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LETTER TO OWNERS/OPERATORS NO 2823
M3 & PART 145 APPROVED MAINTENANCE ORGANISATIONS
URGENT INFORMATION REGARDING EASA CERTIFICATE OF AIRWORTHINESS ISSUE AND RENEWAL PROCESSES FROM 28 SEPTEMBER 2005

Airworthiness Notice Number 7, Issue 1 dated 2 April 2004 and its Appendix No.3 at Issue 2 dated 28 September 2004, provides information concerning the implementation of the EC Regulations EC 1592/2002 and EC 1702/2003 as they impact the Certificate of Airworthiness issue and renewal process for EASA aircraft.

The EC regulations require that by 28 September 2008, all EASA aircraft must have a non-expiring Certificate of Airworthiness and an Airworthiness Review Certificate (ARC). Accordingly, to facilitate the transition, the CAA advised in Airworthiness Notice Number 7, that as from 28 September 2005, it would issue Certificates of Airworthiness for EASA aircraft with a twelve-month period of validity. This will allow the transition to non-expiring Certificates of Airworthiness with an ARC to be in force by 28 September 2008.

This means that until the transition to a non-expiring Certificate of Airworthiness with an ARC has been completed, an annual application and fee must be submitted, together with a recommendation from the relevant maintenance organisation.

Whilst this published (Annual) process still remains valid, to further ease the impact of the change for owners and operators, the CAA have established an alternative process. For those aircraft where the validity of the C of A comes into force between 28 September 2005 and 28 September 2006, a two-year period of validity can be issued.

For such aircraft the CAA will, on application and on payment of the appropriate fee, issue a Certificate of Airworthiness with a validity period of two years. Upon expiry of that Certificate of Airworthiness, the CAA will, subject to further application, fee and appropriate investigation and recommendations, issue a non-expiring Certificate of Airworthiness and an ARC valid for a period of twelve months.

If an application is received during this period for a Certificate of Airworthiness with a three year period of validity, the CAA will automatically issue the new C of A with a two year period of validity, and process a refund of the remaining validity fee paid.

Applicable fees will be published in the relevant scheme of charges (Official Record Series) for that period, and as yet are undetermined.

Accordingly, you are requested to advise owners of aircraft for which you are an approved maintenance organisation of these alternative arrangements.

Enquiries regarding this information should be addressed to the Technical Standards Manager, Applications & Certification Department, at the address below.

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