



EBAA Seminar on EASA OPS & FCL Rules

The first step in transition from the JARs and national operations and licensing rules occurred when EU-OPS Part 1 came into force on July 16, 2008. EU-OPS Part 1 replaces JAR OPS 1 and national rules for commercial air transport with aeroplanes. It is an interim rule until the Implementing Rules for the Basic Regulations contained in (EC) No 216/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 February 2008 come into force.

Work on development of the Implementing Rules for operations and licensing have been underway since August 2006. The European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) issued the Notice Proposed Amendment (NPA) for pilot licensing on June 5, 2008 and the NPA for the operation rules is anticipated in mid September. The new EASA OPS rules will apply to all aircraft operations in Europe and will address:

- General operating and flight rules,
- Commercial Air Transport with all categories of aircraft,
- Commercial operations other than CAT, with all categories of aircraft,
- Non-commercial operations with complex motor-powered aircraft, and
- Operations requiring specific approvals.

In order to discuss issues relating to the proposed Implementing Rules for licensing and operations and to assist operators in making individual comments in order for EBAA to develop a comprehensive response to the NPAs, EBAA with the support of EASA, held a one day seminar in Paris on 16 October 2008.

Mr. Eric Mandemaker started by welcoming the attendees together with Mr. Eric Aguetant, President of EBAA France.

"We were first kindly offered a conference room at the Aéroport de Paris at Le Bourget." Commented Mr. Mandemaker "Due to the strong attendance to the seminar (over 80 registrants) we had to relocate the event."

The rest of the day was dedicated to presentations and exchange of views between the participants and the EASA Experts; Ms. Daniela Defossar, Ms. Annette Ruge, Mr. Jean-Marc Cluzeau and the EBAA Expert Mr. Ray Rohr.

Mr. Eric Mandemaker was very pleased that this Seminar was such a success and he expressed special thanks to Eurocopter for its sponsorship of the lunch and EASA without whom it would not have been possible to organize this event.

Mr. Mandemaker also added that it was essential for EBAA to receive the operators' comments on Part FCL NPA by the 15th of November 2008 and on Part OPS NPA by the 5th of December 2008 in order to submit consolidated comments to EASA.



REMINDER OF DEADLINES FOR COMMENTS ON:

Draft EASA Part FCL NPA by the 15th of November 2008

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Draft EASA Part OPS NPA by the 5th of December 2008

Please send your comments **(it is important that these are constructive and substantial)** to comments@ebaa.org