

EASA Certification Information

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Subject: Notice of intent to revoke EASA Type Certificate No. EASA.IM.AS.500 for the A-1 gas airships series and the EASA Type Certificate (LBA TC/TCDS No. 9006/AS) for the A-60 gas airships series issued to American Blimp Corporation due to non-compliance with Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No. 2019/2153¹ on the fees and charges levied by the European Union Aviation Safety Agency

Type Certificate No. / Issued by:

- EASA Type Certificate EASA.IM.A.500 for the A-1 gas airships series issued by the European Union Aviation Safety Agency on 22 December 2011
- LBA TC/TCDS No. 9006/AS for the A-60 and A-60+ airship models issued by the German Civil Aviation Authority on 03 February 1999

Type Certificate Holder: AMERICAN BLIMP CORPORATION
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Background: AMERICAN BLIMP CORPORATION is the holder of EASA Type Certificate No. EASA.IM.AS.500 for the A-1 normal airships series issued by EASA on 22 December 2011 on the basis of FAA Type Certificate Data Sheet No. S00002SE.

AMERICAN BLIMP CORPORATION is also the holder of an EASA Type Certificate for the A-60 and A-60+ airship models. The A-60 and A-60+ airship models were initially approved by the German Civil Aviation Authority ("LBA") under LBA Approval and TCDS No. 9006/AS, dated 03 February 1999, based on the FAA type certification of these products (FAA TC/TCDS No. AS1NM). EASA Type Certification for the A-60 and A-60+ models is granted in accordance with Article 3 paragraph 1 (a) (i) of Commission Regulation (EU) No. 748/2012 on the basis of the LBA type certification of these airships models.

According to Article 8 (2) of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No. 2019/2153 in conjunction with Table 8 of Part 1 of the Annex to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No. 2019/2153 holders of EASA Type Certificates are required to pay

¹ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No. 2019/2153 on the fees and charges levied by the European Union Aviation Safety Agency, and repealing Regulation (EU) No. 319/2014 (OJ L 327, 17.12.2019, p. 36).

an annual fee related to the certification tasks carried out by the Agency for the purpose of maintaining the EASA Type Certificates.

Despite several reminders, AMERICAN BLIMP CORPORATION fails to fulfil the payment obligations imposed by Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No. 2019/2153.

Due to this persistent non-compliance, EASA intends to revoke EASA Type Certificate No. EASA.IM.AS.500 for the A-1 gas airships series and the EASA Type Certificate (LBA TC/TCDS No. 9006/AS) for the A-60 gas airships series in accordance with Article 11 (1) of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No. 2019/2153 in conjunction with point 21.A.51 of Annex I (Part 21) to Commission Regulation (EU) No 748/2012².

EASA hereby asks the recipients of this EASA Certification Information to communicate this notice to any natural or legal person to whom this revocation could be of direct and individual concern as well as to other interested persons.

When doing so, EASA also asks you to inform them about the possibility, **no later than 03 March 2021**, of commenting on the above.

After satisfactory evaluation of the comments received, if any, EASA may take the decision to revoke EASA Type Certificate No. EASA.IM.AS.500 for the A-1 gas airships series and the EASA Type Certificate (LBA TC/TCDS No. 9006/AS) for the A-60 gas airships series in accordance with the applicable administrative procedures established by EASA.

Contact: Any request, query or comment should be sent, **no later than 03 March 2021**, to:

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² Commission Regulation (EU) No 748/2012 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), as amended.

