

Miscellaneous

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General Exemption E6689

Conversion of Class D Compartments

Background

- 1) UK Regulation (EU) 2015/640, Annex I (Part 26), 26.157(a) requires operators of large aeroplanes used in the commercial air transport of passengers, type certified on or after 1 January 1958, to ensure that any Class D cargo or baggage compartments comply with the certification specifications applicable to Class C compartments.
- 2) Certain UK operators, primarily business operations, are unable to meet this requirement. The aircraft types and models listed in paragraph 5 are either out of production or, based upon the total engineering and certification cost for retrofitting Class C baggage compartments, considered beyond the economically viable age for conversion.
- 3) This exemption is required until the UK Regulation (EU) 2015/640, Annex I (Part 26), Appendix 1 Table A.1 'List of aeroplane models not subject to certain provisions of Annex I (Part 26)' is amended to include the types and models specified in paragraph 5.
- 4) The exemption is granted to meet an urgent need as a result of the Type Certificate Holders not providing any design and certification data in support of the Class D compartment conversion.
- 5) This exemption applies to the UK owners, operators and CAMO organisations of the aircraft types and models identified within the table below:

TC Holder	Type	Models	Manufacturers Serial No.
Learjet Inc.	Learjet 45	All	All
Learjet Inc.	Learjet 24, 25, 31, 36, 35, 55, 60	55, 55B, 55C	All
Learjet Inc.	Learjet 60	All	All
Textron Aviation Inc.	650	650	All
Textron Aviation Inc.	Cessna 500, 550, S550, 560, 560XL	500, 550, 560, 560XL, S550	All

TC Holder	Type	Models	Manufacturers Serial No.
Textron Aviation Inc.	Hawker	BAe.125 Hawker 750 Hawker 800XP	All
Textron Aviation Inc.	Cessna 750 (Citation X)	750	All

Exemption

- 6) The CAA pursuant to Article 71 of UK Regulation (EU) 2018/1139, hereby exempts the UK owners, operators and CAMO organisations of the aircraft types and models specified in paragraph 5 from the requirements of Annex I (Part 26) to UK Regulation (EU) 2015/640, paragraph 26.157(a), requiring operators of large aeroplanes used in commercial air transport passenger operations, type certified on or after 1 January 1958, to ensure that each Class D cargo or baggage compartment, regardless of its volume, complies with the certification specifications applicable to a Class C compartment.
- 7) This exemption is granted subject to the following conditions:
- a) All applicable requirements of UK Regulation (EU) 2015/640, Annex I (Part 26) are satisfied except for 26.157(a).
 - b) UK aircraft owners, operators and CAMO organisations can benefit from this exemption in cases where the aircraft type and model is listed in paragraph 5, and where the Type Certificate Holder has not provided the corresponding design and certification data in support of the Class D compartment conversion.
 - c) The aircraft that fall within the scope of this exemption must not operate with animals or dangerous goods within the Class D cargo or baggage compartment.
 - d) This exemption E6689, shall be recorded within the appropriate aircraft records.

Date in Force

- 8) This exemption has effect from the date it is signed until 1 September 2030, both dates inclusive, unless revoked.

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