

Brunei Department of Civil Aviation
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**MAINTENANCE RELEASE OF BRUNEI REGISTERED AIRCRAFT BY EASA
PART 145 APPROVED MAINTENANCE ORGANISATIONS**

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Airworthiness Information Notice has been produced to inform operators and Maintenance Organisations of the effect of a recent EASA rulemaking interpretation. This affects how aircraft not on a register of a European Union Member State can be released to service by EASA Part 145 approved organisations. The full EASA document is attached as Appendix 1.
- 1.2 The rulemaking interpretation, in effect, prohibits EASA Part 145 organisations from issuing a certificate of release to service using EASA Part 145.A.50 for maintenance performed on an aircraft which is not on the register of an EU Member State.
- 1.3 It does, however, allow for the release of an aircraft not on an EU register, by an EASA Part 145 organisation, using the regulations of the State of Registry. This is cited as “Practice 3” in the rulemaking interpretation.
- 1.4 It should be clearly understood that the rulemaking interpretation **does not** apply to component maintenance. EASA Part 145 organisations can still release components on a Form 1 provided all work accomplished has been performed in accordance with Part 145.

2. PROCEDURE

- 2.1 The Civil Aviation Regulations 2006, Regulation 10, defines the legislation applicable to a certificate of release to service and this allows for an EASA Part 145 approved maintenance organisations to issue certificates of release to service on Brunei registered aircraft.
- 2.2 Practice 3 in the rulemaking interpretation states:

“The EASA Part 145 organisation performs and releases the maintenance following the regulation of the State of Registry (release statement referring to the aviation code of the State of Registry, and not to 145.A.50), but they still refer to the EASA approval number.”

This means that the EASA Part 145 organisation and its certifying staff can use the organisations EASA Part 145 approval number when certifying maintenance on a Brunei registered aircraft. The rulemaking interpretation only addresses the legal aspects of the release and not the competence of the organisation to release an aircraft to service in compliance with the standards defined in EASA Part 145.

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- 2.3 The certificate of release to service issued by an EASA Part 145 approved maintenance organisation, for a Brunei registered aircraft, should be issued against the Civil Aviation Order 2006, Regulation 10 (5)(f) and not 146.A.50. This could be done as follows,
- a) Enter one single line through Part 145 (or 145.A.50) statement and add an asterisk, and;
 - b) Add an asterisk below the CRS statement and enter “Civil Aviation Order 2006, Regulation 10 (5)(f) and in recognition of the organisations EASA Part 145 approval”, or;
 - c) Print amended certificates of release to service which include the words “Civil Aviation Order 2006, Regulation 10 (5)(f) and in recognition of the organisations EASA Part 145 approval”, instead of a reference to Part 145 / 145.A.50.

- 2.4 Example of a suitably amended statement,

“Certifies that the work specified, except as otherwise specified, was carried out in accordance with ~~145.A.50~~ * and in respect to that work the aircraft/aircraft component is considered ready for release to service”. Part 145 Approval No. UK.145.XXXXX

*Civil Aviation Order 2006, Regulation 10 (5)(f) and in recognition of the organisation’s EASA Part 145 approval”

- 2.5 Civil Aviation Order 2006, Regulation 10 (5)(f), does not directly refer to EASA requirements, having been drafted before EASA was established. However, Regulation 1(2) allows for the general adoption of standards established by EASA. It is the intention of the Department of Civil Aviation to issue a “Letter to Operators” to clarify this from the Legal perspective.

3. IMPLEMENTATION

- 3.1 The EASA rulemaking interpretation was issued on 20 March 2013 and is effective from that date. All aircraft maintenance performed on a Brunei Registered aircraft by EASA Part 145 approved organisations must comply with the interpretation if organisations are to avoid audit findings by their National Aviation Authority. Operators and Maintenance organisation must ensure that the procedures described above it adopted with immediate effect.
- 3.2 All staff affected by this EASA rulemaking interpretation must made aware of the contents of this AIN.