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To all Foreign EASA Part-145 in status "Valid"

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Subject: Informatio on coming SMS generic transition finding for the EASA Foreign Part-145 Organisations holding a valid approval

Reference: EASA Letter on "Implementation of Safety Management System in Part-145 Maintenance Organisations in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2021/1963" (letter ref. ARES2022- 4621365 dated 23/06/2022)

Dear Sir or Madam,

On 2 December 2022, Regulation (EU) 2021/1963 introducing SMS in the Part-145 Organisation will be applicable.

We would like to inform with this letter that a "generic" transition finding to the Part-145 novelties introduced by Regulation (EU) 2021/1963 will be issued by this office on 2 December 2022.

Annex 1 of this letter contains the list of valid EASA Part-145 approvals, to which the "generic" transition finding will potentially apply; this list will be updated on the day the transition finding is issued to reflect the approvals valid at that date.

This finding allows your Organisation to maintain its approval valid even if not in compliance with the novelties introduced by the Part-145 regulation, providing the necessary time to concentrate on the implementation of the SMS change without undue pressure.

You will reive a finding notification letter which will include further instructions on how to manage the finding closure within 2 December 2024, which is the end of the SMS transition phase. By this date all valid Part-145 approvals shall comply with SMS as per Regulation (EU) 2021/1963.

Please refer to the allocated inspector in case you need any additional clarification on the transition process.

Yours faithfully,

Lorenzo PELLEGRINI ATTACHMENTS: Annex 1- List of valid EASA Part-145 approvals