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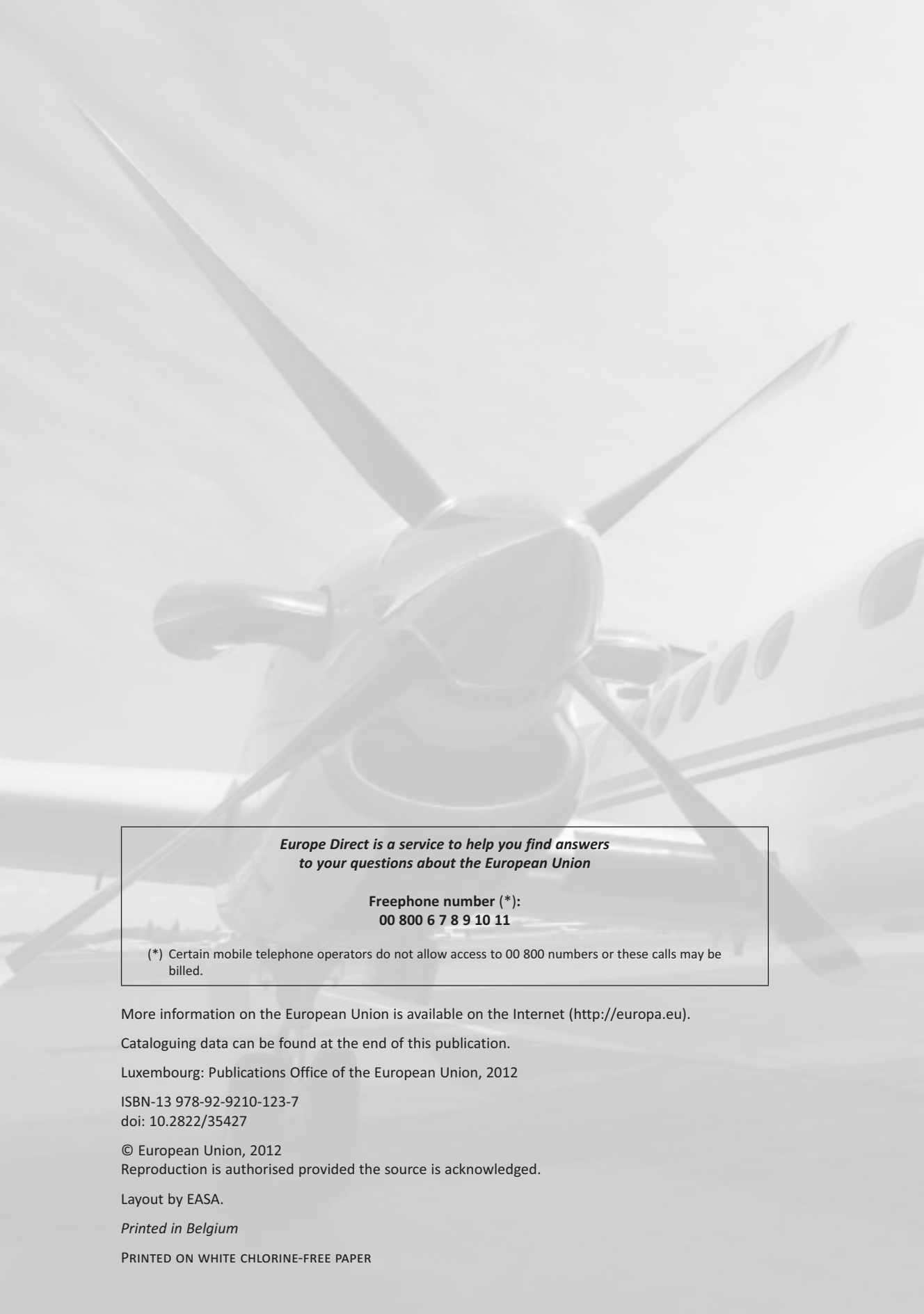
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# Key to use of document

Part-M M.A.608 Components, equipment and tools

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**M.A.608 Components, equipment and tools**

(a) The organisation shall:

1. hold the equipment and tools specified in the maintenance data described in point M.A.609 or verified equivalents as listed in the maintenance organisation manual as necessary for day-to-day maintenance within the scope of the approval; and,
2. demonstrate that it has access to all other equipment and tools used only on an occasional basis.

(b) Tools and equipment shall be controlled and calibrated to an officially recognised standard. Records of such calibrations and the standard used shall be kept by the organisation.

(c) The organisation shall inspect, classify and appropriately segregate all incoming components.

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Part-M AMC M.A.714 Record-keeping

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**AMC M.A.714 Record-keeping**

1. The M.A. Subpart G organisation should ensure that it always receives a complete CRS from the approved maintenance organisation M.A.801(b)(2) certifying staff and/or from the Pilot-owner such that the required records can be retained. The system to keep the continuing airworthiness records should be described in the organisation continuing airworthiness management exposition.
2. When an organisation arranges for the relevant maintenance organisation to retain copies of the continuing airworthiness records on its behalf, it will nevertheless continue to be responsible for the records under M.A.714 relating to the preservation of records. If it ceases to be the organisation of the aircraft, it also remains responsible for transferring the records to any other person or organisation managing continuing airworthiness of the aircraft.
3. Keeping continuing airworthiness records in a form acceptable to the competent authority means in paper form or on a computer database or a combination of both methods. Records stored in microfilm or optical disc form are also acceptable. The

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**GM to Appendix II to Part-M Use of the EASA Form 1 for maintenance**

**EASA Form 1 Block 12 'Remarks'**

Examples of data to be entered in this block as appropriate:-

- Maintenance documentation used, including the revision status, for all work performed and not limited to the entry made in block 11. A statement such as 'in accordance with the CMM' is not acceptable.
- NDT methods with appropriate documentation used when relevant.
- Compliance with airworthiness directives or service bulletins.
- Repairs carried out.
- Modifications carried out.
- Replacement parts installed.

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## Article 1

### Objective and scope

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1. This Regulation establishes common technical requirements and administrative procedures for ensuring the continuing airworthiness of aircraft, including any component for installation thereto, which are:
  - (a) registered in a Member State; or
  - (b) registered in a third country and used by an operator for which a Member State ensures oversight of operations.
2. Paragraph 1 shall not apply to aircraft the regulatory safety oversight of which has been transferred to a third country and which are not used by a Community operator, or to aircraft referred to in Annex II to the basic Regulation.
3. The provisions of this Regulation related to commercial air transport are applicable to licensed air carriers as defined by Community law.

## Article 2

### Definitions

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Within the scope of the basic Regulation, the following definitions shall apply:

- (a) “aircraft” means any machine that can derive support in the atmosphere from the reactions of the air other than reactions of the air against the earth’s surface;
- (b) “certifying staff” means personnel responsible for the release of an aircraft or a component after maintenance;
- (c) “component” means any engine, propeller, part or appliance;
- (d) “continuing airworthiness” means all of the processes ensuring that, at any time in its operating life, the aircraft complies with the airworthiness requirements in force and is in a condition for safe operation;
- (e) “JAA” means “Joint Aviation Authorities”;
- (f) “JAR” means “Joint Aviation Requirements”;
- (g) “large aircraft” means an aircraft, classified as an aeroplane with a maximum take-off mass of more than 5700 kg, or a multi-engined helicopter;
- (h) “maintenance” means any one or combination of overhaul, repair, inspection, replacement, modification or defect rectification of an aircraft or component, with the exception of pre-flight inspection;
- (i) “organisation” means a natural person, a legal person or part of a legal person. Such an organisation may be established at more than one location whether or not within the territory of the Member States;
- (j) “pre-flight inspection” means the inspection carried out before flight to ensure that the aircraft is fit for the intended flight.
- (k) “ELA1 aircraft” means the following manned European light aircraft:
  - (i) an aeroplane with a maximum take-off mass (MTOM) of 1 200 kg or less that is not classified as complex motor-powered aircraft;



- (ii) a sailplane or powered sailplane of 1 200 kg MTOM or less;
  - (iii) a balloon with a maximum design lifting gas or hot air volume of not more than 3 400 m<sup>3</sup> for hot air balloons, 1 050 m<sup>3</sup> for gas balloons, 300 m<sup>3</sup> for tethered gas balloons;
  - (iv) an airship designed for not more than four occupants and a maximum design lifting gas or hot air volume of not more than 3 400 m<sup>3</sup> for hot air airships and 1 000 m<sup>3</sup> for gas airships;
- (l) “LSA aircraft” means a light sport aeroplane which has all of the following characteristics:
- (i) a Maximum Take-off Mass (MTOM) of not more than 600 kg;
  - (ii) a maximum stalling speed in the landing configuration (V<sub>S0</sub>) of not more than 45 knots Calibrated Airspeed (CAS) at the aircraft’s maximum certificated takeoff mass and most critical centre of gravity;
  - (iii) a maximum seating capacity of no more than two persons, including the pilot;
  - (iv) a single, non-turbine engine fitted with a propeller;
  - (v) a non-pressurised cabin;
- (m) “principal place of business” means the head office or the registered office of the undertaking within which the principal financial functions and operational control of the activities referred to in this Regulation are exercised.

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## Article 3

### Continuing airworthiness requirements

1. The continuing airworthiness of aircraft and components shall be ensured in accordance with the provisions of Annex I.
2. Organisations and personnel involved in the continuing airworthiness of aircraft and components, including maintenance, shall comply with the provisions of Annex I and where appropriate those specified in Articles 4 and 5.
3. By derogation from paragraph 1, the continuing airworthiness of aircraft holding a permit to fly shall be ensured on the basis of the specific continuing airworthiness arrangements as defined in the permit to fly issued in accordance with the Annex (Part-21) to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1702/2003.
4. For aircraft not used in commercial air transport, any airworthiness review certificate or equivalent document issued in accordance with the Member State requirements and valid on 28 September 2008 shall be valid until its expiration date or until 28 September 2009, whichever comes first. After the expiration of its validity, the competent authority may further re-issue or extend one time the airworthiness review certificate or equivalent document for one year, if allowed by the Member State requirements. Upon further expiration, the competent authority may further re-issue or extend one more time the airworthiness review certificate or equivalent document for one year, if allowed by the Member State requirements. No further re-issuance or extension is allowed. If the provisions of this point have been used, when transferring the registration of the aircraft within the EU, a new airworthiness review certificate shall be issued in accordance with M.A.904.

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## Article 4

### Maintenance organisation approvals

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1. Organisations involved in the maintenance of large aircraft or of aircraft used for commercial air transport, and components intended for fitment thereto, shall be approved in accordance with the provisions of Annex II.
2. Maintenance approvals issued or recognised by a Member State in accordance with the JAA requirements and procedures and valid before the entry into force of this Regulation shall be deemed to have been issued in accordance with this Regulation. For this purpose, by derogation from the provisions of 145.B.50(2) under Annex II, level 2 findings associated with the differences between JAR 145 and Annex II may be closed within one year. Certificates of release to service and authorised release certificates issued by an organisation approved under JAA requirements during that one-year period shall be deemed to have been issued under this Regulation.
3. Personnel qualified to carry out and/or control a continued airworthiness non-destructive test of aircraft structures and/or components, on the basis of any standard recognised by a Member State prior to the entry into force of this Regulation as providing an equivalent level of qualification, may continue to carry out and/or control such tests.
4. Certificates of release to service and authorised release certificates issued before the date of entry into force of this Regulation by a maintenance organisation approved under the Member State requirements shall be deemed equivalent to those required under points M.A.801 and M.A.802 of Annex I (Part-M) respectively.

## Article 5

### Certifying staff

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1. Certifying staff shall be qualified in accordance with the provisions of Annex III, except as provided for in points M.A.606(h), M.A.607(b), M.A.801(d) and M.A.803 of Annex I and in point 145.A.30(j) of Annex II (Part 145) and Appendix IV to Annex II (Part 145).
2. Any aircraft maintenance licence and if any, the technical limitations associated with that licence, issued or recognised by a Member State in accordance with the JAA requirements and procedures and valid at the time of entry into force of this Regulation, shall be deemed to have been issued in accordance with this Regulation.
3. Certifying staff holding a licence issued in accordance with Annex III (Part-66) in a given category/sub-category are deemed to have the privileges described in point 66.A.20(a) of this Annex corresponding to such a category/sub-category. The basic knowledge requirements corresponding to these new privileges shall be deemed as met for the purpose of extending such licence to a new category/sub-category.
4. Certifying staff holding a licence including aircraft which do not require an individual type rating may continue to exercise his/her privileges until the first renewal or change, where the licence shall be converted following the procedure described in point 66.B.125 of Annex III (Part-66) to the ratings defined in point 66.A.45 of this Annex.
5. Conversion reports and Examination credit reports complying with the requirements applicable before this Regulation applies shall be deemed to be in compliance with this Regulation.
6. Until such time as this Regulation specifies requirements for certifying staff:
  - (i) for aircraft other than aeroplanes and helicopters,

(ii) for components;

the requirements in force in the relevant Member State shall continue to apply, except for maintenance organisations located outside the European Union where the requirements shall be approved by the Agency.

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## Article 6

### Training organisation requirements

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1. Organisations involved in the training of personnel referred to in Article 5 shall be approved in accordance with Annex IV to be entitled:
  - (a) to conduct recognised basic training courses; and/or
  - (b) to conduct recognised type training courses; and
  - (c) to conduct examinations; and
  - (d) to issue training certificates.
2. Any maintenance training organisation approval issued or recognised by a Member State in accordance with the JAA requirements and procedures and valid at the time of entry into force of this Regulation shall be deemed to have been issued in accordance with this Regulation. For this purpose, by derogation from the provisions of 147.B.130(b) under Annex IV, level 2 findings associated with the differences between JAR 147 and Annex IV may be closed within one year.
3. Basic training courses complying with the requirements applicable before this Regulation applies may be started until one year after the date by which this Regulation applies. Basic knowledge examinations conducted as part of these courses may comply with the requirements applicable before this Regulation applies.
4. Basic knowledge examinations complying with the requirements applicable before this Regulation applies and conducted by the competent authority or conducted by a maintenance training organisation approved in accordance with Annex IV (Part-147) while not being part of a basic training course, may be conducted until one year after the date by which this Regulation applies.
5. Type training courses and type examinations complying with the requirements applicable before this Regulation applies shall be started and finished not later than one year after the date by which this Regulation applies.

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## Article 7

### Entry into force

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1. This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.
2. By way of derogation from paragraph 1:
  - (a) the provisions of Annex I, except for points M.A.201(h)(2) and M.A.708(c), shall apply from 28 September 2005;
  - (b) point M.A.201(f) of Annex I shall apply to aircraft not involved in commercial air transport operated by third country carriers as from 28 September 2009.
3. By way of derogation from paragraph 1 and 2, Member States may elect not to apply:

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- (a) the provisions of Annex I to aircraft not involved in commercial air transport, until 28 September 2009;
- (b) the provisions of Annex I(l) to aircraft involved in commercial air transport, until 28 September 2008;
- (c) the following provisions of Annex II, until 28 September 2006:
  - 145.A.30(e), human factors elements,
  - 145.A.30(g) as applicable to large aircraft with a maximum take-off mass of more than 5700 kg,
  - 145.A.30(h)(1) as applicable to aircraft with a maximum take-off mass of more than 5700 kg,
  - 145.A.30(j)(1), Appendix IV,
  - 145.A.30(j)(2), Appendix IV;
- (d) the following provisions of Annex II, until 28 September 2008:
  - 145.A.30(g) as applicable to aircraft with a maximum take-off mass of 5700 kg or below,
  - 145.A.30(h)(1) as applicable to aircraft with a maximum take-off mass of 5700 kg or below,
  - 145.A.30(h)(2);
- (e) the provisions of Annex III, as applicable to aircraft with a maximum take-off mass above 5700 kg until 28 September 2005;
- (f) the provisions of Annex III, as applicable to aircraft with a maximum take-off mass of 5700 kg or below until 28 September 2006.

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- (g) for aircraft not involved in commercial air transport other than large aircraft, the need to comply with Annex III (Part 66) in the following provisions, until 28 September 2011:
  - M.A.606(g) and M.A.801(b)2 of Annex I (Part-M),
  - 145.A.30(g) and (h) of Annex II (Part-145).
- (h) for the maintenance of piston-engine non-pressurised aeroplanes of 2000 Kg MTOM and below not involved in commercial air transport:
  - (i) until 28 September 2012, the requirement for the competent authority to issue aircraft maintenance licences in accordance with Annex III (Part-66), as new or as converted pursuant to point 66.A.70 of this Annex.
  - (ii) until 28 September 2014, the requirement to have certifying staff qualified in accordance with Annex III (Part-66) contained in the following provisions:
    - M.A.606(g) and M.A.801(b)2 of Annex I (Part-M)
    - 145.A.30(g) and (h) of Annex II (Part-145).
- (i) for the maintenance of ELA1 aeroplanes not involved in commercial air transport, until 28 September 2015:

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- (i) the requirement for the competent authority to issue aircraft maintenance licences in accordance with Annex III (Part-66), as new or as converted pursuant to point 66.A.70 of this Annex.
- (ii) the requirement to have certifying staff qualified in accordance with Annex III (Part-66) contained in the following provisions:
  - M.A.606(g) and M.A.801(b)2 of Annex I (Part-M)
  - 145.A.30(g) and (h) of Annex II (Part-145).

4. Member States may issue approvals with regard to Annex II and Annex IV of a limited duration until 28 September 2007.
5. When a Member State makes use of the provisions of paragraphs 3 or 4 it shall notify the Commission and the Agency.
6. The Agency shall make an evaluation of the implication of the provisions of Annex I to this Regulation with a view to submitting an opinion to the Commission, including possible amendments to it, before 28 March 2005.
7. By way of derogation from paragraph 1:
  - (a) the provisions of point M.A.706(k) of Annex I (Part-M) shall apply as from 28 September 2010;
  - (b) the provisions of point 7.7 of Appendix I to Annex III (Part-66) shall apply as from 28 September 2010;
  - (c) maintenance organisations approved in accordance with Section A of subpart F of Annex I (Part-M) or Section A of Annex II (Part-145) may continue to issue Authorised Release Certificates by using the EASA Form 1 original issue, as laid down in Appendix II to the Annex I (Part-M) as well as Appendix I to the Annex II (Part 145), until 28 September 2010;
  - (d) competent authorities may continue to issue certificates, previous issue, as laid down in Appendices III, V and VI to Annex I (Part-M), Appendix III to Annex II (Part-145), Appendix V to Annex III (Part-66) or Appendix II to Annex IV (Part-147) to Regulation (EC) No 2042/2003 in force prior to the entry into force of this regulation, until 28 September 2010;
8. For the purpose of time limits contained in points 66.A.25, 66.A.30 and Appendix III of Annex III (Part-66) related to basic knowledge examinations, basic experience, theoretical type training and examinations, practical training and assessment, type examinations and on the job training completed before this regulation applies, the origin of time shall be the date by which this Regulation applies.
9. The Agency shall submit an opinion to the Commission including proposals for a simple and proportionate system for the licensing of certifying staff involved in the maintenance of ELA1 aeroplanes as well as aircraft other than aeroplanes and helicopters.

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## Article 8

### Agency Measures

1. The Agency shall develop acceptable means of compliance (hereinafter called "AMC") that competent authorities, organisations and personnel may use to demonstrate compliance with the provisions of the Annexes to this Regulation.
2. The AMC issued by the Agency shall neither introduce new requirements nor alleviate the requirements of the Annexes to this Regulation.
3. Without prejudice to Articles 54 and 55 of Regulation (EC) No 216/2008, when the acceptable means of compliance issued by the Agency are used, the related requirements of the Annexes to this Regulation shall be considered as met without further demonstration.

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This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 20 November 2003

*For the Commission*

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