

ANNEX V

SPECIFIC APPROVALS

[PART-SPA]

SUBPART A

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

SPA.GEN.100 Competent authority

The competent authority for issuing a specific approval for the commercial air transport operator shall be the authority of the Member State in which the operator has its principal place of business.

SPA.GEN.105 Application for a specific approval

(a) The operator applying for the initial issue of a specific approval shall provide to the competent authority the documentation required in the applicable Subpart, together with the following information:

- (1) the name, address and mailing address of the applicant;
- (2) a description of the intended operation.

(b) The operator shall provide the following evidence to the competent authority:

- (1) compliance with the requirements of the applicable Subpart;
- (2) that the relevant elements defined in the data established in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1702/2003 are taken into account.

(c) The operator shall retain records relating to (a) and (b) at least for the duration of the operation requiring a specific approval, or, if applicable, in accordance with Annex III (Part-ORO).

SPA.GEN.110 Privileges of an operator holding a specific approval

The scope of the activity that an operator holding an air operator certificate (AOC) is approved to conduct shall be documented and specified in the operations specifications to the AOC.

SPA.GEN.115 Changes to a specific approval

When the conditions of a specific approval are affected by changes, the operator shall provide the relevant documentation to the competent authority and obtain prior approval for the operation.

SPA.GEN.120 Continued validity of a specific approval

Specific approvals shall be issued for an unlimited duration and shall remain valid subject to the operator remaining in compliance with the requirements associated with the specific approval and taking into account the relevant elements defined in the data established in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1702/2003.

SUBPART B

PERFORMANCE-BASED NAVIGATION (PBN) OPERATIONS

SPA.PBN.100 PBN operations

Aircraft shall only be operated in designated airspace, on routes or in accordance with procedures where performance-based navigation (PBN) specifications are established if the operator has been granted an approval by the competent authority to conduct such operations. No specific approval is required for operations in area navigation 5 (RNAV5 (basic area navigation, B-RNAV) designated airspace.

SPA.PBN.105 PBN operational approval

To obtain a PBN operational approval from the competent authority, the operator shall provide evidence that:

- (a) the relevant airworthiness approval of the RNAV system has been obtained;
- (b) a training programme for the flight crew members involved in these operations has been established;
- (c) operating procedures have been established specifying:
 - (1) the equipment to be carried, including its operating limitations and appropriate entries in the minimum equipment list (MEL);
 - (2) flight crew composition and experience requirements;
 - (3) normal procedures;
 - (4) contingency procedures;

- (5) monitoring and incident reporting;
- (6) electronic navigation data management.

SUBPART C

OPERATIONS WITH SPECIFIED MINIMUM NAVIGATION PERFORMANCE (MNPS)

SPA.MNPS.100 MNPS operations

Aircraft shall only be operated in designated minimum navigation performance specifications (MNPS) airspace in accordance with regional supplementary procedures, where minimum navigation performance specifications are established, if the operator has been granted an approval by the competent authority to conduct such operations.

SPA.MNPS.105 MNPS operational approval

To obtain an MNPS operational approval from the competent authority, the operator shall provide evidence that:

- (a) the navigation equipment meets the required performance;
- (b) navigation displays, indicators and controls are visible and operable by either pilot seated at his/her duty station;
- (c) a training programme for the flight crew members involved in these operations has been established;
- (d) operating procedures have been established specifying:
 - (1) the equipment to be carried, including its operating limitations and appropriate entries in the MEL;
 - (2) flight crew composition and experience requirements;
 - (3) normal procedures;
 - (4) contingency procedures including those specified by the authority responsible for the airspace concerned;
 - (5) monitoring and incident reporting.

SUBPART D

OPERATIONS IN AIRSPACE WITH REDUCED VERTICAL SEPARATION MINIMA (RVSM)

SPA.RVSM.100 RVSM operations

Aircraft shall only be operated in designated airspace where a reduced vertical separation minimum of 300 m (1 000 ft) applies between flight level (FL) 290 and FL 410, inclusive, if the operator has been granted an approval by the competent authority to conduct such operations.

SPA.RVSM.105 RVSM operational approval

To obtain an RVSM operational approval from the competent authority, the operator shall provide evidence that:

- (a) the RVSM airworthiness approval has been obtained;
- (b) procedures for monitoring and reporting height-keeping errors have been established;
- (c) a training programme for the flight crew members involved in these operations has been established;
- (d) operating procedures have been established specifying:
 - (1) the equipment to be carried, including its operating limitations and appropriate entries in the MEL;
 - (2) flight crew composition and experience requirements;
 - (3) flight planning;
 - (4) pre-flight procedures;
 - (5) procedures prior to RVSM airspace entry;
 - (6) in-flight procedures;
 - (7) post-flight procedures;
 - (8) incident reporting;