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Subject: Your requests on access to standardisation inspection reports regarding Germany
Attachments: Standardisation Inspection final Report Germany, 07-11 July 2014, ref. FCL/MED.DE.07.2014

Dear Mr Fischer,

Thank you for your e-mail of 27 May 2017, in which you clarify your request for access to documents in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents.

The scope of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 was extended to documents held by the European Aviation Safety Agency by Art. 58 para. 1 of Regulation (EC) No 216/2008¹.

You specify that your request concerns the EASA standardisation visit report performed in Germany in 2014 in the fields of air crew, air operations and ramp checks.

Please note that in 2014 no inspection took place in the fields of air operations and ramp check. Therefore, please find attached the document you have requested relating to the inspections carried out in the field of air crew.

Please note however that parts of the document are redacted in accordance with Art. 4 (1) (b) and the first indent of Article 4 (2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001. These provisions cover the protection of the privacy and integrity of an individual and the protection of commercial interests of referenced legal persons.

Consequently the following redactions have been considered:

- The names of the individuals mentioned in the reports and the information that made it possible to identify them (e.g. licence number, position) are redacted to protect their privacy and integrity.

¹ of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 February 2008 on common rules in the field of civil aviation and establishing a European Aviation Safety Agency and repealing Council Directive 91/670/EEC, Regulation (EC) No 1592/2002 and Directive 2004/36/EC (OJ L 79 of 19.3.2008, p.1).

- Furthermore, we redacted parts that are related to individual undertakings. The reason being that EASA at times inspect undertakings under the oversight of the concerned competent authority to collect supporting information on the performance of that authority. It should not be confused with the inspecting role of the competent authority. The reports make references to inspections of these undertakings. The purpose of these inspections is to provide evidence that enables EASA to carry out its standardisation tasks. In order to be able to collect any meaningful information in this context, a climate of mutual trust and open dialogue between EASA and the undertakings inspected have been established over the years. In this scenario, the public disclosure of the names of the concerned entities would compromise this dialogue and climate of reciprocal trust and therefore would undermine the purpose of the inspection.
- In addition to that, the disclosure of that information could also have a negative effect on the commercial interests of the undertakings.
- As there is no indication of any overriding public interest in disclosing, the names of the undertakings and the information that would allow to identify them (e.g. licence number, registration of their aircrafts) are redacted.

Finally, I would like to inform you that in accordance with article 21 (4) of Regulation EU 628/2013² all the findings of non-conformity have been followed up and closed by the LBA.

In case you do not agree with the above you have a right to request the Agency to reconsider its decision by making a confirmatory application. In such case, you should send your reasoned confirmatory application in writing to the Executive Director of the Agency (Postfach 10 12 53, 50452 Cologne, Germany). The deadline for submitting the confirmatory application is set at 15 working days from receipt of this letter. Any confirmatory application received beyond this deadline cannot be accepted.

Yours sincerely,


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² Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 628/2013 of 28 June 2013 on working methods of the European Aviation Safety Agency for conducting standardisation inspections and for monitoring the application of the rules of Regulation (EC) No 216/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Commission Regulation (EC) No 736/2006.

