European Union Aviation Safety Agency

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FAQs:

Product specific questions, ETSO authorisations

Question:

How shall I maintain my certified emergency parachute?

Answer:

Emergency parachutes are not installed on aircraft as a component. As a consequence, emergency parachutes are not subject to the continuing airworthiness / maintenance requirements of Commission Regulation (EU) No 1321/2014 (in particular its Part M and Part ML).

The owner of the emergency parachute is responsible for keeping the emergency parachute in a proper condition in accordance with the approved instructions published by the manufacturer. In particular:

- Rigging of emergency parachutes shall be performed in accordance with the approved instructions published by the manufacturer. There might be additional national regulations which might also have to be considered.
- Any repair or maintenance, other than rigging, in accordance with the approved instructions, should be carried out only by either the parachute manufacturer or an organization which is authorized by the manufacturer.

Furthermore, when carried on board aircraft, relevant mandatory safety information issued by the Agency, including airworthiness directives need to be complied with, as required by either point ORO.GEN.155 (b) or point NCO.GEN.145 (b) of Commission Regulation (EU) No 965/2012, point SAO.GEN.120 (b) of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1976, or point BOP.BAS.020 of Commission Regulation (EU) 2018/395.

Under RMT.0727, EASA is currently developing the implementing rules for the certification of non-installed equipment in accordance with Art 13 of Regulation (EU) 2018/1139. Ultimately, those future rules may contain requirements for the maintenance of non-installed equipment, and emergency parachutes may be(come) subject to those.

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