EASA Position regarding various Foreign ADs – Not eligible for adoption

EASA considerations, leading to the conclusion that various foreign State of Design ADs, addressing potential 5G C-Band Wireless Broadband Interference, are not eligible for adoption.

Several foreign State of Design ADs have been issued by various Aviation Authorities, such as the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Transport Canada Civil Aviation (TCCA) or ANAC Brazil, applicable to various aircraft, if equipped with a radio (also known as radar) altimeter, introducing limitations when operating in certain national airspaces, due to potential local 5G C-Band Wireless Broadband Interference.

As an example, the FAA issued AD 2023-10-02, applicable to “all transport and commuter category airplanes, if equipped with a radio (also known as radar) altimeter”.

The Applicability of those ADs provides a list of affected aircraft (not exhaustive – “but not limited to”) which includes many for which those Aviation Authorities do not represent the State of Design.

For the reasons described above, those ADs are not eligible for adoption by EASA under the provisions of ED Decision 2019/018/ED.

EASA has not been able to determine the presence of an unsafe condition but continues to closely coordinate with the affected design approval holders before deciding if mandatory action is warranted.

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