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**Subject: Safety regulation of General Aviation**

Dear Mr MEIER,

Thank you for your correspondence of 25 April 2011 expressing the concerns of the Swiss Aircraft Maintenance Association on the safety regulation of the general aviation sector. Vice-President Kallas asked me to provide an answer to you.

Pursuant to its Communication of 11 January 2008 on An Agenda for Sustainable Future in General and Business Aviation, the Commission supports a better regulation of this sector, including on the safety aspects. In 2008, the Commission has already introduced with Regulation (EC) No 1056/2008 a first adaptation of the continuing airworthiness requirements of Regulation (EC) No 2042/2003 which brought some alleviations to the pre-existing requirements.

The Commission has also mandated the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) to work further on the matter and has underlined repeatedly that it was one of the priorities of EASA rulemaking activity. EASA has initiated a number of tasks to propose alleviations where considered possible, without impairing the level of safety, in particular task MDM.032 which has been recently concluded in the form of EASA Opinion No 1/2011.

On the basis of this Opinion, which I hope takes into account the concerns that you have expressed, my services are currently working a further adaptation of the airworthiness

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requirements of Regulation (EC) No 1702/2003 and Regulation (EC) No 2042/2003. It is expected that this amendment could be adopted in the second half of 2011 or early 2012. I do hope that this future regulation will provide another opportunity to address your concerns.

Should you like to discuss further the matter, you may contact [rene.zbos@ec.europa.eu](mailto:rene.zbos@ec.europa.eu) who will endeavour to assist you.

Yours sincerely,



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