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Commission Regulation (EU) No 965/2012 of 5 October 2012 and its subsequent amendments lay down technical requirements and administrative procedures related to air operations pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 216/2008 of the European parliament and of the council (basic regulation).

This Regulation is officially referred to as IR-OPS (implementing rules - operations), but it is also known as EASA OPS or EASA AIR OPS; it replaces EU-OPS (Regulation (EC) 859/2008) with regard to commercial operations of airplanes (A) and JAR-OPS 3 with regard to commercial operations of helicopters (H) as well as old national requirements on commercial operations of sailplanes (S) and balloons (B) and existing national requirements on non-commercial operations of complex and other-than-complex aircraft (including S and B) and specialized air operations (most notably aerial work). The Regulation also establishes detailed rules for ramp inspections of aircraft of operators under the safety oversight of another State when landed at aerodromes located in the territory subject to the provisions of the Treaty.

SCOPE

The following types of civil air operations are within the scope of Regulation (EU) No 965/2012 and its subsequent amendments:

- Specialized and non-specialized;
- Commercial and non-commercial;
- With complex motor-powered aircraft and with other-than-complex motor-powered aircraft.

SPECIALIZED OPERATIONS

The term 'specialized operations' refers to activities meeting the following criteria:

- The aircraft is flown close to the surface to fulfill the mission;
- · Abnormal maneuvers are performed;
- Special equipment is necessary to fulfill the mission and which affects the maneuverability of the aircraft;
- Substances are released from the aircraft during the flight where these substances are either harmful or affect the maneuverability of the aircraft;
- External loads or goods are lifted or towed;

- Persons enter or leave the aircraft during flight.
 - Operations not meeting the above criteria are 'non-specialized'.

COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS AND COMMERCIAL AIR TRANSPORT

The term "Commercial Air Transport" refers to an operation for the transport of passengers, cargo or mail for remuneration or other valuable consideration.

"Commercial Operation" refers to any operation of an aircraft, in exchange for remuneration or other valuable consideration, that is available to the public or, when not made available to the public, that is made by contract between an operator and a customer. In each case, the operator is responsible for:

- · Air operations;
- The maintenance of aircraft;
- Training and training of crews;
- · Ground operations;
- Registration of aircraft;
- The maintenance and validity of the airworthiness certificate.

COMPLEX AIRCRAFT

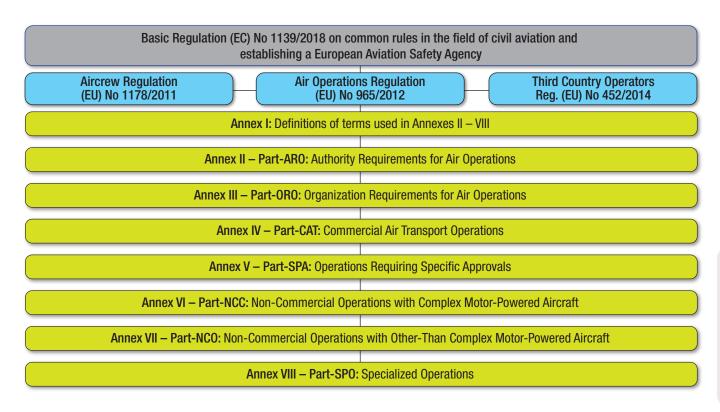
The term 'complex motor-powered aircraft' refers to: An airplane:

- With a maximum certificated take-off mass exceeding 5 700 kg;
- Certificated for a maximum passenger seating configuration of more than nineteen;
- Certificated for operation with a minimum crew of at least two pilots;
- Equipped with (a) turbojet engine(s) or more than one turboprop engine;

A helicopter certificated:

- For a maximum take-off mass exceeding 3 175 kg;
- For a maximum passenger seating configuration of more than nine;
- For operation with a minimum crew of at least two pilots;
- A tilt rotor aircraft.
 - An aircraft not meeting the above criteria is an 'other than complex motor powered aircraft'.





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Regulation (EU) No 965/2012 on Air Operations contains eight Annexes. The following diagrams illustrate the contents of each Annex. The contents of the Annexes are available via the Regulations page which can be found at: http://easa.europa.eu/regulations#regulations-air-operations.



Annex I - Definitions for terms used in Annexes II to VII



- Critical phases of flight' in the case of aeroplane means the take-off run, the take-off flight path, the final approach, the missed approach, the landing, including the landing roll, and any other phases of flight as determined by the pilot-in-command or commander.
- Dangerous Goods (DG)' means articles or substances which are capable of posing a risk to health, safety, property or the environment and which are shown in the list of dangerous goods in the technical instructions or which are classified according to those instructions.
- Dry lease agreement' means an agreement between undertakings pursuant to which the aircraft is operated under the air operator certificate (AOC) of the lessee or, in the case of commercial operations other than CAT, under the responsibility of the lessee.
- Ramp inspection' means the inspection of aircraft, of flight and cabin crew qualifications and of flight documentation in order to verify the compliance with the applicable requirements.

 (Refer to page 80/179)
- 'Offshore location' includes, but is not limited;
 - Helidecks
 - Shipboard heliports and
 - Winching areas on vessels or renewable energy installations.

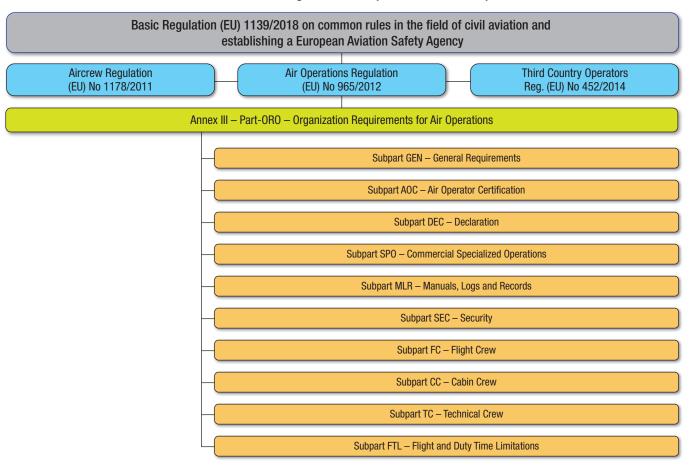
Annex II - Part-ARO - Authority Requirements for Air Operations



This Annex establishes requirements for the administration and management system to be fulfilled by the Agency and Member States for the implementation and enforcement of Basic Regulation in force and its Implementing Rules regarding civil aviation air operations.



Annex III - Part-ORO - Organization Requirements for Air Operators



Annex IV- Part-CAT - Commercial Air Transport Operations



Commercial Air Transport (CAT) operation' means an aircraft operation to transport passengers, cargo or mail for remuneration or other valuable consideration; Commercial Air Transportation is not intended to cover Aerial Work or Corporate Aviation. 'Aerial Work' means an aircraft operation in which an aircraft is used for specialized services such as agriculture, construction, photography, surveying, observation and patrol, search and rescue, aerial advertisement, etc.

