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Dear Sir/Madam

IMPORTANT CHANGES TO PART MARKING REQUIREMENTS

Further to the introduction of the European Aviation Safety Agency and more specifically, EC Regulation 1702/2003 incorporating Part 21, you need to be aware of a change to the requirements for part marking.

All design and production organisations approved by the UK CAA need to comply with these new requirements. Design organisations should ensure the applicable design data reflects these requirements and production organisations should ensure the relevant parts or appliances are marked in accordance with the data supplied from the design organisation.

From 28 March 2004 compliance with Part 21 paragraph 21A.804 will be necessary. Each manufacturer of a part or appliance shall permanently and legibly mark the part or appliance with:

1. a name, trademark, or symbol identifying the manufacturer; and

2. the part number, as defined in the applicable design data; and

3. the letters EPA (European Part Approval) for parts or appliances produced in accordance with approved design data not belonging to the type certificate holder of the related product, except for ETSO articles.

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Where the CAA agree, on behalf of EASA, that a part or appliance is too small or that it is otherwise impractical to mark a part or appliance with any of the information required above, the authorised release document accompanying the part or appliance or its container shall include the information that could not be marked on the part.

As mentioned above Part 21 is an annex to EC regulation 1702/2003 which is available on the EASA website, www.easa.eu.int. If you need further clarification please contact the CAA Approvals and Quality Assurance Section either on 01293 57 3151/3153 or at aqas@srg.caa.co.uk.

Yours faithfully

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