates for EASA Committee meetings in 2013:
19-21 February
23-25 April
10-11 July
1-3 October
11-12 December.

4 Other Rulemaking Topics

4.1 Aerodromes

The CAA continues to develop its transition project, a process that will continue for the rest of 2012. EASA intends to publish the CRD to the Aerodromes NPA shortly and its Opinion in January 2013.

4.2 Flight Time Limitations - Emergency Medical Services

The third meeting of rulemaking group .0346, FTL for Emergency Medical Services, was held on 10/11 October in Cologne. The work is at the stage of developing Options to be used in Regulatory Impact Assessment and the development of the NPA. The next meeting on 3/4 December will split into a separate aeroplane and helicopter group to discuss the specifics of these different types of operations.

4.3 OPS – CAT/SPA (commercial air transport operations and operations requiring specific approval)

[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 was published in the Official Journal on 25 October 2012.

4.4 Single European Sky (SES)

Progress on all SES activities is covered in the SES Bulletin published periodically on the following webpage: www.caa.co.uk/SES

4.5 Standardised European Rules of the Air (SERA)

The draft SERA Implementing Rule was adopted by the Commission on 26 September 2012 and was subsequently published in the OJEU on 13 October 2012 as Implementing Rule [\(EU\) No 923/2012](#).

The UK has notified the Commission and EASA of its intention to derogate from the Rule until 4 December 2014. CAA planning for implementation by that date is under way, and industry will be kept informed of progress with implementation.

5 CAA Responses to NPAs and CRDs

5.1 The CAA submitted comments on the following EASA consultations since the previous update (Information Notice 2012/160) was published:

NPA 2012-05	Certification Specification for Flight Crew Data (CS FCD)
NPA 2012-06	Sterile Flight Deck Procedures
NPA 2012-07	Guidance material on volcanic ash safety risk assessment
NPA 2012-08	Maintenance Flight Checks
NPA 2012-09	CS-Generic MMEL for other than complex motor powered aeroplanes

NPA 2012-10	Transposition of Amendment 43 to Annex 2 to the Chicago Convention on remotely piloted aircraft systems (RPASs) into common rules of the air
CRD 2010-12	Vibration Health Monitoring

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

CRD 2008-20	Flight Testing
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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 Opinion which can be found on the EASA website at
<http://www.easa.eu.int/agency-measures/opinions.php>

Opinion 04/2012	Implementing Rules on Flight and Duty Time Limitations and rest requirements (FTL) for commercial air transport (CAT) with aeroplanes
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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 7 May 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
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
SERA	Standardised European Rules of the Air
SES	Single European Sky
TCO	Third Country Operators

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