

# Simplify EASA!

## Stakeholder Feedback on the Simplification of the EASA Legal Framework

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### Introduction to the EASA Rule Simplification Stakeholder Survey

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Over the past 20 years, European aviation has maintained an outstanding safety record, supported by a robust and comprehensive regulatory framework. However, as safety requirements have grown increasingly complex, stakeholders have expressed challenges in keeping pace with evolving regulations—and the risk of inconsistencies between rules has risen.

To address this, EASA has launched a Simplification Programme as part of the EU's Better Regulation policy. This initiative aims to make the regulatory framework easier to understand, implement, and manage, while preserving safety and supporting innovation, efficiency, and industry competitiveness.

#### Why your feedback matters

This Programme is a collaborative effort—your insights are critical to identifying areas for improvement. By sharing your perspective, you'll directly shape how EASA prioritizes and implements simplification actions. Together, we can ensure the regulatory framework remains effective, adaptable, and aligned with the needs of all stakeholders.

#### Programme Overview

- **Objective:** Streamline rules and processes to reduce administrative burdens, avoid duplication, and enhance compliance, all while maintaining a high uniform level of safety across the EU.
- **Scope:** Focus on rule development and implementation, including opportunities to simplify requirements and their application.
- **Timeline:** The Programme, endorsed by the EASA Management Board in December 2024, will run until 2028.
- **Governance:** A Joint MAB/SAB Simplification Board—comprising representatives from EASA member States, industry Stakeholders, DG MOVE, and Eurocontrol—will guide the Programme's priorities and progress.

#### How this survey supports the Programme

This survey is your opportunity to:

- Highlight areas of the regulatory framework where simplification could bring the most benefit.
- Share experiences with current rules and their implementation.
- Contribute to prioritizing actions that align with the Programme's goals.

Send us your feedback until 31 December 2025.

Your feedback will inform EASA's roadmap for simplification and ensure the Programme reflects the real-world needs of operators, regulators, and industry stakeholders. By working together, we can create a regulatory environment that is both safe and practical for all.

Thank you for your time and commitment to shaping the future of European aviation regulation.

### **Privacy Notice for Survey Participants**

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You have the right to access, correct, or request deletion of your data at any time by contacting EASA. For further information on your rights or complaints regarding the processing of your data, you may also contact the relevant EU data protection authority.

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By submitting your responses, you consent to the processing of your data under these conditions.

## **Your Background and Personal Data**

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\* I am giving my suggestion:

- ☐ As an individual
- ☒ On behalf on an organisation / association

I am giving my suggestion on behalf of:

- ☐ Business Association
- ☐ Aviation Social Partner
- ☐ Company / Business
- ☒ Non-profit Organisation / Association
- ☐ Aviation Authority
- ☐ Other

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\* Do you agree to be contacted for further information, if needed?

☒ Yes

☐ No

## Identification of Topics for Simplification

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In this Section you can give us your suggestions for rule simplification. You will be able to provide up to 3 different concrete suggestions. Just indicate that you have additional suggestions at the end of the section, and a new set of questions will appear.

### Suggestion 1

\* Which area / Regulation should be simplified?

- ☒ EASA Basic Regulation - Regulation (EU) 2018/1139
- ☐ Initial Airworthiness and Environmental Protection - Commission Regulation (EU) No 748/2012
- ☐ Additional Airworthiness Specifications - Regulation (EU) 2015/640
- ☐ Continuing Airworthiness - Regulation (EU) No 1321/2014
- ☐ Aircrew - Regulation (EU) No 1178/2011
- ☐ Air Operations - Regulation (EU) No 965/2012
- ☐ Balloons - Regulation (EU) 2018/395
- ☐ Sailplanes - Regulation (EU) 2018/1976
- ☐ Third Country Operators (TCO) - Regulation (EU) No 452/2014
- ☐ ATM/ANS Provision of Services - Regulation (EU) 2017/373
- ☐ ATM/ANS Equipment - Regulation (EU) 2023/1768 & Regulation (EU) 2023/1769
- ☐ Air Traffic Controllers (ATCO) - Regulation (EU) 2015/340
- ☐ Airspace Usage Requirements - Regulation (EU) No 1332/2011 (ACAS II) & Regulation (EU) 2018/1048 (PBN) & Regulation (EU) 2023/1770 (AUR)
- ☐ Standardised European Rules of the Air (SERA) - Regulation (EU) No 923/2012

- ☐ Aerodromes (ADR) - Regulation (EU) No 139/2014
- ☐ Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) - Regulation (EU) 2019/947 & Regulation (EU) 2019/945
- ☐ U-space - Regulation (EU) 2021/664
- ☐ Information Security (IS) - Regulation (EU) 2022/1645 & Regulation (EU) 2023/203
- ☐ Repository of Information (REPIF) - Regulation (EU) 2023/2117
- ☐ Ground Handling - Regulation (EU) 2025/23 & Regulation (EU) 2025/20
- ☐ Multiple areas / Regulations

**\* Legal reference**

Indicate Part, Subpart, Article, Point, Paragraph, as applicable. If you chose multiple areas / Regulations, please specify the Regulations you believe are affected.

You can also indicate CS, AMC and GM.

The more specific you are, the better you support identification of the issue.

You can also indicate more than one reference, if the issue affects several legal provisions.

Part on Unmanned Aircraft (UAS) and Annexes on exclusion of types of aircraft

**\* Why is this rule problematic and should be simplified?**

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The Basic Regulation has led to numerous new restrictions and caused a significant reduction in active aeromodellers. This seriously affects EU competitiveness and has a social impact. Aeromodelling is not only the largest airport in Europe, with over half a million active pilots, but also the single largest community that trains and engages youth in aviation-related activities. Aeromodelling is also a great innovator in aviation related technologies (e.g. electrification).

**\* What solution do you propose to simplify?**

*500 character(s) maximum*

- an explicit recognition of the role of aeromodelling in supporting the EU's competitiveness in aviation
- a clearer separation of aeromodelling from other UAS types/activities, leaving the sport to be regulated at national level
- removal of concrete restrictions such as the obligation to register pilots as well as age and height restrictions
- explicit exclusion of sports such as free flight and control line flight aeromodelling from the scope of the Basic Regulation

**\* What do you think will be the biggest positive impact if the rule is simplified?**

- ☐ Improvement in safety
- ☐ Lower costs / less economic burden / more efficiency for industry
- ☐ Lower costs / more efficiency for authorities
- ☒ Supporting innovation
- ☐ Improving level playing field / access to market / interoperability
- ☐ Positive social impact
- ☐ Positive environmental impact

☐ Other

Please provide details for the selection made above.

200 character(s) maximum

Liberal rules for aeromodelling support Europe's competitiveness in aviation and engaging/training youth. It also has a positive social impact, allowing broader access to a popular air sport.

\* Do you have another suggestion?

☒ Yes

☐ No

## Suggestion 2

\* Which area / Regulation should be simplified?

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Regulation 947, in particular open category rules as well as rules for Aeromodelling (incl. Article 16)

\* Why is this rule problematic and should be simplified?

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The new restrictions on aeromodelling introduced by Regulation 947 have seriously impacted aeromodelling and caused a reduction in the number of pilots. Access to the sport for young pilots is restricted due to unnecessary restrictions such as age limits as well as restrictions "borrowed" from both the Open Category and the Specific Category. This has impacted the sport's ability to train and engage youth as well as to contribute to innovation in aviation. Membership numbers are decreasing.

\* What solution do you propose to simplify?

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The European Model Flying Union has made concrete proposals to EASA to change the legal text of Regulation 947. This includes a clear separation of Aeromodelling activities under an Article 16 Authorisation from the Specific Category, the explicit removal of age limits under Art 16 Authorisations, simpler Art 16 Authorisations and easier rules for flying gliders in mountainous areas. EASA has shown sympathy for these proposals, but no steps have been made to actually implement them.

\* What do you think will be the biggest positive impact if the rule is simplified?

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- ☐ Positive environmental impact
- ☐ Other

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Liberal rules for aeromodelling support Europe's competitiveness in aviation and engaging youth. Moreover, it also has a positive social impact, allowing broader access to a popular air sport.

\* Do you have another suggestion?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

## Final elements

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Do you have any additional comments or suggestions to simplify the EASA regulatory framework?

The work of the European Commission and EASA is very much industry-focussed. The interests of aeromodellers are usually seen as secondary. This is bad for Europe's innovation, as negatively affects Europe's largest airport and in particular also its vital role in engaging youth and innovation. Alleviating restrictions on aeromodelling is by far the cheapest and best value way to promote new talent in aviation as well as promoting aviation related innovation.

EASA and the Commission should also be more pro-active in communicating the benefits of a vibrant aeromodelling community for Europe's competitiveness in aviation and support a liberal interpretation /implementation of the EU rules by the Member States.

ALLOW US TO HELP TRAIN NEW TALENT AND INNOVATE. PLEASE TALK AND LISTEN TO US.

## Contact

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