

**FAQs:**[General](#), [ETSO authorisations](#)**Question:****What is an ETSO approval and where can I find the corresponding regulations?****Answer:**

The ETSO (European Technical Standard Order) authorization represents one way (and not the only way) to have parts and appliances approved. This is an optional step which ensures that a part or appliance complies with a minimum performance standard. In all cases, the installer must apply for an installation approval on-board the aircraft. He/she can use the ETSO authorization and he/she complements it to demonstrate that the installation complies with the applicable certification basis for the changed aircraft.

European Technical Standard Order authorizations are covered by Subpart O of Part-21 which is the Annex to [Commission Regulation \(EU\) No 748/2012](#). You can find a list of the ETSO standards in the published list [ETSO Index](#). The certification specifications for ETSO are published [here](#).

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