United Kingdom
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UK - EU Transition - CAA Decisions

DECISION No. 4

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Decision enabling acceptance of an Alternative Method of Compliance to Airworthiness Directives approved by the FAA of the United States of America (USA), for UK registered aircraft

Background

On 11 December 2020, the CAA and the FAA signed new Implementing Procedures for Airworthiness (IPA) for the Bilateral Aviation Safety Agreement (BASA) between the USA and the UK, dated 20 December 1995, to ensure continuity of arrangements with the USA when the UK leaves the European Union (EU).

Paragraph 4.4, section VI of this IPA concerns Alternative Method of Compliance (AMOC) to an Airworthiness Directive (AD). It includes a responsibility for the CAA, when requested, to issue an approval letter to UK operators for such AMOCs.

Decision

The CAA, under Article 76(3) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1139[1], has decided:

1. To ensure continuity of existing arrangements made under the agreement between the USA and the EU on cooperation in the regulation of civil aviation safety, any FAA approved AMOC for products where the US is the State of Design will be automatically considered to be CAA-approved, subject to the following conditions:

   a) the related FAA AD has been adopted by the CAA or EASA, or the CAA or EASA has issued an AD and there are no deviations from the FAA AD; and
   b) the AMOC approval holder is the design approval holder of the product, or of the design change, or of the article or part, as applicable, to which that AD applies.

This decision supersedes Official Record Series 9: CAA Decision No. 2, which is revoked.

This decision will remain in force unless revoked or amended by the CAA.

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For the Civil Aviation Authority and the United Kingdom

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[1] UK (EU retained) law pursuant to the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018.

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