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### **EASA AIRCREW**

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#### INTRODUCTION

#### **EASA** (EUROPEAN AVIATION SAFETY AGENCY)

EASA, the European Aviation Safety Agency was formed in 2003 by the European Commission under Regulation (EC) No 1592/2002 which states:

There is a need for better arrangements in all the fields covered by this Regulation, so that certain tasks currently performed at Community or national level should be carried out by a single specialised expert body. There is, therefore, a need within the Community's existing institutional structure and balance of powers to establish a European Aviation Safety Agency which is independent in relation to technical matters and has legal, administrative and financial autonomy. To that end, it is necessary and appropriate that it should be a Community body having legal personality and exercising the implementing powers which are conferred on it by this Regulation.

As EASA evolved its areas of competence increased resulting in it outgrowing its remit under EC 1592/2002. To cater for further expansion in competence this regulation was repealed by Commission Regulation EC 216/2008, which increased EASAs areas of competence.

## COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) NO 216/2008 CONSOLIDATED, THE BASIC REGULATION

This regulation, referred to as the Basic regulation, outlines common rules in the field of civil aviation but also defines those areas that fall outside EASA's remit and as such are regulated at a National level, these include but are not limited to SAR (Search And Rescue operations), home built and Annex II aircraft.

The Basic Regulation was subsequently amended twice in 2009. The latter amendment, Regulation (EC) No 1108/2009, extended EASA's competence to cover Aerodromes and the areas of ATM/ATS. A further amendment, Regulation (EU) No 06/2013, in 2013 just updated the environmental requirements for manufacturers.

The Basic Regulation consists of Articles and Annexes; those pertinent to pilots/air operators are tabulated and where applicable described briefly on the next pages.