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After completing the referenced project and publishing the final report[1], the European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) organised a workshop with stakeholders and Member States medical experts to discuss the reports' findings. It is now in the process of setting up a rulemaking group to draft the necessary alleviations for persons with diabetes. The Commission expects the group to start work in early 2027.

The objective of this rulemaking task is to develop regulatory provisions that will allow applicants with well-controlled insulin dependency to perform pilot or air traffic control duties, subject to specific mitigating measures ensuring the continued high level of aviation safety.

This should contribute to reducing barriers to entry into aviation professions for persons with diabetes. At the same time, the precise mitigating measures will need to be determined by medical experts to ensure that the high level of aviation safety is maintained.

[1] https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/research-projects/diabetes-mellitus-dm.