

EASA Form 1 Acceptance from 1 April 2022

UK Civil Aviation Authority Briefing

Introduction

The UK Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) has produced this briefing to remind UK organisations of the additional requirement for the acceptance of EASA Form 1s issued after completion of maintenance. **From 1 April 2022, UK owners/operators can only accept an EASA Form 1 from an EU/EASA approved maintenance organisation that has applied for a UK approval by 31 March 2022.**

This briefing should be shared with all your contracted maintenance organisations in your supply chain currently issuing EASA Form 1s and located outside the UK. If you are engaged with suppliers/distributors of components they too need to be informed of these changes.

Note: EASA Form 1s issued by an EU/EASA approved production organisation for a **new** engine or component can continue to be accepted without restriction in accordance with the [UK/EU Trade and co-operation agreement](#).

The UK's recognition of the EASA Form 1 post-EU Exit

Upon the UK leaving the EU and EASA system, recognition of certain approvals and certificates that were valid before 31 December 2020 continued. However, this did not include the recognition of EASA Form 1s, which are issued by EU/EASA approved organisations.

This meant that EU/EASA-approved maintenance organisations that released aircraft components into the UK using EASA Form 1s from 1 January 2021 needed to gain UK approval, as EASA Form 1s would no longer be recognised from this date.

Exemptions ORS4 No 1515 and 1516 (previously 1451 and 1452)

Anticipating the disruption, the new requirement could have on the supply chain from 1 January 2021, the CAA and Department for Transport (DfT) agreed to put exemptions¹ in place to allow UK operators to continue to accept EASA Form 1s from an EU/EASA maintenance organisations, contingent on them applying to the CAA for the equivalent UK approval by 31 December 2021.

However, having engaged with the industry and considered the current supply chain challenges facing the sector, the CAA and the Department for Transport (DfT) have agreed to extend the 31 December 2021 cut off to 31 March 2022 for EU/EASA organisations to apply for UK approval.

¹Exemption ORS4 No1515 and 1516

Action required

Engine and component maintenance organisations that hold an approval issued by an EASA Member State or EASA and who wish to continue to supply maintained engines and components certified with an EASA Form 1 to the UK industry from 1 April 2022, must have applied to the CAA for a UK approval before 31 March 2022

Note: The exemptions also allow any EASA Form 1s issued by such organisations before after 1 January but before 31 March 2022 to remain acceptable within the UK system without further application to the CAA. UK operators will therefore not be required to send back components for the reissuing of certificates.

The CAA will keep a public list of EU/EASA organisations that apply for a UK approval to support UK industry in confirming which organisations they can accept EASA Form 1s from 1 April 2022. This list can be viewed on the [CAA's webpage](#), under "Pending Organisations".

UK operators are encouraged to share this information with their EU/EASA approved organisations within their supply chain to ensure these organisations apply for a UK approval (details on how is outlined below) or alternatively find another supplier who has a UK approval or has applied for a UK approval.

Applying for a UK approval

EU/EASA approved organisations can quickly apply for a UK approval via an online form, full details of the application process can be found on this webpage: [Apply for a third country airworthiness approval | UK Civil Aviation Authority \(caa.co.uk\)](#).

Note: the additional documentation mentioned on the webpage can be submitted after the application is submitted and once the applicant receives our follow up email. However, the applicant **must** include in the online application a copy of your current EASA approval certificate.

Consequences of not applying for UK approval by 31 March 2022

From 1 April 2022, UK owners/operators cannot accept EASA Form 1s dated after that point as acceptable documents for the certification of maintenance on engines and/or components from EU/EASA organisation that have not applied to the CAA for an approval by 31 March 2022.

EASA Form 1 Acceptability Table

EASA Form 1 Acceptance, including timelines:

Certificate Issuance Date	Acceptability	Legislation	Comments
2020 and Before	Acceptable	SI Saving Provisions, Schedule 3	

Certificate Issuance Date	Acceptability	Legislation	Comments
2021/Q1 2022 (Jan to Mar)	Acceptable	Exemption 1515/1516	Acceptability <u>not</u> affected by time or exemption additional requirements.
From Apr 2022	Partial Acceptance	Exemption 1515/1516	To accept certificate, a UK Part 145 approval application must be made to CAA by EU/EASA Org releasing component post maintenance.

For EASA Form 1 Acceptance from April 2022 where the certificate was issued after April 2022:

Status of EU/EASA Org	Acceptability	Comments
Application made to CAA	Acceptable	Details provided on CAA website or application receipt
No Application made to CAA	Not Acceptable	No application has been made and therefore outside exemption requirements
CAA Approval Granted to EU/EASA Org	Not Acceptable	Post issuance of CAA UK approval therefore org needs to issue CAA Form 1.

Contact Us

If you want to discuss anything in this briefing, including how to apply for a UK approval, please contact:

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Further information

- [Expires April 2022] - [ORS4 No.1515: Continued Recognition of Authorised Release Certificates issued on an EASA Form 1 on or after 1 January 2021 by Organisations and Individuals Licensed or Approved by the Federal Office of Civil Aviation of Switzerland \(FOCA\) \(caa.co.uk\)](#)
- [Expires April 2022] - [ORS4 No.1516: Continued Recognition of Authorised Release Certificates issued on an EASA Form 1 on or after 1 January 2021 \(caa.co.uk\)](#)
- [List of approved organisations & Pending Applications | UK Civil Aviation Authority \(caa.co.uk\)](#)
- [International cooperation | UK Civil Aviation Authority \(caa.co.uk\).](#)