

## EASA Certification Information

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**Subject:** Request by Marshall of Cambridge Aerospace Ltd. (MA) to surrender EASA Type Certificate No. EASA.A.390 affecting Slingsby T67 Firefly series.

**Type Certificates No.:** EASA.A.390

**Affected product(s):** The EASA Type Certificate EASA.A.390 for the Slingsby T67 Firefly series concerns the following models: T67A, T67B Firefly, T67C Firefly, T67M Firefly, T67M-MkII Firefly, T67M200 Firefly, T67M260 Firefly and the T67M260-T3A Firefly

**Issue date:**

- for the T67A, 1<sup>st</sup> October 1981<sup>(\*)</sup>
- for the T67B Firefly, 18<sup>th</sup> September 1984<sup>(\*)</sup>
- for the T67C Firefly, 15<sup>th</sup> December 1987<sup>(\*)</sup>
- for the T67M Firefly, 2<sup>nd</sup> August 1983<sup>(\*)</sup>
- for the T67M-MkII Firefly, 20<sup>th</sup> December 1985<sup>(\*)</sup>
- for the T67M200 Firefly, 19<sup>th</sup> June 1987<sup>(\*)</sup>
- for the T67M260 Firefly, 11<sup>th</sup> November 1993<sup>(\*)</sup>
- for the T67M260-T3A Firefly, 15<sup>th</sup> December 1993<sup>(\*)</sup>

**Issued by:** EASA (European Aviation Safety Agency)  
<sup>(\*)</sup> Initial approval issued by CAA UK and deemed to be issued by EASA in accordance with Article 3 point (1) (a) (i) of Commission Regulation (EU) No. 748/2012<sup>1</sup>, currently under EASA TCDS EASA.A.390 at Issue 2, dated 24<sup>th</sup> August 2007.

**Type Certificate Holder:** Slingsby Advanced Composites Limited  
Ings Lane  
Kirkbymoorside  
North Yorkshire  
England, YO62 6EZ  
United Kingdom

**Background:** On 9<sup>th</sup> November 2017 Marshall of Cambridge Aerospace Ltd. (MA) requested to surrender the Type Certificate for the Slingsby T67 Firefly series to EASA.

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<sup>1</sup> Commission Regulation (EU) No. 748/2012 of 3 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 L224, 12.08.2012, p. 1), as amended.

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The T67 Firefly series were originally approved under Type Certificate (TC) No. BA 17, issued by CAA UK (United Kingdom) to Slingsby Advanced Composites Limited, Ings Lane, Kirkbymoorside, North Yorkshire, England, YO62 6EZ, United Kingdom. The T67 Firefly series is currently under EASA TCDS EASA.A.390 in accordance with Article 3, paragraph 1(a)(i) of Commission Regulation (EU) 748/2012.

Marshall of Cambridge Aerospace Ltd. (MA) informed EASA that the T67 Firefly series (T67A, T67B, T67M, T67M-MkII, T67M200, T67M260 & T67M260-T3A), with Type Certificate (TC) EASA.A.390, were manufactured by Slingsby Advanced Composites Ltd. (SACL) from May 1981 until production ceased in March 2003.

Slingsby Advanced Composites Ltd. (SACL) was acquired by Marshall of Cambridge Aerospace Ltd. (MA) in December 2010. Since Slingsby Advanced Composites Ltd. (SACL) remains the Type Certificate Holder for the T67 Firefly series, however the Type Certificate Holder's responsibilities are currently discharged by Marshall of Cambridge Aerospace Ltd. (MA) under DOA EASA.21J.181.

By the same letter, Marshall of Cambridge Aerospace Ltd. (MA) informed EASA of its intent to withdraw its support for the Slingsby T67 Firefly series because with no significant contract coverage to maintain the engineering and continued airworthiness services necessary for Type Certificate holder obligations the provision of this support is no longer economically viable. In addition, Marshall Aerospace and Defence Group is currently being restructured. Hence Marshall of Cambridge Aerospace Ltd. (MA) wishes to surrender the Type Certificate for the Slingsby T67 Firefly series.

Further, Marshall of Cambridge Aerospace Ltd. (MA) sent to EASA a list of the Slingsby T67 Firefly series operators known to them.

Finally, Marshall of Cambridge Aerospace Ltd. (MA) informed EASA of its willingness to transfer the type certificate to a new certificate holder or in the event that neither a natural or legal person is interested in taking over the type certificate, to assist EASA in the issuance of a Specific Airworthiness Specification.

EASA hereby asks you to communicate this notice to any natural or legal person to whom this surrender could be of direct and individual concern as well as to other possible interested persons. When doing so, EASA also asks you to inform them about the possibility until **25<sup>th</sup> March 2019** to comment and/or to express their will to take over the ownership of the above-mentioned EASA Type Certificate and after showing competence to fulfil the necessary obligations of a Type Certificate Holder in accordance with the applicable requirements.

A list of the direct and individual concerned and other possible interested persons should be sent to EASA.

After satisfactory evaluation of the surrender request, taking into account the comments received, EASA may accept the request and take the decision to initiate its transfer or to revoke the Type Certificate in accordance with the applicable administrative procedures established by EASA. As part of the revocation process, EASA



may decide to issue an EASA Specific Airworthiness Specification in accordance with Article 21.A.173 (b) (2) of Annex Part 21 to Commission Regulation (EU) No. 748/2012 for the purposes of issuing a Restricted Certificate of Airworthiness to allow continuation of operation of any Slingsby T67 Firefly aircraft model registered in an EU Member State.

**Contact:** Any request, query or comment should be sent, no later than **25<sup>th</sup> March 2019**, to:

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