

Miscellaneous

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General Exemption E6499

Validity Periods Under Part-ORO Subpart FC

Background

- 1) On 5 December 2024, regulatory changes were made to ORO.FC.145 of Subpart FC of Annex III to UK Regulation (EU) No. 965/2012 ("the Air Operations Regulation") to set out how Operators should count validity periods within Subpart FC. Those changes are set out at subparagraph ORO.FC.145(g) and came into force on 30 October 2025. They apply to all validity periods within Subpart FC unless otherwise stipulated.
- 2) The CAA considers that there is an urgent operational need to permit Operators greater leeway for the calculation of those validity periods than is currently permitted by ORO.FC.145 during transition to the new regime.

Interpretation

- 3) In this exemption, "Operator" means any Operator (within the meaning of the Air Navigation Order 2016 and the Air Operations Regulation), Commander or Pilot-in-Command.

Exemption

- 4) The CAA, pursuant to Article 71(1) of UK Regulation (EU) 2018/1139, hereby exempts for the duration of this exemption any Operator from the requirement set out in ORO.FC.145(g) of Subpart FC of Annex III to the Air Operations Regulation regarding calculation of the validity periods within Subpart FC insofar as alternative provision for calculation of validity periods is made in the conditions below. The CAA also exempts any other person who may be subject to ORO.FC.145(g) of Subpart FC of Annex III to the Air Operations Regulation for the same period and on the same conditions.
- 5) This exemption only applies to the recency, training or checks conducted under the regulations listed in the conditions below. If a means of calculation of a validity period is not stipulated in the list of conditions below, ORO.FC.145(g) will continue to apply.
- 6) This exemption is granted subject to the following conditions:
 - a) When the recency, training or check conducted under the following provisions of Subpart FC is completed within the last three calendar months (or three months where

stipulated in the corresponding acceptable means of compliance for such provisions) of the relevant validity period, the new validity period shall be counted from the original expiry date. Otherwise, the validity period shall be counted from the end of the month in which the recency, training or check was completed:

- i) ORO.FC.230(b) (except as stipulated in (b) below);
- ii) ORO.FC.230(c);
- iii) ORO.FC.230(d);
- iv) ORO.FC.231(a)(2)(iv);
- v) ORO.FC.231(h);
- vi) ORO.FC.235(a);
- vii) ORO.FC.236(a);
- viii) ORO.FC.A.245(d);
- ix) ORO.FC.A.245(e)(1); and
- x) ORO.FC.330(a).

b) When the recency, training or check conducted under the following provisions of Subpart FC is completed within the last six months of the validity period, the new validity period shall be counted from the original expiry date. Otherwise, the validity period shall be counted from the end of the month in which the recency, training or check was completed:

- i) ORO.FC.A.245(e)(2); and
- ii) ORO.FC.A.245(e)(3).

c) For the validity period of the ground training required by ORO.FC.231(i):

- i) When the technical ground training programme under ORO.FC.231(i)(1)(i) is completed within the last three months of the validity period, the new validity period shall be counted from the original expiry date. Otherwise, the validity period shall be counted from the end of the month in which the training was completed.
- ii) In relation to the emergency and safety equipment training under ORO.FC.231(i)(1)(ii):
 - A) Where an Operator has not applied to the CAA for an extension to the period of emergency and safety equipment training, and the training is completed within the last three months of the validity period, the new validity period shall be counted from the original expiry date. If the training is completed more than three months before the end of the validity period, the validity period shall be counted from the end of the month in which the training was completed.
 - B) Where an Operator has applied to the CAA for and has been granted an extension to the period of emergency and safety equipment training:
 - a) Where the emergency and safety equipment training is conducted within six calendar months prior to the expiry of the 24 calendar month period, the next emergency and safety equipment training should be completed within 24 calendar months of the original expiry date of the previous training.

- b) If the training is completed more than six months before the end of the validity period, the validity period shall be counted from the end of the month in which the training was completed.

Date in Force

- 7) This exemption has effect from the date it is signed until 1 November 2027, both dates inclusive, unless previously revoked.

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