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1.0 INTRODUCTION

EASA has just announced the publication of the ED Decision 2021/014/R, as a deliverable of the EASA Rulemaking Task 0476 concerning the evolution of the Standardised European Rules of the Air (SERA). This initiative is complementary and consequential to the introduction of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/469, applicable as of 27 January 2022, which stipulates *inter alia* common and detailed rules for the provision of flight information service (FIS), including aerodrome flight information service (AFIS).

2.0 ED DECISION 2021/014/R

This Decision amends the existing radiotelephony (RT) phraseologies to be used in air-ground communications between pilots and Air Traffic Services (ATS) units stipulated in the existing Appendix 1 to AMC1 SERA.14001 by introducing:

- a set of AFIS RT phraseologies for air–ground voice communications between pilots and AFIS units;
- some additional RT phraseologies applicable to both FIS and AFIS to address specific operational situations; and
- structural amendments to the aforementioned Appendix 1 to clearly indicate which RT phraseologies are applicable when different ATS (Air Traffic Control (ATC) service and/or FIS, including AFIS) are provided, thus supporting their harmonised use in a safe manner.

The completion and further harmonisation of RT phraseologies ensures unambiguous air–ground voice communications, thus increasing safety throughout the EU, especially for cross-border flights which receive such services, by considerably reducing the possibility for misinterpretation.

In recognition of the time required to ensure the application of the amendments introduced by this Decision, its applicability date is set on 1 December 2022.

ED Decision 2021/014/R and CRD 2021-05, including all the comments received to the Notice of Proposed Amendment (NPA 2021-05) whereby the originating regulatory proposal at the basis of this Decision was publicly consulted in Spring 2021, are available at the EASA public website (see at: https://www.easa.europa.eu/document-library/agency-decisions/ed-decision-2021014r).

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