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Airworthiness Certification for Aircraft whilst carrying out Search & Rescue, Firefighting, or Coastguard activities which are not subject to the EASA Regulation


The Irish Aviation Authority, in pursuance of Articles 30 and 31 of the Irish Aviation Authority (Airworthiness of Aircraft) Order (S.I. No.324 of 1996) hereby directs that:-

1. an operator, whilst carrying out search and rescue, firefighting or coastguard activities or services, is exempt from the requirement for an Irish registered aircraft to have a valid certificate of airworthiness in accordance with Article 7 of the said order, provided that:-
 - a. immediately prior to the flight the aircraft met all the requirements of the EASA airworthiness regulations and was in a serviceable condition in accordance with those regulations;
 - b. the Certificate of Airworthiness and the Airworthiness Review Certificate were valid and in force immediately prior to the flight; and
 - c. before the next flight subject to the EASA Regulation the aircraft is inspected to determine its compliance with the EASA regulation and any actions necessary to bring the aircraft back into compliance are accomplished.

2. if, during the course of the above-mentioned flight(s), maintenance or inspection of an aircraft is required, the certificate of release to service identified in Aeronautical Notice A8 may be issued by an EASA Part 145 approved organisation with an appropriate rating for the aircraft type and the scope of work concerned.

This notice replaces Aeronautical Notice A.108 at issue 02, which should be discarded.

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Explanatory Note

(This note is not part of the Direction and does not purport to be a legal interpretation).

This notice is issued to clarify the applicability of Commission Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 in respect of the airworthiness certification of aircraft whilst carrying out certain operations. The provisions of Article 2(3)a of the aforementioned regulation exclude an aircraft from the applicability of the regulation whilst it is carrying out certain operations. It should be understood that the EASA regulations do not apply in this situation and that provisions under national law must be put in place to permit the aircraft concerned to fly and for work done on the aircraft during these operations to be certified if the need should arise.

Consequently, this direction is issued to allow aircraft to fly whilst carrying out certain operations without the EASA certificates being in force subject to certain conditions. Further provision is made to facilitate a certificate of release to service under national arrangements should the need arise.