

Safety Regulation Group
Maintenance Requirements and Policy Section

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LETTER TO OWNERS/OPERATORS NO 2836
AIR OPERATORS CERTIFICATE (AOC) HOLDERS
MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME APPROVAL UNDER EC REGULATION 2042/2003, ANNEX
1, PART M.A.302

As part of the AOC transition from JAR-OPS 1/3 subpart M to EASA Part M, the CAA recognised that maintenance programmes would need few, if any, changes to comply with the new rule. As such AOC holders were not requested to carry out any changes prior to 28 September 2005.

As part of the new Part M approval of maintenance programmes, AOC holders are required to carry out periodic reviews (M.A.302(a)). The current AMC guidance defines the period as annually (AMC M.A.302, 3).

Note: The definition of "annual review" is in the process of being moved from the AMC, into the rule.

To assist AOC's in ensuring they are in compliance with M.A.302 (c) & (d), the CAA has produced a compliance check sheet (Form AD981C) and an abridged check list for AOC holders who have elected to use LAMS as the basis of their programme (Form AD981D). The forms are available electronically from the Regional Office; we would request you supply the storage device when requesting a copy (floppy disc, memory stick, e-mail, etc.).

During the coming 12 months, as part of our continuing oversight of your approval, your supervising Airworthiness Surveyor will be seeking evidence of how you have assured yourself that you are in compliance with M.A.302 (c) & (d). To satisfy this query, we recommend that during your annual review, you remove any pages in your approved maintenance programme which were derived from our National Standard Maintenance Practice (SMP) numbers 20 or 21, which are now considered obsolete, and complete a Form AD981C or AD981D.

Any changes to the programme should be submitted to the Regional Office for approval in the usual manner. We suggest you include a copy of the Form AD981C or 981D to both declare your compliance and assist the Airworthiness Surveyor complete their work and approve the changes.

Any queries on the content of this LTO should be addressed to Hartley Elder, Senior Airworthiness Surveyor at the address below:

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