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Decision on acceptance of certain aviation safety certificates of the United Kingdom

Following Council Decision (EU) 2020/2252 of 29 December 2020, EU applies the Trade and Cooperation Agreement between European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community, of the one part, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, of the other part (Trade and Cooperation Agreement) on a provisional basis as from 1 January 2021, pending the completion of the procedures necessary for its entry into force.

The Trade and Cooperation Agreement includes in its Part Two, Heading One, Title II as well as Annex AVSAF-1, provisions to enable the reciprocal acceptance of findings of compliance made and certificates issued by the respective competent authorities of the EU and of the United Kingdom in the field of aviation safety, in order to among other things facilitate and promote the free flow of civil aeronautical products and services.

Norwegian authorities are working on establishing an agreement with the United Kingdom, which in its essence will be similar to the corresponding provisions on civil aviation safety contained in the Trade and Cooperation Agreement. Due to the short period between the completion of the negotiations between the European Union and the United Kingdom, and the decision to apply provisionally the Trade and Cooperation agreement from 1 January 2021, it has not been possible for the Norwegian Authorities to finalise a corresponding agreement in time for it to be signed and applied provisionally also as from 1 January 2021.

It is therefore necessary for Norway, pending conclusion of a corresponding agreement with the United Kingdom, to implement certain temporary provisions in order to secure the functioning of a free market for the relevant civil aeronautical products and services. If Norway should not implement such provisions, Norwegian aviation organisations will not have the same level playing field as EU aviation organisations.

The Civil Aviation Authority hereby decides on the basis of Article 12(1) of Regulation (EC) No 216/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 February 2008 on common rules in the field of civil aviation and establishing a European Aviation Safety Agency, and repealing Council Directive 91/670/EEC, Regulation (EC) No 1592/2002 and Directive 2004/36/EC, as implemented in Norway in accordance with the Agreement on the European Economic Area, that:

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1. The certificates of the United Kingdom as mentioned in Annex AVSAF-1 to the Trade and Cooperation Agreement which are accepted or validated by EASA under the relevant provisions of that annex, shall be considered as accepted and valid also in Norway under the same conditions and limitations.
2. The certificates as mentioned in (1) are subject to the rules applicable to them in accordance with Norwegian laws and regulations, which includes Regulation (EU) 216/2008 and the relevant implementing regulations adopted on the basis of that regulation.
3. This decision shall apply only in respect of aircraft registered in the Norwegian Civil Aircraft Register.
4. This decision shall apply from 1 January 2021 and will cease to apply when an agreement between Norway and the United Kingdom is in place.

A copy of this decision is sent to the EFTA Surveillance Authority, as well as to EASA, in order to ensure notification of this certification acceptance.

Yours sincerely

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