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Media release by Federal Office of Civil Aviation FOCA

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Dear Sir or Madam

Enclosed you will find the media release, dated on 8 December 2021 from the Federal Office of Civil Aviation FOCA, about the **Adoption of EU regulations in the field of aviation safety and management**.

The Swiss-EU Joint Aviation Committee today decided on the adoption of various EU decrees by Switzerland. The new provisions concern air safety and air traffic management. The Federal Council approved the adoption of these provisions at its meeting on 24 November 2021. They will enter into force on 1 February 2022.

As part of its participation in the Single European Sky, Switzerland is adopting a decision that sets Europe-wide performance targets for the air traffic management network. Based on this, Switzerland must submit national performance plans with binding targets for the areas of safety, the environment, capacity and cost efficiency for Skyguide AG. This enables more direct flight routes, thus protecting the environment, increasing punctuality and reducing the cost of a flight.

Switzerland is also adopting a legal act that will enable the future introduction of a European risk classification system. The purpose of this system is to define and classify safety-relevant events in the same way throughout Europe, which will make it possible to determine immediate measures. Other ordinances that Switzerland is adopting concern the construction and installation of non-safety-relevant components in aircraft. This will considerably reduce the administrative burden that has been necessary up to now.

Switzerland already applies the so-called "EU flight safety list". It guarantees citizens compliance with the highest aviation safety standards. The current version of this list lists airlines that are subject to flight bans or operating restrictions in the EU because they do not meet international safety standards. The Federal Council approved the adoption of all these provisions at its meeting on 24 November 2021. For Switzerland, the Director of the Federal Office of Civil Aviation FOCA, Christian Hegner, signed the decision. The new provisions of the agreement will enter into force in Switzerland on 1 February 2022.

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With kind regards

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