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**Subject:** Survey on Airworthiness Review Process implementation

Dear Sir/Madam,


Since 28 September 2008, the Certificate of Airworthiness is issued for an unlimited duration (Regulation (EC) No 1702/2003<sup>1</sup>). To ensure its validity, since that date for aircraft involved in commercial air transport and since 28 September 2009 for other aircraft, the aircraft and its continuing airworthiness records must be reviewed and an Airworthiness Review Certificate issued in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 2042/2003 amended by Regulation (EC) No 1056/2008 of 28 October 2008. This process, the Airworthiness Review, introduced significant changes to the former national requirements, among others a new role for the Competent Authorities, new privileges for the organisations holding a Part-M Subpart-G approval, specific requirements for personnel involved in the Airworthiness Review, description of the process itself and an Airworthiness Review Certificate (ARC).

Following the requirements of Article 24.3 of the Basic Regulation (EC) No 216/2008 of 20 February 2008, the Agency has decided to perform an assessment of the impact of the implementation of the Part-M requirements related to the Airworthiness Review process. As an essential part of this activity the Agency intends to collect feedback from all affected competent authorities and stakeholders to analyse the need of further rulemaking action. The objective of a prospective rulemaking task would be to take stock of specific implementation issues related to the Airworthiness Review process in view of determining the need for further adjustments or amendments to the applicable rules and guidance material.

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<sup>1</sup> Please note: as of 10 September 2012, Regulation (EC) No 1702/2003 will be repealed by: Commission Regulation (EU) No 748/2012 of 03/08/2012 laying down implementing rules for the airworthiness and environmental certification of aircraft and related products, parts and appliances, as well as for the certification of design and production organisations (OJ L 224, 21.8.2012, p.1-85)

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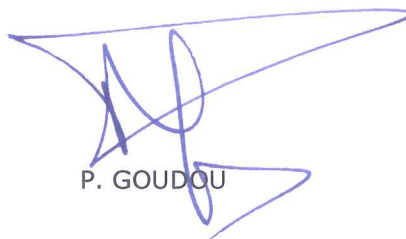
For proper preparation, the Agency seeks to collect feedback on the effectiveness of the Airworthiness Review requirements. You are therefore kindly invited to submit comments in relation to Airworthiness Review implementation and, when possible, not only describing the problem but also the proposed solutions. Some issues where we are particularly interested in receiving feedback are the following:

1. Adequacy of the following concepts and detail of requirements/guidance provided:
  - a. Controlled environment (M.A.901 (b))
  - b. Recommendations (as an intermediate step before the authority issues the ARC) (M.A.901 (d)(ii))
  - c. Performance of a "supervised" airworthiness review before granting an authorisation for the airworthiness review staff (M.A.707 (b))
  - d. "Independence" from the airworthiness review process and from the maintenance release of the aircraft (AMC M.A.707 (a))
  - e. "Inconclusive" airworthiness review (M.A.710 (h))
  - f. "Sampling of documents" during the airworthiness review (AMC M.A.710 (a))
  - g. Content of the documented review (M.A.710)
2. Should an ARC be issued with open findings?

You are therefore kindly invited to submit your feedback, comments and proposals on the issues listed in the attachment to this letter **Friday, 19 October 2012** to the following email address: [AR@easa.europa.eu](mailto:AR@easa.europa.eu). To facilitate processing, please mention in the subject line "AR process".

We are looking forward to receiving your inputs.

Yours faithfully,



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