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Recently found on EASA’s web site

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/document-library/research-and-publication-overview>

This “link” opens the door to several publications supporting General Aviation’s activities. The publications prepared are useful sources for flight training organisations (from ATO to “ZTO” ...) and for individual pilots.



Remember the place ?



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NPA 2017-05 (A)(B) Introduction of a regulatory framework for the operation of drones — Unmanned aircraft system operations in the “open” and “specific” category (RMT.0230)

Opinion 01/2018 was published by the Agency on 6 February 2018, with five texts, but without a real Comment Response Document (CRD). This is still missing today, this fact hinders me to undertake what I promised: I intended to prepare myself an evaluation of the Agency Staff's position as regards our comments.

In Southern Switzerland recently a “drone” collided with a civil helicopter. The helicopter landed safely, his rotor sporting scratches at the blade-tips. News media reported that the Federal Office for Civil Aviation (FOCA) has found the owner and that he will be prosecuted.

NPA 2018-01 Instructions for continued airworthiness [RMT.0252 (MDM.056)]

This is the “link” to the Notice of Proposed Amendment:

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/document-library/notices-of-proposed-amendment/npa-2018-01>

I coordinated with Nils Rostedt, the new Programme Manager of Europe Air Sports (EAS PM), our comments, 14 in total, concentrating on a possible legal uncertainty with regard to mandatory and non-mandatory items, on the fact that there is still no Part-M light, and on the need for best possible harmonisation with the provisions published by Federal Aviation Authority (FAA).

NPA 2018-02 Provisions of airworthiness requirements in support of global performance-based navigation operations (RMT.0519)

Here as well, I contributed to the submissions of Europe Air Sports and with the Aero-Club of Switzerland. This is the “link” to the document:

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/document-library/notices-of-proposed-amendment/npa-2018-02>

We basically supported the purpose of this NPA, the objectives are shared by our partners, namely

- the update of CS-ACNS;
- the relationship established between the various PBN specifications;
- the setting-up of a subpart C «NAV»;
- the rationalisation of existing texts, including cancellation of some AMC-20s.

Nevertheless, we had some concerns about :

- the alignment with ICAO provisions about ADS-B and subsequent FAA criteria to allow global interoperability and global market and
- the mandatory PBN functionalities.

I shall keep you informed on the next step, awaiting the publication of the CRD.



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Reminder

NPA2018-03 Recorders installation and maintenance thereof – certification aspects (RMT.0249, formerly MDM.051)

is now open for consultation on the EASA website. This NPA proposes to enhance and modernise the specifications for the installation of flight recorders on board large aircraft (CS-25, CS-29), and addresses the following subjects:

- cockpit voice recorder (CVR) power supplies;
- automatic stopping of the recording after a crash;
- combination recorders;
- deployable recorders; and
- performance specifications for flight recorders.

The proposed changes are expected to:

- increase the level of safety;
- address safety recommendations;
- save costs;
- transpose International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) standards into EU rules; and
- achieve greater harmonisation with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulations.

A second NPA that provides a proposal for further issues identified in the Terms of Reference (ToR) for rule-making task (RMT).0249 Recorders installation and maintenance thereof-certification aspects will be published at a later stage. It is CS-25 and CS-29 stuff, not our core-business. This is the “link” the the present NPA:

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/document-library/notices-of-proposed-amendment/npa-2018-03>

To place your own comments, please use the automated Comment-Response Tool (CRT) available at

<http://hub.easa.europa.eu/crt/>

The deadline for submission of comments is **27 Jun 2018**.

It is not our core-business, I think, however, we should at least look at what is proposed because RMT.0271 on Inflight recorders for light aircraft, NPA 2017-03, still is in orbit, the Opinion of the Agency being planned for the first quarter of 2019.

Comment Response Documents (CRD), Opinions, Agency Decisions published last month

CRD's published: CRD 2016-09 (A) and (B) **Requirements for Air Traffic**, publication date 27 March 2018, linked with Opinion 03/2018.

Opinion published: Opinion 03/2018 **Requirements for Air Traffic Services**. publication date 22 May 2018.

Agency Decisions: ED Decision 2018/006/R, **CS-FSTD(A) — Issue 2**, publication date 3 May 2018.



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Public consultation on drones (unmanned aircraft)– technical standards for drones as a product and conditions for drone operations

This is the consultation period: 13 April 2018 - 9 July 2018, target group: All citizens and organisations are welcome to contribute to this consultation.

Objective: This public consultation asks for your informed opinions and suggestions to help identify what are the gains that could be brought by the use of drones and what are the concerns that would need to be addressed by EU public intervention. The questionnaire is structured as follows:

1. Respondent's profile
2. What benefits Drones can bring
3. Problems to be addressed
4. Market situation
5. Other issues

The results of this consultation will feed into the forthcoming delegated and implementing rules on drones and drones operations and possible future follow-up rules related to drones operations. This is the “link” to the questionnaire:

https://ec.europa.eu/info/consultations/2018-drones_en

Opinion 03/2018 Requirements for air traffic services

addresses safety and regulatory coordination issues related to the provision of air traffic services (ATS), it was published on 22 May 2018. The proposal aims to transpose the relevant International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) provisions on ATS into the EU aviation regulatory framework, thus contributing to their uniform implementation throughout the EU, and supporting EU Member States in fulfilling their obligations stemming from the Chicago Convention; and to define proportionate and cost-efficient rules.

Based on the CRD 2016-09 (A) and (B) the Opinion proposes amendments to Regulation (EU) 2017/373 and Annexes I (Part-Definitions), IV (Part-ATS) and V (Part-MET) thereto; and to Regulation (EU) No 923/2012 and the Annex thereto.

Together with Europe Air Sports I sent quite many comments on both (A) and (B) to EASA in-time as the Aerodrome Flight Information Services (AFIS), important for our members, is a core-element of the publications.

The Opinion proposes a detailed set of provisions, mainly transposed from the relevant ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) and Procedures for Air Navigation Services (PANS), into Regulation (EU) 2017/373, in particular in Annex IV (Part-ATS) thereto. Minor amendments to Annex V (Part-MET) are introduced to ensure consistency with Part-ATS. Amendments to Regulation (EU) No 923/2012 are also proposed for consistency, in consideration of the close interrelationship between the ATS provision and the rules of the air.

In order to get a clear picture I shall have to read the Opinion and parts (A) and (B) of the CRD. I shall do this in the next two weeks and inform you about possible conclusions.



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Have nice flights!

Best wishes, kind regards,

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