

Limited extension of deadline for compliance with CS-FSTD(A) Issue 2 for Air Operator UPRT exercises

Following consultations, EASA has identified that a number of Flight Simulation Training Device (FSTD) operators are unable to update FSTDs accordingly to CS-FSTD Issue 2 by the 20 December 2019. As a consequence, some European air operators will be unable to comply with the above deadline set for the use of updated devices to deliver upset prevention and recovery training (UPRT) in accordance with Part-ORO.

In recognition of the issues faced, and the consequent unavailability of sufficient updated FSTDs, EASA has agreed to extend the deadline for a limited period of four months, until 20 April 2020. All air operators should however make every effort to use updated FSTDs as soon as possible.

EASA is currently preparing an update to the acceptable means of compliance (AMC) and Guidance Material (GM) Regulation (EU) No 965/2012 so as to enable air operators to continue, until 20 April 2020, to deliver UPRT in accordance with Part-ORO using FSTDs that are not yet updated to the relevant specifications in CS-FSTD(A) Issue 2.

A Decision by the Executive Director of EASA ('ED Decision') to this effect will be published within the next days and before 20 December 2019. Operators need to ensure that the devices used for the relevant UPRT elements will be in full compliance with the applicable requirements by 20 April 2020, at the latest.

This is information only. Recommendations are not mandatory.

