AIRPORT CERTIFICATION PROCESS

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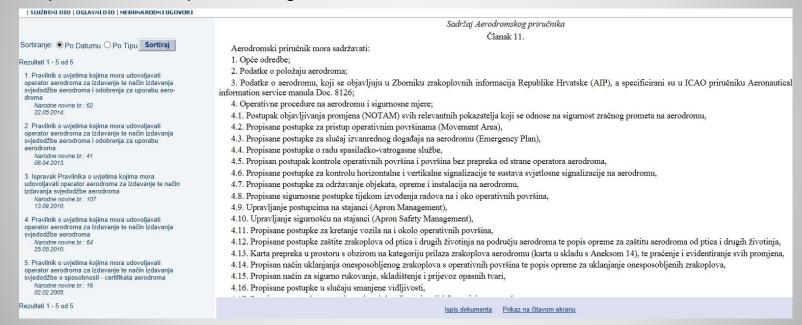
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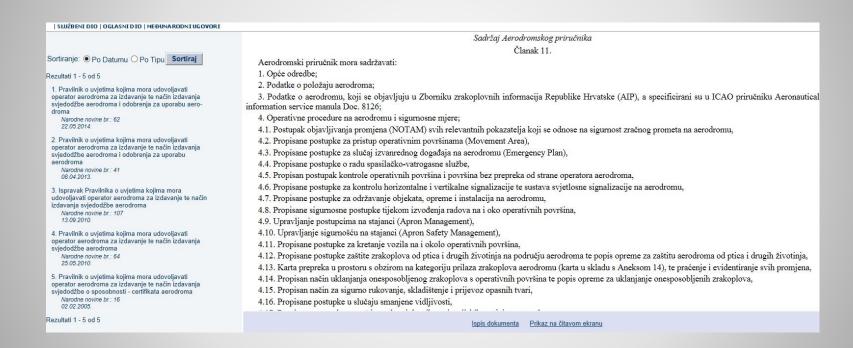
The first version of the Ordinance on Airport Certification was consisted of 17 articles. For the airport operator, the most important were three of them: 3rd ,11th and 14th:

 3rd/ conditions: Airport Manual in two copies and the minimum of five years of experience of airport manager.



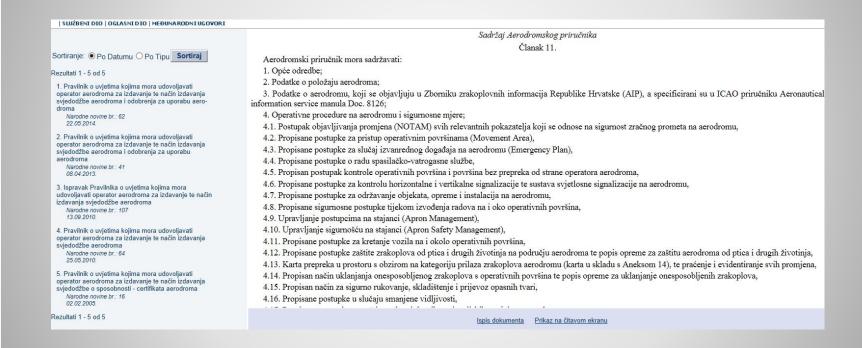
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- 11th/ contents of Airport Manual / 5 chapters:
 - 1) General conditions, 2) Airport location, 3) Aeronautical data,
 - ✓ 4) Airport operations (subchapters 4.1 4.17), 5) SMS.



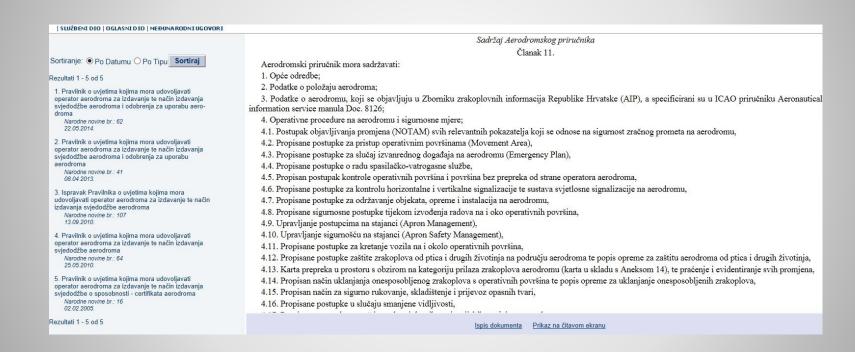
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- 14th/ Airport operator obligations:
 - ...Ensure implementation of standards and recommendations from ICAO Annex
 14...



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- The main discussion was focused on dilemma: whether or not a more detailed description of ground handling process should be part of Airport Manual.
- Regarding airport infrastructure, common statement was to describe it as it is.



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The essential features of the process of the airport certification were as follows:

- The center of interest was airport operator's ability to manage the airport,
- The lack of appropriate instructions workshops (the timeline for certification process was six months from the date of the publication of Ordinance ?!),
- The lack of quality coordination of the process Each airprot operator has understood the contents of the Airport manual in its own way,
- Although it was one of the conditions, the harmonization of the airport infrastructure with ICAO Annex 14 was not asked by Ministry and was not analyzed ba airport operators. Consequently, the implementation of standards and recommendations from ICAO Annex 14 was not done.

From February 2005 until March 2009, three airport operators have received permanent Airport Certificate and one: interim Airport Certificate.

From March 2009 until September 2014, five airport operators have received permanent Airport Certificate.

All Airport Certificates issued from 2005 until 2014 were based on Ordinance on conditions to be met by the airport operator for issuing and manner of issuance of the Airport Certificate.

In the meantime, in May 2010 the first version of Ordinance on aerodromes was published and that was the legal basis for provision of detailed analysis of compliance of airport infrastructure with standards and recommendations of ICAO Annex 14.

Ordinance on aerodromes was / is the copy of the final (actual) version of ICAO Annex 14, interpreted in Croatian language. It's essential feature was/is that all the ICAO Annex 14 recommendations were/are defined as standards.

In Article 1, paragraph 6 of the Ordinance it is defined that its provisions shall not apply to the airport existing infrastructure, if air transport safety is not compromised.

From October 2010 until May 2014, CCAA analyzed the harmonization of airport existing infrastructure with Ordinance on Aerodromes for 7 international airports and made a risk assessment for all incompatibilities defined in those studies for each airport.

Based on Article 14 of Ordinance on conditions to be met by the airport operator for issuing and manner of issuance of the Airport Certificate and Studies of existing aerodromes infrastructure harmonization with provisions of Ordinance on Aerodromes, from January 2011 until January 2012 all Airport Certificates (issued to RH airport operators) were changed by adding new data: Aerodrome Reference code and Airport infrastructure incompatibilities.

It can be concluded that the process of harmonization of the airport infrastructure with provisions of the Ordinance on aerodromes has started in October 2010.

The most important difference between the certification of airports according to Ordinance on conditions to be met by the airport operator for issuing and manner of issuance of the Airport Certificate and EC Regulation 139/2014 is as follows:

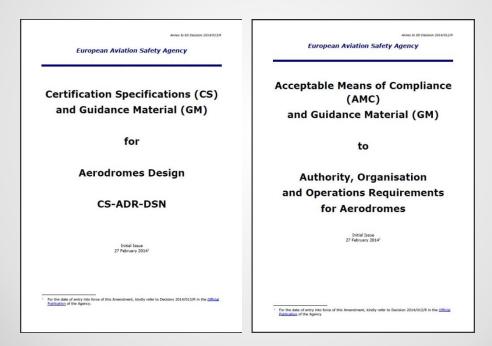
- The process of airport's operator certification conducted in Croatia between 2005 and 2014, was focused on airport's operator ability to manage the airport,
- The process of airport certification based on EC Regulation 139/2014 is focused on both:
 - airport infrastructure, visual aids....etc. harmonization with EC Regulation 139/2014 and corresponding documents (CS and GM), and
 - airport's operator ability to manage the airport (AMC and GM).

Consequently, two Aerodrome Certificates have to be issued by state authorized body (CCAA):

- One for Aerodrome infrastructure and related navigational instruments, visual aids, and....
- Another for Aerodrome's Operator

Requirements for certification of airport infrastructure and airport's operator, based on EC Regulation 139/2014 are explained in two documents published by EASA:

- Certification Specification (CS) and Guidance Material (GM)
- Acceptable Means of Compliance (AMC) and Guidance Material (GM)



Certification Specification (CS) and Guidance Material (GM) are related to:

- aerodrome infrastructure physical characteristics,
- obstacle limitation surfaces,
- visual aids,
- aerodrome operational services,
- equipment and instalations,
- aerodrome maintenance

Basically, it could be said that CS and GM are EU version of ICAO Annex 14

Based on CS and GM, airport's operator has to define **Airport Certification Basis** Document.

Aerodrome (Infrastructure) Certificate is based on Airport Certification Basis Document, approved by (State) Competent Authority (CCAA).

Aerodrome's Operator Certificate is based on ability of the airport's operator to demonstrate compliance with AMC and GM: Aerodrome Manual

In this very presentation I will not elaborate requirements related to EASA CS and Airport Certification Basis Document because, more or less, we all know the content of ICAO Annex 14 and essential requirements related to physical characteristics of aerodrome infrastructure, visual aids...etc... but I will say a few words about requirements related to airport's operator.

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- Annex 1 Definitions of terms in Annexes 2 4
- Annex 2 (State) Authority Requirements
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- Safety Management System,
- Aerodrome's Operator (Quality) Management System,
- Management of Aeronautical Data and Aeronautical Information,
- Training and Proficiency Check Programmes for all personnel involved in the AP operations and AP maintenance.
- Prevention of Fire,
- Aerodrome Manual.

Aerodrome Manual

- The content shall reflect the certification basis and the requirements set out in Annex 3 and Annex 4 of the EC Regulation 139/2014
- It may be issued in separate parts,
- Available to all AP personnel in portions that are relevant to somebody's duties and responsibilities,
- Delivered to (State) Competent Authority (and supplied with all amendments and revisions).

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Annex 4 – (Aerodrome) Operations Requirements

- Aerodrome's Operator shall insure as follows:
- Quality of Aerodrome's Aeronautical Data Requirements defined in EC
 Regulation 73/2010 / Coordination between AP Operator and provider of AIS,
- Provision of services:
 - Aerodrome Emergency Planning
 - Rescue and Fireighting,
 - Monitoring and inspection of movement area and related facilities,
 - Wildlife strike Hazard Reduction,
 - Procedures related to Operations of Vehicles,

Annex 4 – (Aerodrome) Operations Requirements

- Provision of services:
 - Surface Movement Guidance and Control System,
 - Operations in Winter Conditions,
 - Night Operations and Low Visibility Operations ,
 - Operations in Adverse Weather Conditions,
 - Fuel Quality,
 - Visual Aids and Aerodrome Electrical Systems,
 - Safety of Aerodrome Works,
 - Safeguarding of Aerodrome,
 - Marking and lighting of vehicles and other mobile objects,
 - Use of the aerodrome by higher code letter aircraft,

Annex 4 – (Aerodrome) Operations Requirements

Provision of services:

Aerodrome maintenance -

- Pavement and other ground surfaces and drainage,
- Visual aids and electrical systems.

Aerodrome Certification Procedure:

- In order to obtain Aerodrome (Infrastructure) Certificate and Aerodrome's Operator Certificate, Aerodrome's operator has to:
- Prepare a draft of the Aerodrome Certification Basis Document, based on EASA
 CS and GM / Airport infrastructure and related instruments, visual aids...etc. has to
 be according to EASA CS&GM (ELOS, SC, DAAD).
- Prepare a draft of the Aerodrome Manual, based on EASA AMC and GM /
 Organization of the Aerodrome's Operator and Aerodromes Operations have to be
 based on Aerodrome Manual / ie EASA AMC and GM (AltMoC).

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Aerodrome Certification Procedure:

- After the preparation of one, or both documents, aerodrome's operator has to submit a request (defined form and content) to state authorized body (CCAA) for one or both Certificates at the same time.
- Based on defined procedures, authorized state body (CCAA) will check delivered document(s) and, after the approval of submitted document(s), conduct audit of aerodrome infrastructure... and/or Organization of Aerodrome's Operator and Aerodrome Operations.
- Finally, after the approval of the submitted documents, aerodrome infrastructure, aerodrome operations and organization of the aerodrome's operator, **Aerodrome** (Infrastructure) **Certificate** and **Aerodrome's Operator Certificate** will be given to Aerodrome's Operator.

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