

Airworthiness Notice LTH 75

Section AOT

Exceptional third ARC Extension applying Basic Regulation, Article 71 (1), because of COVID-19

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1 Objective

This Airworthiness Notice (LTH) regulates the possibility of an exceptional third renewal of the "Airworthiness Review Certificate" (ARC) and thus constitutes a general exemption under Article 71 (1) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 due to the special COVID-19 circumstances.

2 Scope of application

This Airworthiness Notice applies to Austrian registered aircraft (OE a/c) and foreign registered aircraft (a/c) for which the responsibility for issuing ARCs has been transferred by the respective register authorities to Austro Control GmbH (ACG) (e.g. D-registered a/c operated under an 83bis agreement in Austrian air carriers).

This Airworthiness Notice does not apply to OE aircraft for which the responsibility for the ARC issue has been transferred to foreign authorities (e.g. OE aircraft which are operated under an 83bis agreement with the Federal Republic of Germany in German air carriers).

Note:

This LTH is not applicable for a/c under Article 2 (8) ("600 kg class") and under Annex I of the Basic Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 (national competencies).

3 Entry into force

This Airworthiness Notice enters into force on 20 April 2020.

4 Description

4.1 Approval of the exceptional extension of the ARC

The exceptional third ARC extension for an individual aircraft is considered, in compliance with the requirements of the LTH 75, which was issued in general form in application of Art. 71 (1) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1139, as approved.

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4.2 Requirements

An ARC extension in accordance with this LTH may only be performed if the following requirements are met:

- a) The conditions of M.A.901 (b) and M.A.901 (j) and ML.A.901 (c) (1) to (3) of Regulation (EU) No 1321/2014 are fully met at the time of renewal of the ARC.
- b) A fully documented review of aircraft records shall be carried out in accordance with M.A.901(k) or ML.A.903(a) of Regulation (EU) No 1321/2014 by an accordingly authorised CAMO with a satisfactory result.
- c) The expiry date of the second ARC extension and the issue date of the third ARC extension are between 1 March 2020 and 30 June 2020.

Other requirements, deadlines, competencies, responsibilities and privileges for the renewal of ARCs in accordance with Annex I (Part-M) or Annex Vb (Part-ML) of the Regulation (EU) No. 1321/2014 as amended remain unaffected.

Note

Point (a) requires that the extending CAMO has continuously managed the aircraft during the last 12 months and that maintenance has been carried out during the last 12 months by accordingly approved maintenance organisations.

Excluded from this are only pilot/owner maintenance approved according to the maintenance programme.

4.3 ARC Extension Procedure

4.3.1 Verification of conditions

The requirements according to 4.2 a) and c) shall be verified and documented in accordance with the CAMO procedures planned and approved for ARC extensions and according to 4.2 b) in accordance with the CAMO procedures planned and approved for ARC reviews.

In the event that the fully documented review of the aircraft records must be performed by a CAMO other than the extending CAMO (ARC review privilege must be observed), the examining CAMO must send the signed report on the fully documented review of the aircraft records to the extending CAMO.

Before the ARC extension is issued, the extending CAMO must have all evidence according to 4.2 (a) to (c).

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4.3.2 Issue of the third ARC extension

- After positive verification according to 4.3.1, a possible third ARC extension has to be documented on the form according to Annex A in deviation to M.A.901 (c) (2), (e) (2), (f) or ML.A.901 (c) of Regulation (EU) No 1321/2014.
- By deviation from M.A.901 (c) (2), (e) (2), (f) or ML.A.901 (c) of Regulation (EU) No 1321/2014, the third ARC extension shall be issued for a maximum period of 6 months from the expiry date of the second ARC extension.
- Signatures and stamps on the Attachment A of LTH 75 shall be affixed in accordance with the approved ARC extension procedures.

4.3.3 External documentation

- The signed Attachment A of LTH 75 must be carried on board the aircraft in the original or as a certified copy with the ARC.
- A copy of the Attachment A must be sent electronically by the CAMO to ARC@austrocontrol.at within 3 days of the date of issue.
- A copy of the Attachment A shall be attached to the aircraft records.

5 Attachments and Appendixes

Attachment A: LTH 75 - Third ARC Extension (COVID-19 measure)