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**EASA CAA INFORMATION BULLETIN  
HIGHLIGHTS OF EASA DEVELOPMENTS AND RELATED CAA  
ACTIVITIES, COVERING THE PERIOD  
21 DECEMBER 2012 – 6 MARCH 2013**

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

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<b>Applicability:</b>	
<b>Aerodromes:</b>	All Aerodrome Licence Holders
<b>Air Traffic:</b>	All ATC and FIS
<b>Airspace:</b>	All NATMAC Members
<b>Airworthiness:</b>	All Airworthiness Organisations
<b>Flight Operations:</b>	All AOC Holders and General Aviation Pilots
<b>Licensed/Unlicensed Personnel:</b>	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 21 December 2012 to 6 March 2013.

**2 EASA Committee**

2.1 The EASA Committee met on 19-21 February. The agenda included the following items:

- i) Flight Time Limitations (FTL) – *Information and discussion on the state of play by the Commission and EASA (see also paragraph 3.3)*

There was a brief discussion. The Commission has not yet presented its formal proposal on FTL for CAT Operations to the Committee for its consideration.

- ii) EASA Opinion on Special Operations (Part-SPO) – *Review and discussion*

There was a lengthy, technical discussion on the proposals in the Agency's Opinion but the Commission has not yet presented its formal proposal to the Committee for its consideration.

- iii) Draft proposal amending and repealing the standardisation regulation – *Presentation by the Commission and EASA on the state of play following the discussion on 3-4 December 2012*

The Commission presented its formal proposal which received strong broad support from the Committee. Some detailed amendments to the text were agreed which the Commission will incorporate before seeking the Committee's opinion via a written procedure.

- iv) EASA Opinion 05/2012 on Third Countries Operators (TCO) – *Orientation discussion*

The Committee discussed a further re-draft of the text proposed by the Agency, agreeing a few small amendments. The Commission will now prepare a formal proposal which it hopes can receive formal agreement at the next meeting of the Committee in April.

- v) EASA Opinion on Aerodromes (ADR) – *Orientation discussion* (see also paragraph 3.1)

The Agency gave a presentation on the main aspects of the proposal as set out in its Opinion, noting the changes and improvements that had been made since the original NPA. As a result of detailed and focused discussions that had been held with both the industry and the NAAs, in addition to the formal written consultations, the Agency and the Commission believed that there was now a high level of consensus on the proposal. The Committee also expressed a broad measure of support, noting that a good compromise had been reached on a number of aspects of the proposal and that the quality had improved at each stage of the process. There were a number of issues on which the Committee sought further explanations and as the Opinion had only recently been issued it sought time (two weeks) in which to make written comments. Thereafter the Commission would start internal procedures to produce its formal proposal, hopefully for discussion at the April meeting.

- vi) EASA Opinion on Operational Suitability Data (OSD) – *Orientation discussion*

The Commission examined some further proposed texts from the Agency, suggesting a few amendments and identifying areas to be clarified. The Commission would discuss further with the Agency and then launch its internal procedures with a view to presenting its formal proposals at a future Committee meeting.

### **3 Other Rulemaking Topics**

#### **3.1 Aerodromes**

Following the publication of the CRD to NPA 2011-20, which included the publication of revised rules, CAA discussed its comments and UK issues with the Agency.

On 8 January EASA hosted a thematic workshop for Competent Authorities (CAs) – i.e. the NAAs responsible for implementing the rules, the purpose of which was to review the revised IRs. Generally, the changes to the IRs were well received. Additionally, several CAs, including the UK CAA, had been asked to give presentations on their plans for transition to the EASA aerodrome rules. The UK CAA approach was acknowledged and, from the questions asked and response to all the presentations, it was clear that they had helped the CAs to understand how to think about and plan their own transition projects. Building on this, UK CAA briefed the Airport Operators Association on progress on 29 January.

The UK CAA submitted comments on the CRD on 1 February (which can be viewed via the link at paragraph 4.3 below), and understood that its significant concerns would all be met.

The Agency's [Opinion 01/2013](#) on Aerodromes was published on 5 February 2013.

A UK transition project plan is being developed within CAA and industry will be fully informed when it has been finalised.

### 3.2 *Airworthiness*

The Basic Regulation and the Implementing Rule on Initial Airworthiness were amended by Commission Regulations [No 6/2013](#) and [No 7/2013](#), and published in the OJEU on 9 January 2013. This is the outcome of the adoption by ICAO Council on 4 March 2011 of the recommended amendments to Annex 16 of the Chicago Convention by ICAO 8th Committee on Aviation Environmental Protection.

The Agency published [NPA 2013-01](#), Embodiment of Safety Management System (SMS) requirements into Commission Regulation (EC) No. 2042/2003 on 21 January 2013. The closing date for comments is 22 April 2013.

### 3.3 *Flight Time Limitations (FTL)*

EASA RMT.0346 FTL for Emergency Medical Services: There have been two further meetings of this rulemaking group which have made good progress in developing the specific options for the different types of operations (helicopter or fixed wing). The draft RIA will be presented at the next meeting (16-18 April) and EASA will then start to develop the Notice of Proposed Amendment.

EASA RMT.0429 FTL for Air Taxi and Single Pilot: The first meeting of this rulemaking group was held on 10 January 2013. EASA explained how this task was interlinked to the other FTL rulemaking tasks, and the group was given a number of tasks to assess the hazards and risks associated specifically with Air Taxi and Single Pilot operations, and complete a risk register, ahead of the next meeting on 5-8 March 2013.

### 3.4 *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](http://www.caa.co.uk/SES)

### 3.5 *ATCO Implementing Rules*

The EASA ATCO Licensing NPA is undergoing consultation until 1 April 2013. This draft regulation will replace Regulation 805/2011 and conform to the EASA 'house style' seen in other domains such as Air Operations. The draft regulation is extensive and includes Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance material. The main changes are:

- Introduction of requirements for the Assessor endorsement;
- Standardisation of Age and Language requirements;
- Formalisation of ratings across the EU.

Within the NPA stakeholders are also asked to comment on several topics including:

- Remote Towers;
- Surveillance endorsements;
- Caffeine;
- Diabetes Mellitus. This is an important area where rules pertaining to aircrew are replicated for ATCOs.

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

The EASA NPA covering ATM/ANS requirements, superseding regulations 1034/2011 and 1035/2011 is expected to be published for consultation in April 2013.

## 4 **CAA Responses to NPAs and CRDs**

### 4.1 The CAA submitted comments on the following EASA consultations since the previous update (Information Notice 2012/204) was published:

NPA 2012-14	Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to Part-SERA
NPA 2012-15	B2L and L Licences
NPA 2012-16	Systematic review and transposition of existing FAA TSO standards for parts and appliances into EASA ETSOs
NPA 2012-17	Part –M General Aviation Task Force (Phase 1)
NPA 2012-19	Approval requirements for Air-Ground Data Link and ADS-B in support of interoperability requirements
NPA 2012-20	Amendment of the AMC for pilot medical certification (LAPL)
A-NPA 2012-21	Volcanic Ash Ingestion in Turbine Engines
CRD to NPA 2011-09	Incorporation of generic SC and AMC CRIs in CS-25
CRD to NPA 2011-16	Qualifications for flying in Instrument Meteorological Conditions (IMC)
CRD to NPA 2011-20	Authority, Organisation and Operations Requirements for Aerodromes

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

NPA 2012-22	Large Aeroplane Certification Specifications in Supercooled Large Drop, Mixed phase, and Ice Crystal Icing Conditions – Advisory Material
NPA 2012-23	Turbine Engine CSs in icing Conditions – Advisory Material
NPA 2012-24	Certification Specifications, AMC and GM for Tethered Gas Balloons (CS-31TGB)
CRD to NPA 2011-03	Large Aeroplane Certification Specifications in Supercooled Large Drop, Mixed phase, and Ice Crystal Icing Conditions
CRD to NPA 2011-04	Turbine Engine Certification Specifications in Icing Conditions

- 4.3 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>

## **5 Commonly used acronyms in EASA Bulletin**

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

## **6 Queries**

- 6.1 Any queries related to this Information Notice should be sent to [European.Affairs@caa.co.uk](mailto:European.Affairs@caa.co.uk).

## **7 Cancellation**

- 7.1 This Information Notice will remain in force until 6 September 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
RMT	Rulemaking Task
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](#)