

A	aeroplane
AARC	aircraft airworthiness review certificate
AC, A/C, ac, a/c, acft (ICAO)	aircraft
ACAS	airborne collision avoidance system
ACC	acceptance; area control centre
ACN	aircraft classification number
ACNS	airborne communications, navigation and surveillance
AD	airworthiness directive; aerodrome (ICAO)
ADR	aerodrome
AeMC	aeromedical centre
AFC	approval of flight conditions
AFM	aircraft flight manual
AGL	above ground level
AIP	aeronautical information publication
AIRAC	aeronautical information regulation and control
AIRPROX	aircraft proximity
AIS	aeronautical information services
ALARP	as low as reasonably practicable
AltMoCs	alternative means of compliance
AMC-20	General Acceptable Means of Compliance for Airworthiness of Products, Parts and Appliances
AMCs	acceptable means of compliance
AME	aeromedical examiner
AML	aircraft maintenance licence
AMM	aircraft maintenance manual
AMO	approved maintenance organisation
A-NPA	advance notice of proposed amendment
ANS	air navigation services
ANSP	air navigation service provider
AOC	air operator certificate
APAPI	abbreviated precision approach path indicator
APU	auxiliary power unit
AR	authority requirements
ARA	authority requirements (in the aircrew Regulation)
ARC	airworthiness review certificate; area chart
ARC	aerodrome reference code
ARO	authority requirements (in the air operations Regulation)
ASBU	aviation system block upgrades

ASC	Air Safety Committee
ASDA	accelerate-stop distance available
A-SMGCS	advanced surface movement guidance and control system
ATA	Air Transportation Association
ATC	air traffic control
ATCO	air traffic controller
ATIS	automatic terminal information service
ATM	air traffic management
ATO	approved training organisation
ATPL	airline transport pilot licence
ATS	air traffic services
ATT	attestation
ATTN	attention
AT-VASIS	abbreviated T — visual approach slope indicator system
AUR	airspace usage requirements
A-VDGS	advance visual docking guidance system
AWO	all-weather operations
AWOSG	All Weather Operations Steering Group (JAA)
BASA	Bilateral Aviation Safety Agreement
BPL	balloon pilot licence
BR	Basic Regulation (Regulation (EC) No 216/2008)
C/S	certifying staff; cycles per second
CA	competent authority
CAA	civil aviation authority
CAEP	Committee on Aviation Environmental Protection
CAMO	continuing airworthiness management organisation
CAT	commercial air transport; clear-air turbulence
CAW	continuing airworthiness
CBR	California bearing ratio
CBT	computer-based training
CC	cabin crew
CCA	cabin crew attestation
CCD	cabin crew data
CCM	cabin crew member
CDL	configuration deviation list
CEO	chief executive officer
CERT-EU	Computer Emergency Response Team of the EU Institutions
CGA	clear and graded area

CIE	International Commission on Illumination (Commission Internationale de l'Eclairage)
CM	certification memorandum
CMPA	complex motor-powered aircraft
CNS	communications, navigation and surveillance
CO/CO2	carbon monoxide/carbon dioxide
COA	continuing airworthiness organisation
CofA	certificate of airworthiness
COM	commercial other than CAT communications
CON	conversion of national licences
CPDLC	controller–pilot data link communications
CPL	commercial pilot licence
CRC	cyclic redundancy check
CRD	comment-response document
CRE	class rating examiner
CRI	certification review item
CRM	crew resource management
CRS	certificate of release to service
CRT	Comment-Response Tool
CS(s)	certification specification(s)
CS-22	Certification Specifications for Sailplanes and Powered Sailplanes
CS-23	Certification Specifications for Normal, Utility, Aerobatic and Commuter Aeroplanes
CS-25	Certification Specifications and Acceptable Means of Compliance for Large Aeroplanes
CS-26	Additional Airworthiness Specifications for Operations
CS-27	Certification Specifications and Acceptable Means of Compliance for Small Rotorcraft
CS-29	Certification Specifications and Acceptable Means of Compliance for Large Rotorcraft
CS-31GB	Certification Specifications and Acceptable Means of Compliance for Free Gas Balloons
CS-31HB	Certification Specifications and Acceptable Means of Compliance for Hot Air Balloons
CS-31TGB	Certification Specifications and Acceptable Means of Compliance for Tethered Gas Balloons
CS-34	Certification Specifications, Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material for Aircraft Engine Emissions and Fuel Venting
CS-36	Certification Specifications, Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material for Aircraft Noise

CS-ACNS	Certification Specifications and Acceptable Means of Compliance for Airborne Communications, Navigation and Surveillance
CS-ADR-DSN	Certification Specifications and Guidance Material for Aerodromes Design
CS-APU	Certification Specifications, including Airworthiness Codes and Acceptable Means of Compliance, for Auxiliary Power Units
CS-AWO	Certification Specifications, including Airworthiness Codes and Acceptable Means of Compliance, for All Weather Operations
CS-CCD	Certification Specifications and Guidance Material for Cabin Crew Data
CS-Definitions	Definitions and abbreviations used in the Certification Specifications for Products, Parts and Appliances
CS-E	Certification Specifications and Acceptable Means of Compliance for Engines
CS-ETSO	Certification Specifications for European Technical Standard Orders
CS-FCD	Certification Specifications for Operational Suitability Data (OSD) — Flight Crew Data
CS-FSTD(A)	Certification Specifications for Aeroplane Flight Simulation Training Devices
CS-FSTD(H)	Certification Specifications for Helicopter Flight Simulation Training Devices
CS-FTL.1	Certification Specifications and Guidance Material for Commercial Air Transport by Aeroplane — Scheduled and Charter Operations
CS-FTL.2	Certification Specifications and Guidance Material for Commercial Air Transport by Aeroplane — Air Taxi Operations and Aeroplane Emergency Medical Service (AEMS) Operations
CS-FTL.3	Certification Specifications and Guidance Material for Commercial Air Transport by Helicopter — Helicopter Emergency Medical Service (HEMS) Operations
CS-GEN-MMEL	Certification Specifications and Guidance Material for Generic Master Minimum Equipment List
CS-LSA	Certification Specifications and Acceptable Means of Compliance for Light Sport Aeroplanes
CS-MMEL	Certification Specifications and Guidance Material for Master Minimum Equipment List
CS-P	Certification Specifications for Propellers
CS-SIMD	Certification Specifications and Guidance Material for Simulator Data
CS-STAN	Certification Specifications for Standard Changes and Standard Repairs

CS-VLA	Certification Specifications for Very Light Aeroplanes
CS-VLR	Certification Specifications and Acceptable Means of Compliance for Very Light Rotorcraft
CT	certification
CVR	cockpit voice recorder
CWY	clearway
DA	decision altitude
DA/H	decision altitude/height
D-ATIS	data link — automatic terminal information service
DEC	declaration; declared
DEF	definition(s)
DG	Directorate-General; Director-General
DGCA	Directors General Civil Aviation (ICAO); Directorate-General of Civil Aviation
DGs	dangerous goods
DH	decision height
DME	distance-measuring equipment
DOA	design organisation approval
DTO	declared training organisation
D-VOLMET	data link — VOLMET
E	engine
EAFDM	European Authorities Coordination Group on Flight Data Monitoring
EASA	European Aviation Safety Agency
EASA MB	EASA Management Board
EASP	European Aviation Safety Programme
EASp	European Aviation Safety Plan
EBT	evidence-based training
EC	European Commission
EC	European Community
ECAC	European Civil Aviation Conference
ECAST	European Commercial Aviation Safety Team
ECCSA	European Centre for Cybersecurity in Aviation
ECofA	export certificate of airworthiness
ECQB	European Central Question Bank
ED	Executive Director
EDD	Executive Director Decision
EEA	European Economic Area

EEA	European Environment Agency
EEC	European Economic Community
EFTA	European Free Trade Association
EGAST	European General Aviation Safety Team
EGNOS	European Geostationary Navigation Overlay Service
EHEST	European Helicopter Safety Team
EHSIT	European Helicopter Safety Implementation Team
ELOS	equivalent level of safety
ELT	emergency locator transmitter
EMAS	engineered material arresting system
EMK	emergency medical kit
END	EU Environmental Noise Directive 2002/49/EC (OJ L 189, 18.7.2002, p. 12)
EOFDM	European Operators Flight Data Monitoring forum
EP	European Parliament
EPAS	European Plan for Aviation Safety (former 'EASp')
ER	essential requirement
ESPN-R	European Safety Promotion Network Rotorcraft
ESSI	European Strategic Safety Initiative
ETOPS	extended range operation; extended twin-engine operation; extended range operation by twin-engined aeroplane
ETS	EU emissions trading system
ETSO(A)	European Technical Standard Order (authorisation)
EU	European Union
EU-OPS	It stands for Regulation (EC) No 859/2008 of 20 August 2008 amending Council Regulation (EC) No 3922/91 as regards common technical requirements and administrative procedures applicable to commercial transportation by aeroplane. It represents the basis of commercial air transport (CAT) operations with aeroplanes, on which the CAT operations requirements for aeroplanes in the current Commission Regulation (EU) No 965/2012 on air operations were built.
EVP	executive vice president
EVS	enhanced vision system
FAA	Federal Aviation Administration (USA)
FAB(s)	functional airspace block(s)
FAK	first aid kit
FC	flight crew
FCD	flight crew data

FCL	flight crew licensing
FCM	flight crew member
FDM	flight data monitoring
FDP	flight duty period
FDR	flight data recorder
FE	flight examiner
FI	flight instructor
FIC	flight information centre
FIE	flight instructor examiner
FIR	flight information region
FIS	flight information service
FL	flight level
FMEA	failure modes and effects analysis
FOD	foreign object damage/debris
FRMS	fatigue risk management system
FS	flight standards
FSTD	flight simulation training device
FSTD(A)	flight simulation training device (aeroplane)
FSTD(H)	flight simulation training device (helicopter)
FTE	full-time equivalent
FTI	flight test instructor
FTL	flight time limitations
FTL.1	commercial air transport by aeroplane — scheduled and charter operations
FTS	flight time specifications
GA	general aviation
GAMET	area forecast for low-level flights
GBAS	ground-based augmentation system
GEN	general
GHG	greenhouse gas
GLONASS	GLOBAL NAVIGATION SATELLITE SYSTEM
GM	guidance material
GMP	general medical practitioner
GNSS	global navigation satellite system
GPWS	ground proximity warning system
H	helicopter
HAPI	helicopter approach path indicator
HAZOP	hazard and operability

HB	hot-air balloon
HC	hydrocarbons
HEFA	hydroprocessed esters and fatty acid
HELO	helicopter external load operation
HEMS	helicopter emergency medical services
HHO	helicopter hoist operations
HIGE	hover in ground effect
HOGE	hover out of ground effect
HSST	Helicopter Sub-Sectorial Team (JAA)
HUDLS	head-up display landing system
HV	height velocity
HVO	hydrotreated vegetable oil
IA	impact assessment
IAS	indicated airspeed
IATA	International Air Transport Association
IAW	initial airworthiness
IBIS	ICAO bird strike information system
ICA	instructions for continued airworthiness
ICAO	International Civil Aviation Organization
ICAO SARPs	ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices
IED	improvised explosive device
IFALPA	International Federation of Air Line Pilots' Associations
IFR	instrument flight rules
IHST	International Helicopter Safety Team
ILS	instrument landing system
IMC	instrument meteorological conditions
INS	inertial navigation system
IORS	Internal Occurrence Reporting System
IPR	intellectual property rights
IR	implementing regulation; implementing rule
IRE	instrument rating examiner
IRI	instrument rating inspector
ISA	International Standard Atmosphere
ISO	International Organization for Standardization
JAA	Joint Aviation Authorities
JAR	Joint Aviation Requirement
KPI	key performance indicator
LAPL	light aircraft pilot licence

LCFZ	laser-beam critical flight zone
LDA	landing distance available
LDAH	landing distance available (helicopter)
L_{den}/L_{night}	day-evening-night/night-time average sound level
LFFZ	laser-beam free flight zone
LIC	licensing
LO	learning objective
LoA	letter of agreement
LOCI	loss of control in flight
LOFT	line-oriented flight training
LoI	level of involvement
LPL	leisure pilot licence
LRST	local runway safety team
LSA	light sport aeroplane
LSFZ	laser-beam sensitive flight zone
LTO	landing and take-off
LVO	low-visibility operations
LVP	low-visibility procedures
MAB	Member States Advisory Body
MB	Management Board
MC	medical certificate
MCCI	multi-crew cooperation instructor
MCF	maintenance check flight
MDA	minimum decision altitude
MDA/H	minimum descent altitude/height
MDH	minimum decision height
MDM	multi-disciplinary measure
MED	medical
MEL	minimum equipment list
MET	meteorological
MLRs	manuals, logs and records
MLS	microwave landing system
MMEL	master minimum equipment list
MNPS	minimum navigation performance specification
MOA	maintenance organisation approval
MoM	minutes of meeting
MPE	maximum permissible exposure
MPL	multi-crew pilot licence

MPSC	maximum passenger seating configuration
MRB	Maintenance Review Board
MRI	mountain rating instructor
MS(s)	Member State(s)
MTO	maintenance training organisation
Mtoe	million tonnes of oil equivalent
MTOM	maximum take-off mass
MTOW	maximum take-off weight
NAA	national aviation authority
NAVAID	navigation aid
NCC	non-commercial air operations with complex motor-powered aircraft
N-CMPA	non-complex motor-powered aircraft
NCO	non-commercial air operations with other than complex, motor-powered aircraft
NextGen	Next Generation Air Transportation System (FAA)
NOTAM(s)	notice(s) to airmen
NO _x	nitrogen oxides
NPA	notice of proposed amendments
NSA	national supervisory authority
NVIS	night-vision imaging system
OCA/H	obstacle clearance altitude/height
OEMs	Original Equipment Manufacturers
OFZ	obstacle-free zone
OHMP	occupational health medical practitioner
OJ	Official Journal of the European Union
OLS	obstacle limitation surfaces
OM	operations manual
OPC	operator proficiency check
OPS	operations
OPSG	Operational Procedures Steering Group (JAA)
OR	organisation requirements
ORA	organisation requirements (in the aircrew Regulation)
ORO	organisation requirements (in the air operations Regulation)
OSC	operational suitability certificate
OSD	operational suitability data
P	propeller
PANS	procedures for air navigation services

PANS-OPS	Procedures for Air Navigation Services — Aircraft Operations (ICAO)
PAPI	precision approach path indicator
PBN	performance-based navigation
PBR	performance-based regulation
PC	performance class
PCM	project certification manager
PCN	pavement classification number
PIC	pilot-in-command
PL	pilot licence
PM	particulate matter; project manager
POA	production organisation approval
PPB	principal place of business
PPL	private pilot licence
PPO	principal place of operation
PRB	performance review board
QE	qualified entity
R/T	radiotelephony
RAG	Rulemaking Advisory Group
RESA	runway-end safety area
RETILS	rapid exit taxiway indicator lights
RFFS	rescue and firefighting services
RG	review group
RI	rectification interval
RIA	regulatory impact assessment
RIE	rectification interval extension
RM	rulemaking
RMG	rulemaking group
RMT	rulemaking task
RNAV	area navigation
RNP	required navigation performance
RO	regulations officer
rpm	revolutions per minute
RSC	Rotorcraft Sectorial Committee
RTC	restricted type certificate
RTF	radiotelephony
RVR	runway visual range
RVSM	reduced vertical separation minima

RWY	runway
SAB	Stakeholders Advisory Body
SACA	safety assessment of community aircraft
SAFA	safety assessment of foreign aircraft
SEC	security
SE-IMC	single engine — instrument meteorological conditions
SERA	Standardised European Rules of the Air
SES	single European sky
SESAR	single European sky ATM research
SFE	synthetic flight examiner
SFI	synthetic flight instructor
SFL	safe forced landing
SIB	safety information bulletin
SIC	safety information communication
SIMD	simulator data
SKPI	safety key performance indicator
SMGCS	surface movement guidance and control system
SMM	safety management manual
SMS	safety management system
SNP	specified navigation performance
SOP	standard operating procedure
SP	safety promotion; safety publication
SPA	specific approval
SPL	sailplane pilot licence
SPN	Safety Promotion Network; specific performance-based navigation
SPO	specialised operations
SSP	State safety programme; State safety plan
SSR	secondary surveillance radar
STAN	standard changes and standard repairs
STC	supplemental type certificate
STD	synthetic training device
STeBs	Stakeholders Technical Bodies
STI	synthetic training instructor
SWIFT	structured what-if technique
SWY	stopway
TAG	Thematic Advisory Group
TAWS	terrain awareness warning system

TC	type certificate
TCCA	Transport Canada Civil Aviation
TCO	third-country operator
TDZ	touchdown zone
TeBs	Member States Technical Bodies
TEM	threat and error management
TGB	tethered gas balloon
TGL	Temporary Guidance Leaflet (JAA)
TI	Technical Instructions (ICAO)
TK	theoretical knowledge
TOA	training organisation approval
TOCS	take-off climb surface
TODA	take-off distance available
ToR	terms of reference
TORA	take-off run available
TRA	training
TRE	type rating examiner
TRI	type rating inspector; type rating instructor
TSO	Technical Standard Order
UA	unmanned aircraft
UAS	unmanned aircraft system
UAV	unmanned aerial vehicle
UG	user guide
UPRT	upset prevention and recovery training
US	United States
VFR	visual flight rules
VLA	very light aeroplane
VLJ	very light jet
VLR	very light rotorcraft
VOLMET	meteorological information for aircraft in flight
VOR	very high frequency omnidirectional range
WA	working arrangement
WG	working group
WGS	world geodetic system
WHO	World Health Organization
WI	work instructions
WIP	work in progress
WOCL	window of circadian low

WP	working paper
ZFTT	zero flight time training

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