

FAQs:[Simplified STC Validation for Single Serial Number Imports to the European Union, General Aviation](#)**Question:**

What is the European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) administrative validation of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) “Basic” supplemental type certificates (STCs) for second-hand aircraft during import, serial number specific?

Answer:

The European Union Aviation Safety Agency — Federal Aviation Administration (EASA-FAA) Technical Implementation Procedures (TIP) at revision 7.1 offers in chapter 7.16, a simplified validation process for FAA supplemental type certificates (STCs) classified as “Basic” that are installed to a second-hand aircraft **at the time of the export from the United States (US) to the European Union**, where the US STC holder is either unwilling or unable to apply for a validation:

- the scope is limited to aircraft and installed engines, if applicable, in the following categories:
 - aeroplanes with a maximum take-off mass (MTOM) of 5 700 kg or less, having a Maximum Mach operating (MMo) equal or less than 0,6 and/or a maximum operating altitude equal or less than 25 000 ft;
 - sailplanes or powered sailplanes;
 - balloons;
 - hot air airships; or
 - rotorcraft with an MTOM of 3 175 kg or less and limited to 4 seats, including pilot;
- the STC holder is unable or unwilling to apply for a validation of the STC;
- the STC is classified as “Basic” according to the criteria stipulated in Section 3.5.3;
- STCs to an aircraft or aircraft engine that may result in a change (increase or decrease) in the noise level(s) are **excluded**; and
- STCs for external installations to a rotorcraft are **excluded**.

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