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EASA Proposals to Change the Basic Regulation (Regulation (EC) No. 216/2008)

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Applicability:	
Aerodromes:	All Aerodrome Operators and Ground Handling Organisations
Air Traffic:	All ATC, FIS and ANSPs
Airspace:	All NATMAC Representatives
Airworthiness:	All Airworthiness Organisations
Flight Operations:	All AOC Holders and General Aviation Pilots
Licensed/Unlicensed Personnel:	All Training Organisations, Pilots and Maintenance Engineers

1 Introduction

1.1 The European Commission and the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) have been reviewing a number of aspects of the European regulatory framework for aviation, including the scope of EASA's authority and the way the EASA system works. EASA is consulting on its advice to the Commission about changing the Basic Regulation, on the following issues:

- a) the future scope of EASA's remit (possible changes on security, environment, remotely piloted aircraft systems, space aircraft, ground handling, Annex II aircraft etc.);
- b) how to make regulation in the EASA system more performance-based;
- c) measures to strengthen the collection and analysis of safety data and the production of Safety Plans at European and national levels;
- d) how to ensure optimum sharing of resources and genuine partnership behaviour between EASA and National Aviation Authorities (NAAs), including whether NAAs should be able to transfer responsibilities to EASA or to other NAAs on request;
- e) how to respond to operators' increasingly trans-national business models;
- f) how to ensure proportionate regulation for general aviation;
- g) EASA's international role, including how explicitly it should be charged with promoting EU industry;

- h) research and training;
- i) EASA's contribution to the Single European Sky initiative;
- j) EASA's funding; and
- k) long-term options for the structure of Europe's aviation safety arrangements.

- 1.2 The EASA **Advance Notice of Proposed Amendment (A-NPA)** is open for public consultation and seeks views of the aviation community and other interested parties. This is an important opportunity for the aviation industry to engage in the future of aviation regulation in Europe and have their say.
- 1.3 The purpose of this Information Notice is to alert the UK aviation industry to the A-NPA and confirm the CAA's intentions to share early views with industry through trade associations.

2 Scope

- 2.1 The UK CAA, alongside the Department for Transport, will be responding to the consultation. The Department for Transport plans to hold an extraordinary meeting of the EASA / Industry Forum on 23 July 2014 to share the early views on the A-NPA. Trade associations who normally attend this forum will be invited to attend the extraordinary meeting.

- 2.2 The trade associations invited to attend this meeting, along with the CAA and the Department for Transport, are as follows:

A D S	Aerospace, Defence, Security and Space
AOA	Aerodrome Operators Association
AOPA	Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association
BALPA	British Airline Pilots Association
BATA	British Air Transport Association
BBGA	British Business and General Aviation Association
BGA	British Gliding Association
BHA	British Helicopter Association
EIMG	European Independent Maintenance Group
GAPAN	Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators
GA Alliance	
LAA	Light Aircraft Association
PPL/IR Europe	
RAeC	Royal Aero Club
RAeS	Royal Aeronautical Society
UKFSC	UK Flight Safety Committee

- 2.3 The UK aviation industry is encouraged to read the A-NPA and respond to the consultation, directly to EASA (using the EASA Comments Response Tool).

3 EASA Deadline for Comments

- 3.1 The EASA deadline for comments on the A-NPA is 15 September 2014, which has been extended by one month beyond the initial notified date of 15 August 2014.