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Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/587 amending the SPI Regulation



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COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2020/587 of 29 April 2020 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1206/2011 laying down requirements on aircraft identification for surveillance for the single European sky and Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1207/2011 laying down requirements for the performance and the interoperability of surveillance for the single European sky

Introduction

The purpose of this Information Notice is to provide the latest update to airspace users and Air Navigation Service Providers on amendments to the SPI Regulation. This Regulation harmonises the implementation of on board and ground based surveillance systems and provides details for the carriage of serviceable airborne surveillance equipment by both civil and State aircraft, and the dates by which qualifying aircraft must be equipped.

Amended provisions and deadlines

Due to the corona virus crisis the SPI Regulation has been amended to provide relief to aircraft operators by postponing the deadline for equipage by 6 months, to 7 December 2020.

In addition to an effective implementation of a European harmonised surveillance system, the following applicability, non-applicability and transitional measure and change to the minimum technical requirement have also been introduced:

- All aircraft operating IFR/GAT need to be compliant with Mode S ELS (Elementary Surveillance);
- All applicable aircraft operating IFR/GAT with a first CoA on or after 7 December 2020 need to be equipped with ADS-B & Mode S EHS (Enhanced Surveillance);
- ADS-B & Mode S EHS equipage is not required for aircraft operating IFR/GAT;
 - o with an individual CoA first issued on or before 7 June 1995 or
 - o that cease operations within SES airspace prior to 31 October 2025.
- ADS-B & Mode S EHS equipage may be deferred for operators of aircraft operating IFR/GAT with a fist CoA before 7 December 2020 if;
 - A retrofit program has been established prior to 7 December 2020 demonstrating compliance prior to 7 June 2023 and,
 - o The operator is benefitting from EU funding for the implementation after 7 December 2020.

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