

EASA Position regarding FAA AD 2023-10-02 – Not eligible for adoption

EASA considerations, leading to the conclusion that Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) AD [2023-10-02](#) is not eligible for adoption

On 23 May 2023 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”, superseding FAA AD 2021-23-12 dated 09 December 2021.

For certain aeroplanes, depending on aeroplane configuration and type of operations, FAA AD 2023-10-02 requires a revision of the Aircraft Flight Manual (AFM) to incorporate limitations prohibiting certain operations requiring radio altimeter data when operating in the “contiguous U.S. airspace”.

The Applicability of FAA AD 2023-10-02 provides a list of affected aeroplane types (not exhaustive – “but not limited to”) which includes many for which the FAA does not represent the State of Design.

For the reasons described above, FAA AD 2023-10-02 is 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. A revision of [EASA SIB 2021-16](#) is being currently drafted, to provide aircraft operators having their principal place of business in one of the EASA Member States (MS) additional related recommendations.

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