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CAA Information Bulletin on EASA Developments – 18 June to 24 July 2015

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1 Introduction

- 1.1 This Information Notice provides highlights of EASA developments and CAA activities covering the period 18 June to 24 July 2015.

2 EASA Committee

- 2.1 The EASA Committee met on 8-9 July. The agenda covered the following items on the first day:
- i) Update on on-going Commission adoption procedures – *Information by the Commission*:
 - **Commission Regulation amending Regulation (EU) No. 748/2012 as regards flight testing** was adopted on 30 June, and became applicable on 21 July.
 - **Commission Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No. 2042/2003 [recast] as regards alignment of rules for continuing airworthiness with Regulation (EC) No. 216/2008, critical maintenance tasks and aircraft continuing airworthiness, and draft Commission Regulation amending Regulation (EU) No. 965/2012 as regards operations by EU air carriers of aircraft registered in a third country** will be adopted in July, and become applicable on 25 August 2016.
 - **Commission Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No. 2042/2003 as regards alleviations for maintenance procedures for General Aviation aircraft** was adopted on 3 July, and became applicable on 23 July.

- **Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No. 376/2014 laying down a list classifying occurrences in civil aviation to be mandatorily reported according to Regulation (EU) No. 376/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council** was adopted on 29 June, and will become applicable on 15 November 2015.
 - **Commission Decision on refusing permission to the Federal Republic of Germany to grant exemptions from certain substantive requirements laid down in Commission Regulation (EU) No. 1178/2011** was adopted on 29 May and positively voted on 19 June, so will not be repealed.
- ii) Amendment of Commission Regulations (EU) No. 965/2012 as regards requirements for flight recorders, underwater locating devices and aircraft tracking systems:
- Review of ICAO State Letters: Update on the State letter of 15 February 2015 on normal flight tracking and review of the draft EU recommendation on ICAO State Letter of 15 May 2015 on flight recorders and location of an airplane in distress – *Information by the Commission*.
 - Draft implementing rule on aircraft tracking systems – *Discussion and vote*.
- The two items were taken together at the meeting. As the text has been discussed several times previously at the EASA Committee and the European position is considered to be mature, the discussions at this meeting focussed mainly on timing and whether Europe should take a position in advance of ICAO or wait for the outcome of the ICAO consultation on the State Letters. In any case, it will take around 3 years for new rules to come into force, so the Committee took the decision on the current European proposals which were voted in unanimously, with some minor amendments. The Commission will advise ICAO of this position.
- iii) Drones: update – *Information by EASA*:
- There were presentations from the Commission and EASA giving updates on drones. Member States highlighted a number of known issues, including identification and enforcement.
- iv) Draft Commission Regulation on implementation of CAEP/9 amendments. Draft Commission Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No. 216/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council; draft Commission Regulation amending Commission Regulation (EU) No. 748/2012 – *Discussion and vote*:
- This item was covered very briefly as the text presented to the Committee in January received no amendments from Member States. The Commission text was subsequently voted in unanimously.
- v) Bundled amendments to Commission Regulation (EU) No. 965/2012, stemming from the Single European Sky (SES) Committee, incorporating:
- a. Lower end NCC operators
 - b. EASA Opinion 02/2015; EASA Opinion 03/2015; EASA Opinion 04/2015
 - c. Oxygen for NCO operators
 - d. ACAS II
 - e. Opt-outs for Balloons and Sailplanes

The Commission presented a bundle of amendments which included proposals relating to aeronautical and airspace data provision, approval for offshore helicopter operations and specific amendments related to lower end NCC operators, ACAS II, oxygen for NCO operators, and opt outs for balloons and sailplanes. The UK raised some GA-related proportionality points, which were accepted. Additionally, we raised several safety issues resulting from the offshore helicopter review which were not captured in the EASA text, which will be submitted in writing for further consideration.