

**Miscellaneous****No:** 1648**UK Regulation (EU) 2018/1139****Publication date:** 19 February 2026**General Exemption E6549**

Acceptance of EASA Certificate of Recognition to support UK Part-145 authorisations issued under UK Part-145 Appendix IV**Background**

- 1) From 1 January 2021, UK law required organisations that authorised certifying staff in accordance with Appendix IV to UK Part-145 to ensure that any Certificate of Recognition to support such an authorisation was issued by a UK approved Part-147 training organisation.
- 2) This was not clear from guidance on the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) website. Consequently, some organisations employ certifying staff whose Appendix IV authorisations do not comply with the relevant legal requirements. This exemption is issued to enable the continued recognition of the authorisations issued to affected individuals where they comply with certain conditions. This will allow certifying staff, in limited circumstances, to rely on EASA certificates to demonstrate that they have met relevant training requirements.
- 3) The CAA has also determined that a variation to General Exemption E6484 (published as ORS4 No. 1640) is required to cover the full period prior to 1 January 2021 for all affected organisations. This exemption ensures that all EASA Certificates of Recognition (EASA Form 149) issued prior to 1 January 2021 will continue to be recognised for the purpose of obtaining a certifying staff authorisation under Appendix IV to UK Part-145.
- 4) The CAA is considering a rulemaking task to resolve this matter on a permanent basis.
- 5) This exemption applies to any UK approved Part-145 organisation utilising the privileges of Appendix IV whilst maintaining UK registered aircraft, outside of the UK. It is issued to meet urgent operational needs of such organisations.

Interpretation

- 6) In this exemption:
 - a) references to EASA Part-66 and EASA Part-147 are to Annexes III (Part-66) and IV (Part-147) of Commission Regulation (EU) No. 1321/2014, as it applies in the EU;
 - b) references to UK Part-145, UK Part-66 and UK Part-147 are to Annexes II (Part-145), III (Part-66) and IV (Part-147) of UK Regulation (EU) No. 1321/2014;

The latest version of this document is available in electronic format at www.caa.co.uk/publications, where you may also register for e-mail notification of amendments.

- c) 'EASA approved Part-147 training organisation' means an organisation approved in accordance with EASA Part-147; and
- d) 'UK approved Part-145 organisation' and 'UK approved Part-147 organisation' refer to organisations approved in accordance with UK Part-145 and UK Part-147.

Exemption

- 7) The CAA, pursuant to Article 71(1) of UK Regulation (EU) 2018/1139, hereby exempts organisations identified in paragraph 5 from the requirement to use certifying staff and support staff that comply with the following conditions of Appendix IV to UK Part-145:
 - a) point (1)(e), which requires line maintenance certifying staff and base maintenance support staff to demonstrate that they received type training and passed examination at the category B1, B2 or B3 level, as applicable, referred to in Appendix III to UK Part-66 for each aircraft type in the scope of work referred to in point (1)(b) of Appendix IV to UK Part-145; and
 - b) point (1)(f), which requires base maintenance certifying staff to demonstrate that they received type training and passed examination at the category C level referred to in Appendix III to UK Part-66 for each aircraft type in the scope of work referred to in point (1)(b) of Appendix IV to UK Part-145, except that for the first aircraft type training and examination shall be at the category B1, B2 or B3 level of Appendix III.
- 8) This exemption is granted subject to the following conditions:
 - a) Any certifying or support staff who, without this exemption, would be required under point (1)(e) or (1)(f) of Appendix IV to UK Part-145 to demonstrate that they received training and passed examination in accordance with UK Part-66 must instead demonstrate that they received that training and passed that examination in accordance with EASA Part-66, using an EASA Certificate of Recognition (EASA Form 149) **issued prior to 31 December 2022** by an EASA approved Part-147 training organisation.
 - b) A copy of this exemption must be included in the individual's authorisation record issued by any UK approved Part-145 organisation intending to rely on this exemption in respect of that authorisation.
- 9) This exemption supersedes General Exemption E6484, published as ORS4 No. 1640, which is revoked.

Date in Force

- 10) This exemption has effect from the date it is signed until 31 December 2026, both dates inclusive, unless previously revoked.

C. Gabay
for the Civil Aviation Authority
19 February 2026