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**HIGHLIGHTS OF EASA DEVELOPMENTS AND RELATED CAA ACTIVITIES,
COVERING THE PERIOD 13 NOVEMBER – 20 DECEMBER 2010**

1 EASA Committee Meeting

- 1.1 The European Commission's EASA Committee met on 7-8 December. Most of the meeting was devoted to a review of and vote on the draft Commission Regulation laying down rules for civil aviation personnel, covering requirements related to flight crew requirements – Part FCL.
- 1.2 A number of changes were made to both the Cover Regulation and the detailed requirements in Part FCL. A significant major change to the Regulation was the addition of an opt-out for Member States allowing them not to apply its contents for two years (i.e. until April 2014) to pilots holding non-EU licences flying either foreign or EU-registered aircraft for non-commercial operations. During this time it is expected that agreements will be reached with major foreign authorities, such as the FAA, about the mutual recognition of flight crew licences. The Committee agreed to review the progress of such agreements on a regular basis.
- 1.3 The UK also secured confirmation that Flight Instructor privileges for Balloons and Sailplanes – FI (B) and FI (S) – can be obtained by holders of a Light Aircraft Pilot Licence (LAPL). More generally, UK also secured agreement that grandfathered JAR-compliant licences need not be re-issued in the EASA format until they expire, thus allowing privileges and changes to be added to existing licences.
- 1.4 There were a number of other detailed changes agreed over the two days that are too numerous to record here. Stakeholders will be notified as soon as the revised text is available.

2 EASA Management Board

- 2.1 The EASA Management Board met on 14-15 December. The first afternoon was a special session devoted to a strategic discussion of the medium-term perspective for the European Aviation Safety system. There was a substantive discussion during which a number of over-arching themes emerged, including the importance of the system itself in which various actors (Commission, Agency, National Aviation Authorities, stakeholders) all play a vital role; the need for effective partnership working between those actors; the

prioritisation of safety issues; and the evolution of the regulatory approach to risk-based, outcome-focused safety management.

- 2.2 On the second day, the Board discussed first drafts of a European Aviation Safety Programme and a European Aviation Safety Plan, welcoming the work so far on these important documents. The Agency's Business Plan for 2011-2015 and the 2011 Budget were adopted.

3 NAA/EASA Partnership meeting

- 3.1 The EASA/NAA partnership forum met on 25 November, attended by the CAA's Group Director Safety Regulation. There was a presentation on the European Aviation Safety Plan which was welcomed as a good first step in the planning process, pointing the way towards further safety actions to be developed collaboratively between the Agency, NAAs and industry.
- 3.2 There were also discussions on risk-based safety regulation and oversight, ICAO article 83bis, N-Registered aircraft flown by pilots holding FAA licences, and safety promotion actions with regards to General Aviation.

4 CAA Responses to NPAs and CRDs

- 4.1 The CAA submitted responses on the following NPA and CRD consultations since the last bulletin was published:

NPA 2010-10	Alignment of Regulation (EC) No. 2042/2003 with Regulation (EC) No. 216/2008 and with ICAO Annex 6 requirement for human factor principles to be observed in the design and application of the aircraft maintenance programme
NPA 2010-11	Passenger emergency exits, emergency features and escape routes – Harmonisation with FAA
CRD to NPA 2010-05	Appendix 1, Aircraft Type Ratings for Part-66 Aircraft Maintenance Licence
CRD to NPA 2010-01	Other Party Supplier Control
CRD to NPA 2009-11	Systematic review and transposition of existing FAA TSO standards for parts and appliances into EASA ETSO
CRD to NPA 2009-02e	IRs for Cabin Crew in Commercial Air Transport Operations (Part-CC)
CRD to NPA 2008-22 and 2009-02	Authority Requirements (Part-AR) and Organisation Requirements (Part-OR)
CRD to NPA 2008-15	Essential Requirements for Civil Aviation Environmental Protection
CRD to NPA 2008-01	Extended Range Operations with Two-Engined Aeroplanes ETOPs Certification and Operation

- 4.2 The responses can be viewed via the following webpage:
<http://www.caa.co.uk/default.aspx?catid=620&pagetype=90&pageid=11403>.

5 New Opinions published since the last Bulletin

- 5.1 Opinion 06/2010 was published on 29 November 2010 on the opportunity to amend Commission Regulation (EC) No 2042/2003 on the continuing airworthiness of aircraft and aeronautical products, parts and appliances, and on the approval of organisations and personnel involved in these tasks (Part-145 Single and multiple release)
- 5.2 Opinion No 07/2010 was published on 14 December for a Commission Regulation laying down Implementing Rules for the medical certification of pilots and medical fitness of cabin crew
- 5.3 The Opinions can be viewed via the Agency's website at:
<http://easa.europa.eu/agency-measures/opinions.php>

6 Single European Sky (SES)

- 6.1 The CAA published a Single European Sky Bulletin on 9 December which provides latest updates on the SES initiative. The Bulletin is available at:
www.caa.co.uk/ses

7 Future CAA EASA Information Bulletins

- 7.1 From January 2011, these Bulletins will be published in a new style format being introduced by the CAA and will be published in the form of an 'Information Notice'. There are no immediate changes to the current arrangements to receive these Bulletins and existing subscribers will continue to receive them as normal, but in the new format.
- 7.2 For further information on the new style of communications please see an advance Information Notice published on the CAA website at:
<http://www.caa.co.uk/application.aspx?catid=33&pagetype=65&appid=11&mode=detail&id=4349>

8 Queries

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