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Dear friends

Since the topic is interesting I am sharing the information I have concerning the AVGAS topic. Shell has applied for the usage of 100VLL. Find the attached Shell letter to ECHA. It was already submitted in August but just shortly got the information from Manfred. Lets hope this leads to the possibility to extend the usage of our GA fleet. As I have understood, Shell will close their factory in Rotterdam and move its production abroad, if the 100VLL is not accepted to be used (total ban of TEL). Not much news but a glimpse of hope in the topics anyway

AGM

Our AGM preliminary date would be 26.-28.4.2023 so mark this date to your calendars. Official invitation will follow later on. Regarding to this find the minutes of our last AGM attached.

EAS

For those not subscribed to EAS newsletter find the attached latest newsletter. No repetition of the topics in this letter

International topics

Find Renés composition of the current topics

Happy new year to everybody! Keep on flying!

EASA Management Board selects Florian Guillemet as future EASA Executive Director

13/12/2023 Florian Guillemet has been selected as the future Executive Director of the European Union Aviation Safety Agency, following a decision by the Agency's Management Board. Best wishes from our side! For more information:

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/newsroom-and-events/press-releases/easa-management-board-selects-florian-guillemet-future-easa>

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Santa is going to Japan....



Florian Guillemet, picture by EASA



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Piotr Samson re-elected as Chair of EASA Management Board

13/12/2024 Piotr Samson, President of the Civil Aviation Agency of Poland, has been re-elected as Chair of the Management Board of the European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA). Best wishes from our side. For more information:

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/newsroom-and-events/news/piotr-samson-re-elected-chair-easa-management-board>



Piotr Samson, picture by EASA

EASA issues Safety Information Bulletin on volcanic ash events

19/12/2023 The European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) has issued Safety Information Bulletin SIB 2023-13 “Flight in Airspace with Contamination of Volcanic Ash”. The SIB advises aviation actors on steps to be taken and risk assessments to be made in response to a volcanic eruption.



The Etna, two years ago...

The content of this SIB is based on the progress that has been made following previous events concerning the impact of volcanic ash activity on aviation and the subsequent discussions with aviation stakeholders. Its purpose is to raise awareness on the impact on aviation and to formulate recommendations for affected parties. You never know... For more information:

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/newsroom-and-events/news/easa-issues-safety-information-bulletin-volcanic-ash-events>

EASA consolidates its leading role in setting standards and limits for air taxi noise

12/12/2023 – Air taxi noise must respect defined standards and limits to ensure that disturbance to the public is minimised, and to foster citizens’ acceptance of air taxi operations in or near populated areas, the European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) said.

The Agency confirmed its leading role in setting noise standards for Urban Air Mobility services with two further publications setting limits on noise emitted by different designs of air taxis.



A Volocopter model, found in the Internet.

“EASA conducted a large-scale study in 2021, in which **noise was clearly highlighted as one of the top societal concerns** for this new mode of urban transport in the European Union,” said EASA Acting Executive Director Luc Tytgat. “The Agency takes these concerns seriously. The standards we are setting reflect the public’s desire for minimising noise disturbance from Urban Air Mobility.”



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We add: by “air taxi” one has to understand (e)STOL/(e)VTOL flying machines, hopefully always piloted by an instructed and informed human being as decisionmaker... For more information form EASA:

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/newsroom-and-events/press-releases/easa-consolidates-its-leading-role-setting-standards-and-limits>

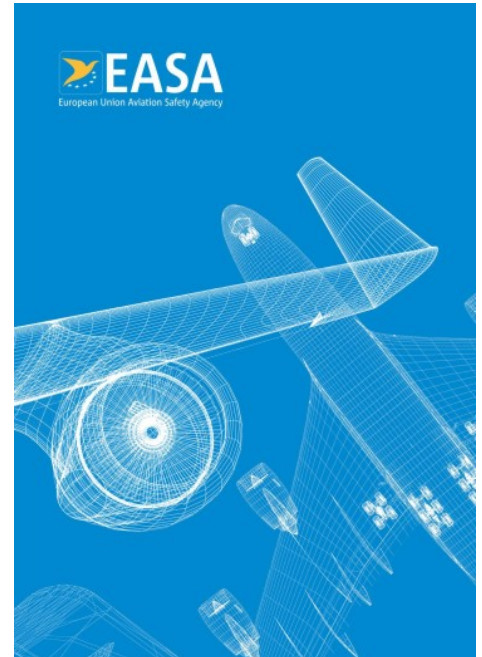
Normal-Category Aeroplanes (CS-23) Revision from December

11/12/2023 The European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) has published the updated Easy Access Rules for Normal-Category Aeroplanes (CS-23) — Revision from December 2023.

This publication incorporates ED Decision 2023/002/R with the objective to incorporate 6 new and 23 revised consensus standards that were issued by the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) International. Those standards can be used as acceptable means of compliance with CS-23.

For all relevant information please go to:

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/newsroom-and-events/news/easa-publishes-updated-easy-access-rules-normal-category-aeroplanes-cs-1>



Drone Open Category - Applicable requirements to fly from the 1st of January 2024

20/12/2023 From 1st of January 2024, the full applicable requirements for drone operations in the Open category will enter into force. This article highlights what these new requirements are to help drone operators understand the changes as easily as possible. For more information:

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/document-library/general-publications/drone-open-category-applicable-requirements-fly-1st-january>

VIRTUA — Blockchain for airworthiness in aviation – Developing Solutions and Strategies for Integrating Blockchain in Airworthiness Management

10/1/2024 online event, for more information please go to

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/newsroom-and-events/events/virtua-blockchain-airworthiness-aviation-developing-solutions-and>

Workshop on RefueEU Aviation environmental labelling scheme

22/1/2024 to 23/1/2024 on-site event at EASA Headquarters, for all details please go to

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/newsroom-and-events/events/workshop-refueeu-aviation-environmental-labelling-scheme>



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EASA-IATA Workshop on Positioning, Navigation, and Timing (PNT) Resilience

25/1/2024 on-site event at EASA Headquarters, for all details:

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/newsroom-and-events/events/easa-iata-workshop-positioning-navigation-and-timing-pnt-resilience>

30 Jan 2024 to 31 Jan 2024

Fatigue Risk Management (FRM) Conference

30/1/2024 to 31/1/2024 on-site event at Austro Control, Vienna. For all detail please go to

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/newsroom-and-events/events/fatigue-risk-management-frm-conference>

Terms of Reference (ToR), Notices of Proposed Amendments (NPA), Comment Response Documents (CRD), Opinions, Agency Decisions, and Public Consultations published between 30/11/2023 and 31/12/2023. Titles or text parts in bold characters means that the texts are at least partially important for our community:

ToR:

20/12/2023 Introduction of extended minimum-crew operations (eMCO), ToR RMT.0739 Issue 1. For more information:

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/document-library/terms-of-reference-and-rulemaking-group-compositions/tor-rmt0739-issue-1>

01/12/2023 Regular update of the Continuing Airworthiness Regulation and associated AMC and GM ToR RMT.0735 Issue 1. For more information:

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/document-library/terms-of-reference-and-rulemaking-group-compositions/tor-rmt0735-issue-1>

Focused Consultation: None for the moment

Notices of Proposed Amendment:

04/12/2023 NPA 2023-10 Review of Part-147, not directly for the aircraft operators, but relevant for our safety. The objective of the proposal in this NPA is to eliminate or reduce fraud cases in examinations conducted by Part-147 maintenance training organisations (MTOs) for the obtention of aircraft maintenance licences. It also intends to ensure an adequate language proficiency for the trainer and students. Deadline for our comments: 04/03/2024. Interested parties may go to

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/document-library/notices-of-proposed-amendment/npa-2023-10>

Agency Decisions: Links published with the CRD below.



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Comment Response Documents (CRD):

19/12/2023 CRD 2022-07 CS-25 Amendment 28. Interested parties may go to

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/document-library/comment-response-documents/crd-2022-07>
<https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/document-library/agency-decisions/ed-decision-2023021r>

18/12/2023 CRD 2021-13, Regular update of CS-E, interested parties may go to

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/document-library/comment-response-documents/crd-2021-13>
<https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/document-library/agency-decisions/ed-decision-2023020r>

Opinions: None for the moment

EU Have your say Consultations: None of relevance for the moment.

EU Regulations: None of relevance for the moment

EU Decisions: None of relevance for the moment

EU Publications: None of relevance for the moment.

Petition No 0820/2023 by Frans Daniël Bosch from the Netherlands on the implementation of the EU Customs Regulations in General Aviation



The petitioner brings attention to the current legal uncertainty, lack of harmonization and proportionality in customs procedures for general aviation flights from and to destinations outside the EU customs union, such as Switzerland and Norway. He explains that, in the past, airplane pilots had to submit customs forms for each departure and landing in addition to an ICAO flight plan. Three years ago, the EU customs regulation (EU) 2015/2446, specifically Article 141(1)(d), was amended by (EU) 2020/877.

The new regulation allows flights across EU customs borders without any formalities and without using a designated customs airport, as long as no goods are carried that would require a customs office. Indeed, as per the new regulation, the sole act of the goods crossing the frontier of the customs territory of the Union is one of the acts deemed to be a customs declaration or a re-export declaration. While, according to the petitioner, this significant regulatory change holds great potential to enhance flight safety, streamline operations, and reduce administrative burdens for pilots, he underlines that the implementation and awareness of these new procedures remain inconsistent among EU Member States. Indeed, he states that, for the time being, only the German customs authorities have formally recognized and publicly addressed this legal change while the other countries have kept their procedures unchanged, thereby requiring pilots to continue using airports with customs offices and submitting national customs forms, even when they don't carry any goods that are relevant for customs. In addition to the unnecessary administrative burden imposed on pilots, the petitioner underlines that requirement to use airports with customs facilities (even when no relevant goods are carried), often leads to landings distant from the intended destination which



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implies additional costs, including landing fees, handling fees, increased fuel consumption and unnecessary carbon emissions. The petitioner therefore calls on the EU to act in order to harmonize the implementation of the EU Customs Regulations in General Aviation.

We invite all readers of the EPFU-newsletter to visit the relevant website

<https://www.europarl.europa.eu/petitions/en/petition/content/0820%252F2023/html/Petition-No-0820%252F2023-by-Frans-Dani%25C3%25ABl-Bosch-%2528Dutch%2529-on-the-implementation-of-the-EU-Customs-Regulations-in-General-Aviation>

to register and to support the petition. The petition is also open for non-EU-citizens. For more information you may contact Martin Ryff, member of our Board, mobile phone +41 79 370 17 04, or via E-Mail

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Murphy's Law COMPLETE

Further addition: "Meiers Law, no 2" which says: "The income from an inheritance is inversely proportional to the expenditure required to obtain it."

Again from Murphy's Law COMPLETE, page 229: Horowitz's Rule: "Wisdom consists of knowing when to avoid perfection."

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

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