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Mandate for establishing a joint OTIF - EU register for ECM certification bodies and certified ECMs

1. Introduction

According to section 10 of Annex A to ATMF, Certification and Auditing of Entities in Charge of Maintenance (ECM), the OTIF Secretariat is required to publish a list of certification bodies and ECM Certificates.

2. Present status

At present, the OTIF ECM Register consists of two lists on the OTIF website.

1. list of certification bodies accredited by an accreditation body in a non-EU OTIF Member State and
2. list of ECM Certificates. This list does not contain ECM Certificates issued by a certification body in the EU to ECMs with their place of business in the EU. For these other ECM Certificates, the OTIF website contains two links to the ERA website:
   a. ECM Certificates based on MoU and
   b. ECM Certificates based on Commission Regulation (EU) No. 445/2011.

The EU ECM register is accessible via the ERA website:
https://eradis.era.europa.eu/safety_docs/ecm/certificates.aspx

The OTIF and EU registers contain some overlapping entries which appear in both registers.

It is inconvenient for users to have to search for information concerning ECM certification bodies and ECM Certificates in two different places. The sector organisations have asked that all the information be made available in one place.

3. Options for the future

For the register of certification bodies and the list of ECM Certificates, the OTIF Secretariat has identified three options:

1. Maintain today's situation, by keeping two different, but complementary registers:

- an OTIF register containing ECM Certificates and certification bodies accredited by an accreditation body in a non-EU OTIF Member State on the OTIF website and

- an EU register containing ECM Certificates and ECM certification bodies accredited by an accreditation body in an EU OTIF Member State or the EEA countries on the ERA website.

2. Keep two regularly updated parallel registers on the OTIF and ERA websites (VKM model; two mirrored registers).

3. Keep one complete register on the ERA website with a link to it from the OTIF website.

Options 2 and 3 would require that an agreement be signed between OTIF and EC/ERA.

Such an agreement would have to take the following issues into account:

- OTIF's obligation to publish all three language versions (English, French and German),

- Identification that it is a joint ERA/OTIF register (e.g. by showing both logos),

- Notification procedure for new entries and the modification of existing entries.

4. Mandate

The CTE mandates the OTIF Secretariat to enter into an agreement with the EU and ERA to establish joint ECM registers as set out in section 3 of this document.