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Airworthiness Certification for Aircraft whilst carrying out Search and Rescue Operations

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 search and rescue 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 search and rescue 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 Search and Rescue to be certified if the need should arise.

Consequently, the following direction is issued to allow aircraft to fly whilst carrying out Search and Rescue 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.

The Irish Aviation Authority, in pursuance of Articles 7 and 30 of the Irish Aviation Authority (Airworthiness of Aircraft) Order (S.I. No.324 of 1996), as amended by the Irish Aviation Authority (Airworthiness of Aircraft) (Amendment) Order S.I. No. 102 of 1997 and the Irish Aviation Authority (Airworthiness of Aircraft) (Amendment) Order S.I. No 684 of 2003 hereby exempts the requirement for an Irish registered aircraft to have a valid certificate of airworthiness in accordance with article 7 of the said order whilst carrying out Search and Rescue operations subject to the following conditions:

1. That immediately prior to the Search and Rescue Operation the aircraft met all of the requirements of the EASA airworthiness regulations and was in a serviceable condition in accordance with those regulations.
2. That the Certificate of Airworthiness and the Airworthiness Review Certificate were valid and in force immediately prior to the search and rescue operation
3. That once the Search and Rescue Operation has ceased, the aircraft is inspected to determine its compliance with the EASA regulations and any actions necessary to bring the aircraft back into compliance are accomplished.

The Irish Aviation Authority in pursuance of Articles 18 (1) (a) and 31 of the Irish Aviation Authority (Airworthiness of Aircraft) Order (S.I.No.324 of 1996), as amended by the Irish Aviation Authority (Airworthiness of Aircraft) (Amendment) Order S.I. No. 102 of 1997 and the Irish Aviation Authority (Airworthiness of Aircraft) (Amendment) Order S.I. No 684 of 2003 and in pursuance of article 8 of the Irish Aviation Authority (Personnel Licensing) Order 2000 (S.I. No 333 of 2000) as amended by the Irish Aviation Authority (Personnel Licensing) (amendment) Order 2003 S.I. No. 683 of 2003, hereby directs that:

If during the course of search and rescue operations, 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 A108 at issue 01, which should be discarded.

**Chief Executive
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