EASA Certification Information

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Subject: Revocation of Type Certificates No. DGAC-F TC 187 for the RF47 aircraft model, No. DGAC-F TC 76 for the RF6B aircraft series and No. DGAC-F TC 28 for the RF3 & RF4 aircraft series due to non-compliance with Commission Regulation (EU) No. 319/20141 on the fees and charges levied by the European Aviation Safety Agency

Type Certificates No.: DGAC-F TC 187 for the RF47 aircraft model (initially issued on 04.10.1995 and internally registered under EASA Type Certificate No. EASA.A.307)
DGAC-F TC 76 for the RF6B aircraft series (initially issued by DGAC-F on 29.04.1975 and internally registered under EASA Type Certificate No. EASA.A.375)
DGAC-F TC 28 for the RF3 & RF4 aircraft series (initially issued by DGAC-F on 07.06.1963 and internally registered under EASA Type Certificate No. EASA.A.376)

Issued by: Initial approvals issued by Direction Générale de l’Aviation Civile France (DGAC-F) and deemed to be issued by EASA in accordance with Article 3, point 1 (a) (i) of Commission Regulation (EU) No. 748/20122

Type Certificate Holder: Rene FOURNIER
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Background: Rene FOURNIER is the holder of Type Certificates No. DGAC-F TC 187 for the RF47 aircraft model, No. DGAC-F TC 76 for the RF6B aircraft series, No. DGAC-F TC 28 for the RF3 & RF4 aircraft series as well as Type Certificate No. DGAC-F TC 167 for the RF9 aircraft model.

EASA type certification for the above aircraft was granted in accordance with Article 3, point 1 (a) (i) of Commission Regulation (EU) No. 748/2012 based on the DGAC France certification of these products.

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2 Commission Regulation (EU) No. 748/2012 of 03 August 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, 21.08.2012, P.1)
According to Article 7 (2) in conjunction with Table 6 of Part 1 of the Annex to Commission Regulation (EU) No. 319/2014 holders of EASA Type Certificates are required to pay an annual fee related to the certification tasks carried out by the Agency for the purpose of maintaining the EASA Type Certificate.

Despite several reminders, RENE FOURNIER fails to fulfil the payment obligations imposed by Commission Regulation (EU) No. 319/2014.

By letter dated 26th March 2018 EASA formally informed RENE FOURNIER of the Agency’s intent to revoke the Type Certificates No. DGAC-F TC 187 for the RF47 aircraft model, No. DGAC-F TC 76 for the RF6B aircraft series, No. DGAC-F TC 28 for the RF3 and RF4 aircraft series and No. DGAC-F TC 167 for the RF9 aircraft model should the outstanding amount not have been paid in full to the Agency before the date indicated in the above letter. In the same letter EASA gave RENE FOURNIER the opportunity to provide their opinion on the intended revocation by 9th April 2018. EASA did not receive a payment by the deadline of 9th April 2018. In addition, RENE FOURNIER has not brought forward any pertinent reason/justification, why RENE FOURNIER has not complied with the financial obligations.

On 30th April 2018, EASA published on the EASA website for public consultation the EASA Certification Information 2018-09 to inform any natural or legal person to whom the intended revocation of the above mentioned Type Certificates could be of direct and individual concern as well as to any other possible interested persons in accordance with the applicable EASA administrative procedures. The Agency has received one comment related to this publication whereby an EASA approved design organisation expressed their interest in taking over the Type Certificate No. DGAC-F TC 167 for the RF9 aircraft model.

Due to this persistent non-compliance with regard to the payment obligations under Commission Regulation (EU) No. 319/2014, EASA revokes the Type Certificates No. DGAC-F TC 187 for the RF47 aircraft model, No. DGAC-F TC 76 for the RF6B aircraft series and No. DGAC-F TC 28 for the RF3 & RF4 aircraft series in accordance with Article 10 (1) of Commission Regulation (EU) No. 319/2014.

The Type Certificate No. DGAC-F TC 167 for the RF9 aircraft model is not subject to this revocation decision and remains valid, considering a possible transfer of this Type Certificate.

EASA notified its decision to revoke the Type Certificates No. DGAC-F TC 187 for the RF47 aircraft model, No. DGAC-F TC 76 for the RF6B aircraft series and No. DGAC-F TC 28 for the RF3 & RF4 aircraft series to RENE FOURNIER on 14th June 2018.

Consequences:

Any aircraft registered in an EU Member State is no longer eligible for a normal Certificate of Airworthiness according to Article 5, point 2 (c) of Regulation (EC) No. 216/2008.

Notwithstanding this decision, and taking into consideration the large number of aircraft operated in the EU Member States, EASA issued Specific Airworthiness
Specifications in accordance with Article 20 (1) (b) of Regulation (EC) No. 216/2008\(^3\) and 21.A.173 (b) (2) of Annex Part 21 to Commission Regulation (EU) No. 748/2012 for the purpose of issuing a Restricted Certificate of Airworthiness to allow continuation of operation of concerned aircraft registered in an EU Member State.

The respective EASA Specific Airworthiness Specifications No. EASA.SAS.A.376 cancels and replaces Type Certificates No. DGAC-F TC 28, No. DGAC-F TC 187, No. DGAC-F TC 76 and Type Certificate Data Sheets No. FR TCDS 90, No. FR TCDS 114, No. FR TCDS 187, No. FR TCDS 149.

The RF47, RF6B.100, RF6B.120, RF3 and RF4 aircraft models will be listed under EASA SAS No. EASA.SAS.A.376 with TC Holder designation ‘WITHOUT TC HOLDER - ORPHANED’ and with type designation “Rene FOURNIER RF series” in the relevant EASA product list on the EASA website\(^4\).

The EASA Specific Airworthiness Specifications No. EASA.SAS.A.376 is also published on the EASA website\(^5\).

The individual aircraft must be transferred from its Certificate of Airworthiness linked to the TCDS No. FR TCDS 90, FR TCDS 114, FR TCDS 187 or FR TCDS 149 to a Restricted Certificate of Airworthiness linked to the above EASA Specific Airworthiness Specifications EASA.SAS.A.376 before 30\(^{th}\) June 2019.

For aircraft registered outside the EU, operators should contact their State of Registry for a decision on the continuing validity of any certificates they have issued.

After evaluation of the request for transfer of the Type Certificate No. DGAC-F TC 167 for the RF9 aircraft model, EASA will take the decision to either transfer or revoke the Type Certificate No. DGAC-F TC 167.

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