



Withdrawal Statement for Proposed AD (PAD) No.:15-117

EASA has withdrawn PAD 15-117 for the following reasons:

Public consultation of PAD 15-117 triggered a number of non-supportive comments. An extensive review thereof indicated that:

- Although in-service simple personnel carrying device system (PCDS) may not all have an airworthiness approval, commenters pointed out their compliance with design and safety standards governed by several EU regulations, distinct from the EASA environment.
- Current operators' safety practices usually ensure control and maintenance of their in-service simple PCDS.
- Experience from the field as reported by the major organisations did not result in unsafe events.

Therefore, based on the comments received, there is insufficient evidence that an unsafe condition (or its potential) exists for in-service simple PCDS.

Moreover, since EASA had decided to initiate a rulemaking action aiming at transferring approval and oversight of simple PCDS to the operational domain (see Commission Regulation (EU) [No.965/2012 amended](#)), simple PCDS will in the future no longer require to be approved in accordance with airworthiness rules.

Conclusion:

For the above mentioned reasons, PAD 15-117 is hereby withdrawn.

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