EASA Certification Information

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Subject: Suspension of EASA Type Certificate No. EASA.BA.025 for Notheisz Hot Air Balloons, TOMI Series AX-6, AX-7, AX-8, AX-9 and AX-10 with effect of 14 October 2020

Holder of the Certificate: NOTHEISZ BALLOON HUNGARY Kft.

The European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) suspends on 14 October 2020 the EASA Type Certificate (TC) EASA.BA.025 issued to NOTHEISZ BALLOON HUNGARY Kft. in accordance with Article 77(1)(e) and 62(2)(d) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1139\(^1\) in conjunction with 21.A.51 of Annex I to Commission Regulation (EC) No 748/2012\(^2\) (Part-21).

The background for EASA’s decision can be found in Certification Information 2020-16 which requested any possible interested persons to comment before 30 September 2020 on EASA’s intention to revoke the EASA TC and/or to express their will to take over the abovementioned EASA TC.

Following the publication of Certification Information 2020-16, EASA received three comments on its intentions and two parties showed interest in taking over the EASA TC EASA.BA.025. Consequently, EASA decided to suspend the TC instead of revoking it, in order to give one of the interested parties an opportunity to demonstrate its ability to take over the TC, in accordance with 21.A.47 of Part-21.

As the suspension of the EASA TC EASA.BA.025 in accordance with 21.A.181(a)(3) of Part-21 affects the validity of any issued Certificate of Airworthiness (CofA), EASA requests that National Authorities having products defined in the EASA TC EASA.BA.025 on their national register to withdraw the CofA of those products, in accordance with 21.B.330 of Part-21, following the EASA decision to suspend the TC with effect of 14 October 2020.

Operators of affected balloons may continue to operate non-commercially under a permit to fly in accordance with 21.A.701 (a) 15 as “orphans”. Information on the Application for Approval of Flight Conditions for a Permit to Fly can be found on the EASA website https://www.easa.europa.eu/document-library/application-forms/focert00037.

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\(^2\) Commission Regulation (EC) No 748/2012 of 03 August 2012 on 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.