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Dear Readers

Latest information available on the state of the art of a new Basic Regulation indicate a possible publication in summer/autumn 2018. Some definitions apparently still require clarification, progress was achieved as regards the future "Annex I". As the political process still is in progress I do not disseminate intermediate wordings. You will read me again as soon as safe information are available.

European Plan for Aviation Safety (EPAS) 2018-2022, the rulemaking programme for 2018 to 2022

The draft document contains now, after finalizing the initial draft

- Evaluation actions 6, 1 for us ,that is brand-new!
- Focused oversight actions (FOT) 6, 2 for us
- Member States actions (MST) 20, 5 for us after a second evaluation
- Research (RES) now 16 instead of 5 of the first draft, 2 for us
- Rulemaking Tasks (RMT) now 146 instead of 150 , but now 59 for us
- Safety Promotion actions (SPT) now 21 instead 23, 9 for us

Within the segment of the new "Evaluation actions" we find e.g. the former rulemaking task like RMT.0718 put in place to evaluate provisions for flight crew licences laid down in Regulation (EU) No 1178/2011, as well as actions to assess and evaluate the effectiveness of Part-145, and several aspects of Regulation (EU) No 748/2012 Initial Airworthiness.

I am preparing these days a an overview for you in order to make you familiar with the activities of the Agency where inputs from us will be welcome. It is a painstaking task: At the end of my second evaluation I believe to have found out the page numbers used in the index mostly are wrong, in addition at least two of the task are, in my eyes, not correctly published as regards the affected sector. No hard feelings, we shall see...

My adjusted E-mail address

Per 31 December 2017 my activities in favour of the Aero-Club of Switzerland will come to an end. For this reason the rene.meier@aeroclub.ch will only remain available until 8 January 2018, please take note and make use of the president@epfu.eu or the rene.meier2540@bluewin.ch. Many thanks.

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)

On 23/24 November 2017 experts of all faculties discussed the some 3600 comments submitted by stakeholders on NPA 2017-05 to prepare the future Comment Responed Document (CRD).

- Registration,
- identification,
- geo-awareness,
- U-space,
- safety,



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- privacy,
- model aircraft operating in clubs or outside,
- electronic conspicuity

were the key words. We will soon get the CRD texts, send comments on that if required. By mid 2018 EASA will organise a workshop to promote the product, if I may write so.

Most probably developing set of operational rules for drones in parallel to a new Basic Regulation represents a challenge. In my eyes such new operational rules should not be based on a Basic Regulation soon to be repealed. I shall work on this.

NPA 2017-15 Non-ETOPS operations using performance class A aeroplanes with a maximum operational passenger seating configuration of 19 or less, Repetition

My suggestion published in the last edition was to do nothing. In the end I did not comment this NPA, this to keep you informed.

2018 Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Some days ago you got

- a) Invitation and agenda for our 2018 Annual General Meeting to be held in Paris.
- b) Registration form with all helpful information, please complete it and send it to rene.meier@aeroclub.ch no later than 21 December 2017, many thanks.
- c) Program details
- d) Activities in Paris, proposals to create your own program

We, that means our Secretary General and me, shall send you more information on in the last week of the year.

For today let me close with seasons greetings, best wishes, and kind regards

René Meier

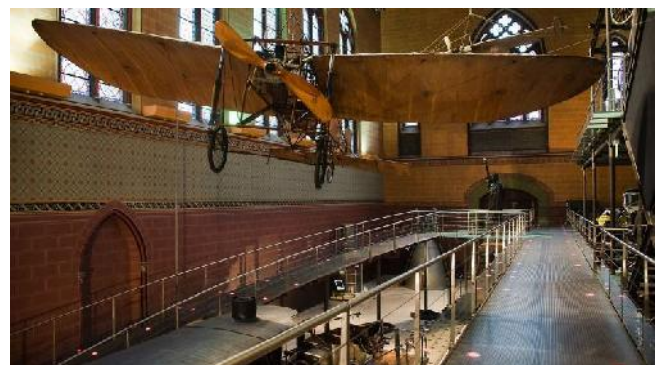
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Our hotel, Paris Ibis Clichy-Batignolles



Le Musée des Arts et des Métier, a partial inside view.