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Dear friends

Greetings from winter wonderland! The 2023 Annual General Meeting (AGM) is approaching, we shall meet quite soon. A technical message: our member organization from Denmark will prepare the accommodation invoices for all participants, and in the end transfer the total amount due to the hotel.

I have reached out for AVGAS producers concerning the future of AVAGS and possible substitutes, but my attempts have been rather unsuccessful. Hjelmcö replied, but thinks that at this point in time there seems to be no miracle substitute for AVGAS 100LL. Hjelmcö produces AVGAS 91/96, but this is not fit for all aircraft engines we currently operate. I write this because of the fact that the European Union (EU) is about to ban TEL (tetraethyl lead), a key anti knocking component of low-lead AVGAS. Europe Air Sports (EAS) is also working on this topic, the Programme Manager, Nils Rostedt, will attend our AGM as guest speaker to present the situation from the EAS point of view. In the meantime I try to obtain more knowledge as regards how the topic develops. If you dispose of related information please share it with our members, all over Europe the same questions are asked, the same problem needs to be solved.

I hope you find the time to visit AERO 2023 before the AGM! I certainly try to attend

Now follows the summary of relevant regulatory and technical matters, as usual.

See you in Copenhagen!

Easy Access Rules for Additional Airworthiness Specifications (Regulation (EU) 2015/640)

14/3/2023, Revision from March 2023 - Available in pdf, online & XML format. Via this address you will find all relevant information:

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/document-library/easy-access-rules/easy-access-rules-additional-airworthiness-specifications-2>

Sunny Swift: Trim runaway, Issue 38

23/3/2023, this is the address to the Agency's publication:

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/newsroom-and-events/news/sunny-swift-trim-runaway>



Remember to relax!





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Proposal for a Roadmap on Higher Space Operations (HAO)

23/3/2023, from the Agency's website: «ASA explored the preparatory actions required for a future regulatory framework on higher airspace operations (HAO), with the support of a Task Force of European Member States, the European Defence Agency (EDA) and Eurocontrol.

These operations - which do not yet exist at large scale in Europe - can be initially defined as 'air transport operations carried out by various types of aircraft or vehicle systems in the volume of the airspace above altitudes where the majority of air services are provided today (i.e. above FL 550)' and may pose safety, security and environmental risks that will need to be addressed, in order to ensure a uniform approach to safety, security and sustainability of air transport in the EU.»

This is, for sure, not directly affecting our community, we have to be, however, alert as regards effects on the lower air space operations. Here is the address:

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/document-library/general-publications/proposal-roadmap-higher-space-operations-hao>



EASA Consultation Paper ACNS.E.TAWS.030-01 Issue 01

Published on 14/3/2023: Applicable to all aeroplanes equipped with an avionics system incorporating a TAWS and with a SVS on PFD. Please take a look at this publication. The electronic address for further information is

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/document-library/product-certification-consultations/proposed-esf-terrain-information-display-and>

(uncommon end for an address, but it comes like this...)

Deadline for comments: 4/4/2023

Repetition

Current & upcoming events

Via the address printed below

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/newsroom-and-events/events/current-and-upcoming-events>

You will find useful information on different events organized by the Agency covering a multitude of topics. Please take a look at it.





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EASA at AERO 2023, Stand n° A5-300

AERO 2023 will take place at Friedrichshafen (EDNY) from 19 till 22/4/2023. EASA will be there.

This address brings you to the AERO 2023 website:

<https://www.aero-expo.com/>



Terms of Reference (ToR), Notices of Proposed Amendments (NPA), Comment Response Documents (CRD), Opinions, Agency Decisions, and Public Consultations published between 27/2/2023 and 31/3/2023. Titles or text parts in bold characters means that the texts are at least partially important for our community:

ToR

None

Notices of Proposed Amendment

None

Agency Decisions

7/3/2023, Regular update of the Certification Specifications for Normal-Category Aeroplanes ED Decision 2023/002/R, CS-23 Amendment 6 and AMC & GM to CS-23 Issue 4 (RMT.0687)

EASA writes: “The objective of this Decision is to provide for state-of-the-art means of compliance with the Certification Specifications for Normal-Category Aeroplanes (CS-23). This Decision amends CS-23 and the Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to CS-23 (AMC & GM to CS-23) to incorporate 6 new and 23 revised consensus standards that are issued by the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) International as an acceptable means of compliance with CS 23. EASA reviewed those amendments to the referenced standards that introduce state-of-the-art means of compliance, supporting global standardisation and harmonisation. In some cases, EASA complemented the incorporated ASTM consensus standards by remarks, to identify differences or limitations due to EASA’s interpretation of these standards. This Decision also introduces some additional changes to CS-23, as well as to the AMC & GM to CS 23.” For more information please go to

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/document-library/agency-decisions/ed-decision-2023002r>



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CRD

02/03/2023, CRD 2022-05, Initial concepts and preliminary draft requirements for landing- and take-off (LTO) noise and CO2 emissions of supersonic transport (SST) aeroplanes. For the records only, for interested parties the address to the document:

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/document-library/comment-response-documents/crd-2022-05>

Opinions None

EU Decisions None of relevance for the moment.

EU Consultations None of relevance for the moment.

EU Regulations

13/3/2023, Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/566 of 10 March 2023 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1998 as regards certain detailed measures for the implementation of the common basic standards on aviation security (Text with EEA relevance) OJ L 74, 13.3.2023, p. 47–52, it deals with security, not with safety, nevertheless, here is the address of the regulation:

https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=uriserv%3AOJ.L_.2023.074.01.0047.01.ENG&toc=OJ%3AL%3A2023%3A074%3ATOC

EU Decisions

13/3/2023, **Council Decision (EU) 2023/568** of 9 March 2023 on the position to be taken on behalf of the Union in the 228th session of the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) as regards the adoption of Amendment 93 to **Annex 10 – Aeronautical Telecommunications, Volume I – Radio Navigation Aids of the Convention on International Civil Aviation** and of the amendment to the Technical instructions for the safe transport of dangerous goods by air to permit active tracking devices powered by small lithium batteries in checked baggage, OJ L 74, 13.3.2023, the address:

https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=uriserv%3AOJ.L_.2023.074.01.0058.01.ENG&toc=OJ%3AL%3A2023%3A074%3ATOC

13/3/2023, Council Decision (EU) 2023/569 of 9 March 2023 on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union at the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization, in respect of proposals for the amendment of Annex 16, Volumes I to III to the Chicago Convention, concerning Standards and Recommended Practices relating to environmental protection, OJ L 74, 13.3.2023, the address:

https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=uriserv%3AOJ.L_.2023.074.01.0061.01.ENG&toc=OJ%3AL%3A2023%3A074%3ATOC

EU Publications None of relevance for the moment.



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Still valid and helpful:

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/the-agency/coronavirus-covid-19>

Last Minute Change (LMC)

31/3/2023, today three documents have been published by the Agency:

CRD 2022-02

Guidance material on remote aerodrome traffic services — Issue 3

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/document-library/comment-response-documents/crd-2022-02>

GM on Remote tower operations — Issue 3

Remote aerodrome air traffic services

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/document-library/acceptable-means-of-compliance-and-guidance-materials/gm-remote-tower-operations-1>

ED Decision 2023/005/R

Guidance material on remote aerodrome traffic services — Issue 3

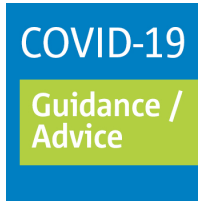
<https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/document-library/agency-decisions/ed-decision-2023005r>

Deeply sorry for not serving you better, today's day was unfortunately toooooo short.

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Best wishes for good luck and perfect health, kind regards,

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