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EASA AMC-20 and EDA EMAD-20
within the NLD-MAS**

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1. Introduction.

This document provides applicants guidance on how to use EASA AMC-20 and EDA EMAD-20 within the Netherlands military aviation system (NLD-MAS).

The EASA AMC-20 illustrates a means, but not the only means, by which a specification contained in an airworthiness code or a requirement of an implementing rule can be met within the civil aviation system under EASA authority. EDA EMAD 20 provides supplemental considerations and guidance issued by EDA to be considered when using the EASA AMC-20 in the military environment.

Although the title of EASA AMC-20 'General acceptable means of compliance for airworthiness of products, parts and appliances' may suggest otherwise, it should be noted that the scope of some EASA AMC 20-XX items not only covers the airworthiness certification of certain products, parts and appliances and the related approval of organisations and personnel, but also the approval of operator organisations for the use of certain (whether certified or not) products, parts and appliances.

Within the NLD-MAS, the EASA AMC-20, supplemented by the considerations and guidance given in EDA EMAD 20 (if present) and the guidance given in **this document**, may be used to derive the means of compliance within the scope of individual certification or approval projects after agreement with the MAA-NLD.

2. Provision of tailored guidance to individual EASA AMC 20-XX items by the MAA-NLD.

Due to limited resources and for reasons of efficiency, the MAA-NLD cannot provide tailored guidance in advance for each individual EASA AMC 20-XX item, nor maintain any such tailored guidance or resulting AMC document on a regular bases. In general, the MAA-NLD will therefore review any EASA AMC 20-XX item and related EDA EMAD 20-XX supplement only at the request of an applicant within the scope of a certification or approval project.

3. General guidance on the use of EASA AMC 20-XX.

When considering the use of any EASA AMC 20-XX within the NLD-MAS, the applicant must realize that MAA-NLD regulations are always leading. In case of conflict between EASA AMC 20-XX and any AMC issued by the MAA-NLD, the latter normally takes precedence. The applicant shall clearly motivate and substantiate any requested changes.

An applicant shall propose any to be used EASA AMC 20-XX item within a certification or approval project as soon as possible, preferably at the moment of application. The EASA AMC 20-XX items refer to certification specifications and requirements of implementing rules within the civil aviation system under EASA authority. Within the NLD-MAS the EASA AMC 20-XX items may be applied to certification or approval projects with a certification basis or approval requirements set not (solely) derived from EASA specifications and requirements for the subjects considered after agreement from the MAA-NLD. In such case the applicant shall indicate the requirements in the certification

basis or the approval requirements set to be covered by the proposed EASA AMC 20-XX items. For any specific EASA specification or requirement mentioned in the proposed EASA AMC 20-XX items, the applicant shall indicate the related specific requirement or requirements in the certification basis or approval requirements set. For a given subject and scope (product certification or organisation approval) the related set of acceptable means of compliance provided in the EASA AMC 20-XX-item and the related EDA EMAD 20-XX chapter, should be considered as a whole. The applicant shall clearly indicate any proposed changes. If it appears from following EASA AMC-20 or EDA EMAD 20 that a subject is not adequately addressed in the certification basis or the approval requirements set of the project, the need for a special condition should be discussed with the MAA-NLD.

The MAA-NLD will review the means of compliance derived by the applicant according to the above guidelines and may accept them within the scope of the certification or approval project under consideration. These derived means of compliance should not be interpreted to be formal AMC for general use in other projects.

FINAL CLAUSES

This Military Aviation Document is known as NLD-MAD-20.

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