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Dear Friends

I would like to address the topic that is likely to interest all EPFU members. If you have received the October EAS newsletter, you may have already read it, but here is a brief summary of the newsletter. I have also contacted the EAS programme manager, Nils Rostedt, with whom I discussed the topic and the future. The topic is, of course, the future of AVGAS100LL.

It seems that three refineries in the EU have applied for a derogation to use TEL after May 2025 and could therefore continue to produce AVGAS even after the 'expiration date'. These three refineries are Shell (Netherlands), Trafigura (Estonia) and Warter (Poland). Shell has already received a derogation from the ECHA, but unfortunately this does not yet mean that they will receive the licence to continue. This is because the European Commission still has to approve it. Nils explained that this is usually just a pure approval process, but you can't be 100% sure before it is completed. It is assumed that the other two refineries will later receive a similar approval. One could say that this is an extension of the process towards unleaded AVGAS. The situation depends heavily on what is happening in the US. They have their own 2030 expiry date and the forces behind the TEL ban are stronger than in the EU.

Even if we were to get the extension of the use of AVGAS, this is a good reminder that AVGAS may (will?) no longer be available in the future. We will remain vigilant and keep our members informed of any updates that become available.

More topics from René and Martin can be found below. Stay safe and healthy!

EASA Rotorcraft and VTOL Safety Symposium 2024

On-site at RAI Amsterdam, 4/11/2024, 09:30 - 18:00 CET (UTC +1).
For all details and for a registration please go to

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/newsroom-and-events/events/easa-rotorcraft-and-vtol-safety-symposium-2024>

Vortex Ring State — Final dissemination event

On-site at RAI Amsterdam, 6/11/2024, 14:00 - 18:00 CET (UTC+1).
For all details and for a registration please go to

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/newsroom-and-events/events/vortex-ring-state-final-dissemination-event>



The water-flying season comes to an end. At least in Finland.





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Part-IS Implementation Workshop 2024

Hybrid event (partially online and partially on-site)

Information security (IS) is hot topic for all aviators. This workshop deals with many different aspects. General Aviation is part of the game, this is not yet very obvious, we have, however, to pay attentions to what is going on around us.

Event dates

Day 1: 07/11/2024, 10:00 - 17:00 CET (UTC +1)

Day 2: 08/11/2024, 09:00 - 13:30 CET (UTC +1)

The event is fully booked. The EASA Youtube channel will be available. For all relevant information please go to

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/newsroom-and-events/events/part-implementation-workshop-2024>



Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF): A step towards a greener aviation or just another greenwashing approach?

By Dr. Klaus Radermacher, transmitted by Martin Ryff, from AeroTime. This is the “link” to the comprehensive article:

<https://www.aerotime.aero/articles/saf-a-step-towards-a-greener-aviation-or-just-another-greenwashing-approach>

Terms of Reference (ToR), Notices of Proposed Amendments (NPA), Comment Response Documents (CRD), Opinions, Agency Decisions, and Public Consultations published between 1/10/2024 and 31/10/2024. Titles or text parts in bold characters means that the texts are at least partially important for our community:

ToR: None.

Focused Consultation: None.

Public Consultation: None.

Notices of Proposed Amendment: None.

Agency Decision: None.

Opinion:

11/10/2024 Opinion No 06/2024 Training the next generation of ATCOs: Setting performance standards for the initial training output based on the principles of CBTA, enabling the virtualisation of training and the acceptance of ATCO licences issued by third countries. This “link” brings you to all related texts:



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<https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/document-library/opinions/opinion-no-062024>

29/10/2024 **Opinion No 07/2024 Regular update of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/2117: Repository of civil-aviation-related information — List of information objects (RMT.0749)**

This is the electronic address:

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/document-library/opinions/opinion-no-072024>



EASA writes: “This Opinion proposes amendments to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/2117 which lays down the necessary rules and detailed requirements for the functioning and management of a repository of information, in particular with regard to the list of information objects provided in its Annex I which is considered dynamic and requires to be regularly updated.

Annex I to that Regulation lists the information objects (such as pilot licences, certificates of airworthiness, declarations, etc.) which shall be uploaded to the repository. Since the adoption of the Regulation, several developments have occurred, and new insights gained require changes to the list (objects are missing, are considered obsolete or the assigned priority group is now inappropriate).

The currently identified omissions and ambiguities in Annex I relate to the following:

- registration of certified UAS,
- exemptions (of a duration up to 8 months),
- UAS operator certificate,
- operator confirmation of acceptability of the updated mitigation measures and compliance of local conditions in case of cross-border operations,
- operational authorisation for UAS operators, and
- ‘permit to fly’ and ‘permit to fly — approval of flight conditions’.

The proposed regulatory material is expected to improve the dissemination, transfer and exchange of civil-aviation-related information between national competent authorities, EASA, the European Commission and safety investigation authorities.

Comment Response Documents (CRD):

11/10/2024 CRD 22023-02 Training the next generation of ATCOs (RMT.0668). This is not directly for us, however, we are the ATCO’s customers and partners. Those interested in the topic may go to

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/document-library/comment-response-documents/crd-2023-02>

EU Regulations: None.



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EU Decisions: None.

EU Publications: None.

Repetition Smartflyer's SF-1 Roll-Out

will be held at Grenchen Airport
(LSZG) on 6/11/2024 at 1800 LT.



The big question: What will be the aircraft' livery?

Winter Flying

EASA published a comprehensive set of information on the topic. The blue sky here is mentioned in the text, and the Matterhorn is presented here as one does no longer find it correctly depicted on the Toblerone chocolate... This is the electronic address to go to for interested pilots:

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/community/topics/winter-flying>



Murphy's Law COMPLETE, compiled by Arthur Bloch

On page 147 we find Warren's Rule: "To spot the expert, pick the one who predicts the job will take the longest and cost the most".

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Best wishes, kind regards,

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