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## **EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

### **1. CONTEXT OF THE DELEGATED ACT**

On 20 March 2023, at the fifth meeting of its 228th Session, the ICAO Council adopted Amendments 14, 11 and 2 to respectively Volume I ‘Aircraft Noise’, Volume II ‘Aircraft Engine Emissions’, and Volume III ‘Aeroplane CO2 Emissions’ of Annex 16 to the Chicago Convention. These amendments are based on the recommendations agreed at the 12th formal meeting of the ICAO Committee on Aviation Environmental Protection (CAEP/12) and are the outcome of the work conducted during the 3 years preceding the meeting in accordance with the CAEP/12 Work Programme. These amendments became applicable on 1 January 2024.

In accordance with Article 19(3) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1139<sup>1</sup>, the Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts to amend the references to the provisions of Chicago Convention referred to in the first subparagraph of Article 9(2) of that Regulation, in order to update them in light of subsequent amendments to those provisions which enter into force after 4 July 2018 and which become applicable in all Member States, in so far as such adaptations do not broaden the scope of that Regulation.

The specific objective of this proposal is to contribute to a high, uniform level of environmental protection by referring to the latest amended ICAO SARPs contained in Annex 16 Volumes I, II and III as the applicable environmental protection requirements.

### **2. CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO THE ADOPTION OF THE ACT**

The draft delegated act is based on EASA Opinion No 02/2024 whose contents had been publicly consulted through Notice of Proposed Amendment (NPA) 2023-09 ‘Implementation of the latest CAEP amendments to ICAO Annex 16 Volumes I, II and III’ (RMT.0514) published by EASA on 15 November 2023. 21 comments were received from interested parties, including industry and national aviation authorities. EASA has addressed and responded to the comments received on the NPA in Comment-Response Document (CRD) 2023-09.

In accordance with Article 128(4) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1139, before adopting a delegated act, the Commission shall consult experts designated by each Member State in accordance with the principles laid down in the Interinstitutional Agreement of 13 April 2016 on Better Law- Making.

### **3. LEGAL ELEMENTS OF THE DELEGATED ACT**

The Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts, in accordance with Article 128 of Regulation (EU) 2018/1139, to amend the references to the provisions of Chicago Convention referred to in the first subparagraph of Article 9(2) of this Regulation. The related legal basis is Article 19(3) of the same Regulation.

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<sup>1</sup> Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2018 on common rules in the field of civil aviation and establishing a European Union Aviation Safety Agency, and amending Regulations (EC) No 2111/2005, (EC) No 1008/2008, (EU) No 996/2010, (EU) No 376/2014 and Directives 2014/30/EU and 2014/53/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council, and repealing Regulations (EC) No 552/2004 and (EC) No 216/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Regulation (EEC) No 3922/91, *OJ L 212, 22.8.2018, p. 1*, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2018/1139/oj>.

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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2018 on common rules in the field of civil aviation and establishing a European Union Aviation Safety Agency, and amending Regulations (EC) No 2111/2005, (EC) No 1008/2008, (EU) No 996/2010, (EU) No 376/2014 and Directives 2014/30/EU and 2014/53/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council, and repealing Regulations (EC) No 552/2004 and (EC) No 216/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Regulation (EEC) No 3922/91 <sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular Article 19(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Aircraft, other than unmanned aircraft, and their engines, propellers, parts and non-installed equipment should comply with the environmental protection requirements. Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 provides for them by referring to specific provisions of the Chicago Convention, which contain those requirements.
- (2) On 20 March 2023, at the fifth meeting of its 228th Session, the ICAO Council adopted Amendment 14 to Volume I ‘Aircraft Noise’ of Annex 16 to the Chicago Convention, Amendment 11 to Volume II ‘Aircraft Engine Emissions’ of Annex 16 to the Chicago Convention, and Amendment 2 to Volume III ‘Aeroplane CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions’ of Annex 16 to the Chicago Convention. These amendments became applicable on 1 January 2024.
- (3) The references to the provisions of the Chicago Convention should therefore be updated and Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 should be amended accordingly.
- (4) The measures provided for in this Regulation are based on Opinion No 02/2024 issued by the European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) in accordance with Article 76(1) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1139,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

In Article 9(2) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1139, the first subparagraph is replaced by the following:

‘As regards noise and emissions, those aircraft and their engines, propellers, parts and non-installed equipment shall comply with the environmental protection requirements contained in Amendment 14 to Volume I, in Amendment 11 to Volume II, and in

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<sup>2</sup> [OJ L 212, 22.8.2018, p. 1, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2018/1139/oj](http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2018/1139/oj).

Amendment 2 to Volume III, all as applicable on 1 January 2024, of Annex 16 to the Chicago Convention.’

*Article 2*

This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 28.2.2025

*For the Commission*  
*The President*  
*Ursula VON DER LEYEN*