



EASA Safety Information Notice

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Subject: Validity of Form 1 Approval Certificates issued by JAR 145 organisations located in JAA Member States which are not EU or EFTA Member States

Ref. Publication: Commission Regulation (EC) No 2042/2003 Annex II (EASA Part-145)

Introduction: This Safety Information Notice is raised to highlight the requirements of EASA Part-145.A.42 (a) (1), with specific reference to the acceptance of release certificates issued by an organisation which is located in a JAA State which is not an EU or EFTA member state and which holds a JAR 145 approval but not an EASA 145 approval .

The EASA Part 145 rule requires parts to be released on an EASA Form 1 or *equivalent*. The equivalent certificates that are acceptable are detailed in the AMC to EASA Part-145.A.42 (a).

The certificates that are acceptable as equivalent do not include JAA Form 1 approval certificates which have been issued as maintenance releases by JAR 145 organisations after 28th November 2004. Furthermore, unless such organisations have an EASA Part 145 approval, they are not legally authorised to issue EASA Form 1 approval certificates as maintenance releases. Such kinds of approvals are not equivalent to EASA Form 1 and are therefore invalid for the purpose of EASA Part-145.¹

Maintenance releases are accepted from all EASA Part-145 approved organisations whose principle place of business is in an EU Member State or in a State which participates in EASA under article 55 of Regulation 1592/2002 (at present those States comprise Switzerland, Norway, Iceland and Lichtenstein only).

- In addition, maintenance releases are acceptable from all EASA Part 145 organisations which are located outside the territory of the European Union and have had a Part 145 approval issued directly by the European Aviation Safety Agency. All such approvals are listed on the EASA web site at www.easa.europa.eu

Applicability: Components that have been released to service on an invalid release document.

¹ As clarified in AMC to EASA Part-145.A.42 (a), an equivalent document to an EASA Form 1 may be a release document issued by an organisation under the terms of an appropriate bilateral agreement.

Recommendation: EASA Part-145 Organisations and aircraft owners and operators are recommended to verify the validity of any Form 1 documents issued by JAR 145 companies.

Please note that the EASA listing of EASA Part-145 organisations contains only foreign located EASA Part-145 organisations and is not proof of approval - this must be confirmed with the respective organisation.

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