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#### Dear Readers

Spring starts on 1 March for the one's, on 21 March for the other, or not at all, what probably is covered by term "third party risk". The picture to the right depicts an easily identifiable spring day in the Netherlands, in fact at Keukenhof on 30 March 2018...



...what we got ist this:



St. Gotthard Motorway A2, 31 March 2018



Samedan Engadin Airport, 31 March 2018

You will agree: The word is waiting for the sunrise, most probably patience the key-word for some areas.

#### **NPA 2017-21 «Technical and operational requirements for remote tower operations» [RMT.0624 (PHASE 2)]**

was published on 20 December 2017. Comment period will end on **3 April 2018**. The «link» is:

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/document-library/notices-of-proposed-amendment/npa-2017-21>

This idea I changed: "As by the time the comment period ends I shall no longer be Europe Air Sports' Programme Manager I shall submit what follows as "EPFU own" comments." Co-ordinated with the new Programme Manager of EAS, Nils Rostedt, I prepared common comments, I have already distributed the drafts to interested parties. If you would like me to add something please let me know, there still are three days to go... In my eyes there are tooooooooooo many "should"-formulae not being in-line with what Air Traffic Services (ATS) **shall** do, e.g. promote a safe, orderly and expeditious flow of air traffic...

#### **NPA 2017-22 Updating Part-MED and related AMC and GM, RMT.0287(b) (MED.001)**

was published on 21 December 2017. Comment period ended on 21 March 2018. Together with Ms Marja Osinga, aviation medicine specialist from the Netherlands, I submitted several comments hoping to be understood and accepted.

You will read me as regards the results as soon as possible after publication of the Comment Response Document (CRD).



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### **NPA 2017-05 (A)(B) Introduction of a regulatory framework for the operation of drones — Unmanned aircraft system operations in the open and specific category (RMT.0230)**

Opinion 01/2018 was published by the Agency on 6 February 2018, with five texts, but without a real Comment Response Document (CRD). Please apologise my delay. This is the “link”:

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/document-library/opinions/opinion-012018>

A horribly two-stage flu hindered me in doing my homework correctly. I shall start reading the details of the 161 pages in week 14.

### **NPA 2018-01 Instructions for continued airworthiness [RMT.0252 (MDM.056)]**

was published by the Agency on 29 January 2018, **comment period will end on 30 April 2018** Unfortunately no conclusion is available yet, more co-ordinated work is required. I am still of the opinion that this is, as many say, one more step away from the «simpler, lighter, better» idea, put on hold by the EPAS 2018...2022, it is not in-line with the General Aviation Roadmap and it does not bring what we urgently need to develop sports and recreational aviation. The „link“ to the NPA is

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/document-library/notices-of-proposed-amendment/npa-2018-01>

### **NPA 2018-02 Provisions of airworthiness requirements in support of global performance-based navigation operations (RMT.0519)**

We are still working on it to get the best possible outcome for General Aviation. This is the “link” to the document:

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/document-library/notices-of-proposed-amendment/npa-2018-02>

### **NPA2018-03 Recorders installation and maintenance thereof – certification aspects (RMT.0249, formerly MDM.051)**

is now open for consultation on the EASA website. This NPA proposes to enhance and modernise the specifications for the installation of flight recorders on board large aircraft (CS-25, CS-29), and addresses the following subjects:

- cockpit voice recorder (CVR) power supplies;
- automatic stopping of the recording after a crash;
- combination recorders;
- deployable recorders; and
- performance specifications for flight recorders.

The proposed changes are expected to:

- increase the level of safety;
- address safety recommendations;
- save costs;
- transpose International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) standards into EU rules; and
- achieve greater harmonisation with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulations.

A second NPA that provides a proposal for further issues identified in the Terms of Reference (ToR) for



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rulemaking task (RMT).0249 Recorders installation and maintenance thereof-certification aspects will be published at a later stage. It is CS-25 and CS-29 stuff, not our core-business.

This is the “link” the the present NPA:

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/document-library/notices-of-proposed-amendment/npa-2018-03>

To place your own comments, please use the automated Comment-Response Tool (CRT) available at

<http://hub.easa.europa.eu/crt/>

The deadline for submission of comments is **27 Jun 2018**.

I shall coordinate our next steps with our new Programme Manager early in April, some elements of this NPA, and why a second-one should be published are not so clear to me. As stated above: It is not our core-business, I think, however, we should at least look at what is proposed because RMT.0271 on Inflight recorders for light aircraft, NPA 2017-03, still is in orbit, the Opinion of the Agency being planned for the first quarter of 2019.

### **Comment Response Documents (CRD), Opinions, Agency Decisions published last month**

CRD's published: **CRD 2017-06 Loss of control or loss of flight path during go-around or other flight phases**, publication date 27 March 2018.

**CRD 2017-12 Regular update of CS-25**, publication date 27 March 2018.

**CRD 2016-02 Technical requirements and operational procedures for aeronautical information services and aeronautical information management**, publication date 8 March 2018.

**CRD 2016-13 Technical requirements and operating procedures for airspace design, including flight procedure design**, publication date 8 March 2018.

Opinion published: **Opinion 02/2018 Specific requirements for providers of meteorological services, aeronautical information services/aeronautical information management, and flight procedure design services; common rules for airspace structure design**, publication date 8 March 2018.

Agency Decisions: **CS-25 Amendment 21**, ED Decision 2018/005/R, publication date 27 March 2018.

**AMC/GM to the operational rules for balloons**, ED Decision 2018/004/R, publication date 23 March 2018.

**AMC/GM to Regulation (EU) No 965/2012 as regards balloons**, ED Decision 2018/003/R, publication date 23 March 2018.



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### Europe Air Sports Technical Conference and Annual General Meeting, 16-18 March 2018, at Cologne

All speeches held and presentations done are available.

#### smartflyer challenge 2018

Saturday 1/Sunday 2 September 2018, at Grenchen (LSZG) the second edition of the smartflyer challenge will take place.

We already have invited interested parties, we shall continue to do so during the AERO 2018 at Friedrichshafen this in order to finalise as early as possible the flight programme as well as the conferences to be held.

Daniel Wenger, deputy head of the 2017 organising committee, is at the controls of this year's event. For more information do not hesitate to contact him:

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is his electronic address, the "mail link" is by experience the best communications channel.



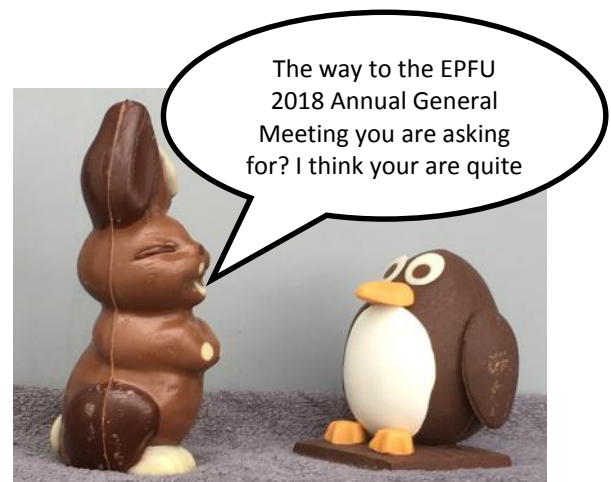
Best wishes, kind regards

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Overheard at Paris this morning....