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Subject: Survey on implementation of provisions concerning support programmes, psychological assessment and psychoactive substances testing

Dear Sir/Madam,

Commission Regulation (EU) 2018/1042¹, which amended Regulation (EU) No 965/2012² (the Air Operations Regulation), mandated EASA to conduct a continuous review on the effectiveness of the provisions on support programmes, psychological assessment of flight crew and testing of psychoactive substances mandated for commercial air transport operators. The first report on the results of such review is due in 2023.

This first evaluation is expected to provide data on the initial results related to the implementation and, where possible considering the short timespan since the applicability of the rules, the level of effectiveness of the relevant provisions.

To perform the evaluation, EASA is initiating an extensive and wide data collection from targeted stakeholders:

- national competent authorities in EASA Member States, including ramp inspection national coordinators, staff responsible for performing oversight of operators, and medical assessors,
- operators performing CAT operations with aeroplanes and helicopters,
- service providers of support programmes, psychological assessment and psychoactive substances testing,
- flight and cabin crew, as well as other safety-sensitive personnel employed by operators,
- associations representing pilots and cabin crew, airlines, and aviation psychologists/psychiatrists.

I would like to invite you to respond to the following **online surveys, which are customised to the role of each stakeholder:**

- The **representatives of the national competent authorities** are invited to complete a specific survey, addressed to them, available at the following link https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/NCA_survey. The survey is addressed to RAMP national coordinators and to air operations focal points. We kindly ask you to send us **only one integrated reply** to the survey per Member State.
- The **representatives of operators, service providers of support programmes, psychological assessment and testing, as well as associations** representing crew, airlines are encouraged to complete a dedicated survey for them, available at the following link <https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/operator-survey>. We invite operators to submit **only one integrated reply** to all parts per organisation to avoid duplication and confusion in data analysis.

¹ Commission Regulation (EU) 2018/1042 of 23 July 2018 amending Regulation (EU) No 965/2012

² Commission Regulation (EU) No 965/2012 of 5 October 2012



- **Flight and cabin crew as well as other safety-sensitive personnel** are welcomed to provide their opinion on the provisions of support programmes, psychological assessment and psychoactive substances testing at a dedicated survey, available here <https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/Crew>

You can respond to the survey by **17 March 2023**.

The data collected will be assessed and aggregated by EASA to produce a report. The draft report will be discussed with the Advisory Bodies during a workshop planned for summer 2023. Please note that the data collected from the surveys will be treated with utmost **confidentiality**.

The active participation and engagement of stakeholders in the data collection is a **crucial factor** for the success of this project.

I take this opportunity to invite the competent authorities to disseminate the relevant survey to the operators under their oversight.

Similarly, associations are invited to share the relevant surveys among their members.

We thank you in advance for your active contribution by completing the surveys and providing your views on the implementation progress and any issues you may be facing as well as making any recommendations for improvement.

For any questions and clarifications on the

- project, do not hesitate to contact the EASA Project Manager Mrs. Nadia ILIEVA (nadezhda.ilieva@easa.europa.eu).
- online survey, please send your queries to impact.assessment@easa.europa.eu

Thank you for your contribution in advance.

Sincerely yours,
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