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**EASA CAA INFORMATION BULLETIN  
HIGHLIGHTS OF EASA DEVELOPMENTS AND RELATED CAA  
ACTIVITIES, COVERING THE PERIOD  
1 NOVEMBER – 19 DECEMBER 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, FIS and ANSPs
<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 1 November to 19 December 2013.

**2 EASA Management Board**

2.1 The Management Board met on 9-10 December. An annual "special" meeting took place on the afternoon of 9 December, the main agenda item was a presentation of the Article 62 evaluation final report.

2.2 The formal Board meeting on 10 December included a number of substantive items:

i) Rulemaking Strategy:

The Management Board welcomed a joint Agency/Commission paper on a strategy for 'better regulation'. This encompassed measures not only for a simpler EASA rulemaking programme, but also other initiatives that will contribute to a more risk based and proportionate approach to regulation, including better implementation and standardisation. Emphasis was placed on the need to provide more support for all stakeholders, including helping better understanding of the regulations. A revised draft 2014-2017 Rulemaking Programme was presented in which less rulemaking tasks would be undertaken in 2014 and 2015. The draft is available at [Draft Rulemaking Plan 2014-2017 Revision 1](#).

ii) General Aviation roadmap progress:

The Agency reported on progress in implementing the GA roadmap, including the work of the SSCC GA sub-group. That sub-group has presented a first edition of projects and proposals that it considers necessary for future development of the GA strategy. The Agency also reported on meetings it had had, with GA representatives which will be supplemented by a number of subject-specific workshops. The Management Board endorsed a proposal to establish a small GA group of NAA representatives to help take the roadmap forward, stressing that this must help to speed up the process rather than slow it down. UK offered to join the group.

iii) European Aviation Safety Plan (EASp).

The MB welcomed the 4<sup>th</sup> iteration of this plan endorsing various important safety actions. The UK noted that legal backing was needed to enable more effective measures on ground handling; the Commission assured the MB that this would be considered as part of a review of possible future amendments for the EASA Basic Regulation.

2.3 The agenda also included a regular report from the Executive Director, a report from the Certification Strategy Industry EASA (CSIE) working group, and some financial/administrative items, including a report from the FABs Advisory Board, adoption of the Business Plan 2014-2018, Adoption of the Budget 2014, and discussion on Planning Documents for 2015.

2.4 Provisional meeting dates for Management Board meetings in 2014 are as follows:

11 March  
3 June  
16 September  
8 (afternoon) and 9 (all day) December

### 3 EASA Committee

3.1 Following the EASA Committee meeting held 16-17 October, the re-cast of Regulation 2042/2003, including OSD items, was circulated to the Committee for vote by written procedure. The UK voted positively.

3.2 The EASA Committee meeting scheduled to take place on 11-12 December was cancelled.

3.3 Provisional meeting dates for EASA Committee meetings in 2014 are as follows:

29-30 January  
7-8 May  
8-9 July  
16-17 October  
15-16 December

### 4 Other Rulemaking Topics

#### 4.1 Aerodromes

Development of the UK processes and systems to transition to the EASA rules continues as planned. The Bristol and Aberdeen trials have been completed, whilst the Norwich trial, which is intended to be a “dress rehearsal” for transition, started on 12 November and will be complete by mid January.

#### 4.2 *Airworthiness*

[Commission Regulation \(EU\) 1088/2013](#) amending Regulation (EC) 1005/2009, which provides a derogation regarding the import/export of essential aircraft equipment containing halons, was published in the OJEU on 5 November 2013.

#### 4.3 *OPS – Commercial Air Transport Operations (Part CAT)*

On 21-22 November, the rulemaking group for RMT.0232 and .0233, 'Commercial air transportation aeroplane operations at night or in IMC using single-engine turboprop aeroplanes', held their final planned meeting ahead of publishing proposals in the new year. It is expected that an NPA and associated RIA will be issued by EASA at the end of February or early March 2014.

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

#### 4.5 *Standardised European Rules of the Air (SERA)*

The Agency published [CRD 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, on 18 November with a closing date for comments of 18 December. The CAA response can be found via the link at paragraph 5.3 below.

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

5.1 The CAA made comments on the following EASA consultation since the last update (Information Notice 2013/173) was published:

A-NPA 2013-16	Lead Flight Test Engineer Licence
CRD to 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

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

NPA 2013-17	CS and GM for development of the definition of scope of the aircraft validation source data to support the objective qualification of simulator(s) associated to the pilot type rating training (simulator data) – CS-SIMD
NPA 2013-18	Rotorcraft AMC Revision (Group 2)
CRD to NPA 2012-18	Licensing and medical certification of air traffic controllers

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 11/2013                      Licensing and Medical Certification of Air Traffic Controllers

Opinion 12/2013                      Control of Suppliers

## **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](mailto:European.Affairs@caa.co.uk).

## **9 Cancellation**

- 9.1 This Information Notice will remain in force until 19 June 2014.

**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](#)