

Cooperation Agreement for support the mutual exchange of information and oversight activities

between

Estonian Transport Administration and Civil Aviation Agency of Latvia

Estonian Transport Administration (TRAM) and State Agency "Civil Aviation Agency" of Latvia (LCAA) hereinafter jointly referred to as the "Competent Authorities" hereinafter referred to as the "Contracting Parties",

Considering the necessity to establish cooperation in support of oversight in the meaning of Article 62 paragraphs 1 and 9 of the Regulation (EU) 2018/1139¹ (the Basic Regulation),

Have amended the Agreement (hereinafter referred to as "The Agreement") signed 22 April 2022 and agreed as follows:

1. Purpose and conditions of The Agreement

1.1. The purpose of The Agreement is to establish a framework setting of the cooperation between Competent Authorities in support of oversight activities and mutual exchange of information.

1.2. Both Competent Authorities are to ensure a high and uniform level of aviation safety through the establishment and maintenance of cooperative relationships and to ensure compliance with the Basic Regulation and the delegated and implementing acts adopted pursuant thereto.

1.3. Each Competent Authority undertakes its own oversight program according to national arrangements and in line with the EU legislation.

1.4. Both Competent Authorities include in their oversight scope activities performed by persons or organisations established or residing in Parties Member State on the basis of the safety priorities, as well as of past oversight activities.

1.5. The Competent Authority responsible for the oversight is the Competent Authority with Safety Oversight Responsibility and Accountability of persons and organisations certified, authorised by or having made declarations to that competent authority. Specifically, in ATM/ANS domain, the respective ANSP agreements shall be taken into account.

1.6. Where appropriate, a Competent Authority involves inspectors as experts (Experts) of the other Competent Authority in its oversight activities. The Experts shall participate in the oversight activities as observers within the limits of their competence. Before taking any action, any observations must be forwarded to the inspectors in charge of supervision.

¹ Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2018 on common rules in the field of civil aviation and establishing a European Union Aviation Safety Agency, and amending Regulations (EC) No 2111/2005, (EC) No 1008/2008, (EU) No 996/2010, (EU) No 376/2014 and Directives 2014/30/EU and 2014/53/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council, and repealing Regulations (EC) No 552/2004 and (EC) No 216/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Regulation (EEC) No 3922/91

2. Scope of The Agreement

2.1. Both Competent Authorities can use the following means in oversight activities (the list is not exhaustive):

2.1.1. the Experts in oversight activities of the other Competent Authority;

2.1.2. raise of findings for certified or approved organisations or persons of the Competent Authority based on information received from the other Competent Authority, taking into account the identified hazards and their possible consequences in operations;

2.1.3. mutual exchange of information on findings, inspections or audits; and performed follow-up actions, related to the audits and inspections performed with the participation of The Experts of the other Competent Authority.

2.2. Both Competent Authorities exchange safety data and safety information in the mutual interest, in particular on the following (list is not exhaustive):

2.2.1. findings of non-compliances with an indication of the level of the finding;

2.2.2. information about remote operations conducted within the territory of a Competent Authority's Member State;

2.2.3. bases located within the territory of the Competent Authority's Member State (opening/closing of bases);

2.2.4. information on wet-leases (e.g. long-term wet-lease agreements between EU operators that result in a prolonged operation outside the territory of the Competent Authorities Member States);

2.2.5. information on group operations, e.g. multiple AOCs within a single holding in both Member States are streamlining operations and aim to operate under one Operations Manual;

2.2.6. sharing of safety data and safety information between Competent Authorities, e.g. data on SAFA/SACA, occurrences data, service providers' information;

2.2.7. mutual exchange of all necessary information and assisting the other Competent Authority on implementation of appropriate safety measures to prevent accidents, incidents and high-risk occurrences;

2.2.8. any change or modification of the legal status of the air navigation service providers under its supervision affecting cross border service provision;

2.2.9. any change, amendment or revocation of the certificates of the air navigation service providers under its supervision affecting cross border service provision;

2.2.10. any limitation of competence or equivalent measures imposed on air navigation service providers and safety related obligations in the designation acts affecting cross border service provision;

2.2.11. safety related information gathered within monitoring of safety performance affecting cross border service provision;

2.2.12. proposed new functional systems or changes to existing functional systems affecting cross border service provision;

2.2.13. reports received in the format of European Coordination Centre for Accident and Incident Reporting Systems (ECCAIRS) concerning the incidents and occurrences relevant to the cross-border service provision, to be able to monitor, measure and identify risk performance in a comparable way.

2.3 Cooperation on safety directive delivery or appropriate enforcement measures delivery for ANS/ATM oversight:

2.3.1. If one Competent Authority decides to issue a safety directive as required by Commission Implementing Regulation (EC) 2017/373 or to issue appropriate enforcement measures as required by Regulation (EC) 550/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of the 10 March 2004 as amended by regulation (EC) 1070/2010 on the provision of air navigation services in the single European sky Article 7 (7) and if the situation has an impact on air traffic service in the cross border area or on the interface between ANSPs, the responsible Competent Authority for issuing safety directive shall consult with the other Competent Authority. The final responsibility for the decision remains with the Competent Authority responsible for issuing safety directive.

2.3.2. Before withdrawing a safety directive, the Competent Authority shall verify that the level of safety has been restored, through safety regulatory audits, desktop reviews, safety occurrences reviews, or any other adequate measures. If the verification process confirms that the unsafe condition no longer exists, the responsible Competent Authority shall inform the other Competent Authority about the withdrawal of the safety directive together with its rationale and the effective date of withdrawal.

2.3.3. In the case of the enforcement measure, the Competent Authorities shall cooperate on the handling of cases involving non-compliance with the applicable common requirements.

3. Exchange of information

3.1. All communications affecting the execution of the Agreement shall be made via the respective Heads of Departments/Units of both Competent Authorities.

3.2. Both Competent Authorities agree on the meetings to be held – on-site meetings, or meetings held by using any other appropriate technical facilities (eg teleconferencing).

3.3. All information to be shared between the Competent Authorities shall be in the English language as requested.

4. Cost, accountability and liability

4.1. If it is not agreed differently in writing, each Competent Authority bears any costs related to secondment of its inspectors and other related activities (daily allowances, accommodation, transport etc) for joint inspections.

4.2. If one Competent Authority requests participation of Experts of the other party, the costs for such participation shall be borne by the Competent Authority requesting such tasks.

4.3. Point 4.1 does not cover any liability charges.

4.4. The Competent Authority shall exonerate the other from all civil liability arising from loss, damage or bodily injury suffered by its staff as a result of the performance of the present The Agreement or as a result of the performance of another written specific agreement, where such loss, damage or bodily injury is not due to gross negligence or deliberate omission or wrongful act on the part of the other Competent Authority or its staff.

5. Entry into force and validity

- 5.1. The Agreement shall enter into force and shall be valid for an indefinite period, when signed by both Competent Authorities.
- 5.2. This Agreement is done in two, duly signed originals in the English language.
- 5.3. The Agreement shall remain effective until either one Competent Authority provides the other with a written notification to the effect of its termination. The Agreement may be terminated immediately if the Competent Authority's consent in writing to immediate termination or by either Competent Authority by giving six (6) months written notice to the other Competent Authority.
- 5.4. The Agreement or Annex shall be reviewed regularly. The Agreement has the following annex: Annex – „List of Experts available for oversight activities”.
- 5.5. The Agreement may be amended subject to mutual written agreement of the Competent Authorities.

6. Signatures and date of signature

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List of Experts available for oversight activities

TRAM EE		LCAA	
Name	competencies	Name	competencies
FSDT			
Liina Kalm	Auditor	Armands Ozoliņš	Flight Inspector Technical Inspector
Neeme Üprus	Flight Inspector	Inārs Auziņš	Technical Inspector
		Gatis Jurkāns	Technical Inspector
ATO/FCL			
Liina Kalm	Auditor	Ilze Kope	Technical Inspector (ATO)
Jaanus Teiva	Auditor	Dagnija Tuča	Technical Inspector (ATO)
		Inese Makare	Technical Inspector (FCL)
OPS		OPS	
Kadri Tuis	Auditor	Inārs Auziņš	Auditor
Helen Reinhold	Auditor	Ainārs Logins	Auditor
Janek Sarapu	Auditor	Gatis Jurkāns	Auditor
Neeme Üprus	Auditor		
Ott Harri Roosimaa	Auditor		
UAS		UAS	
Mait Röömus	Auditor	Anete Skuja	Auditor
Olga Tkach	Auditor	Ilmārs Ozols	Auditor
MED		MED	
Ülle Lahe	Medical assessor	Aivars Priekulis	Medical assessor
CAMO/CAO			

Ivo Tolga	Auditor/ACAM/Management System	Aleksandrs Fisuns Meduha	Auditor CAMO, CAO
		Ivans Gorobecs	Auditor CAMO/CAO
		Andris Lazdiņš	Auditor CAMO/CAO
		Aivars Pavļukēvičs	Auditor ACAM
		Ivars Ansons	Auditor-ACAM
Part-145			
Ivo Tolga	Auditor	Aleksandrs Fisuns Meduha	Auditor
		Ivans Gorobecs	Auditor
		Andris Lazdiņš	Auditor
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Ivo Tolga	Auditor	Andris Lazdiņš	Auditor
	Auditor	Anta Auziņa	Auditor
ATM/ANS			
Keijo Lillo	CNS	Edgars Dreijers	CNS
Moonika Käst	MET	Alla Kajeļčenko	MET
Kea Toi	ATS	Vija Posuma	ATM/TO
Eve Härm	ATM/ANS	Ērika Neimane	ATM/ANS
		Ance Pētersone	AIS/FPD
ADR			
Andres Lainoja	Auditor	Raivo Bisenieks	Auditor
		Zinta Zaļkalne	Auditor