

- (3) The operator of an aircraft registered in the Isle of Man and which has a maximum total mass authorised in excess of 5,700 kg must ensure that the information resulting from the maintenance and operational experience with respect to its continuing airworthiness is transmitted to the organisation responsible for the type design of the aircraft.

23. [omitted]

24. Requirement for a certificate of release to service for aircraft

- (1) This article applies to an aircraft registered in the Isle of Man that has a certificate of airworthiness.
- (2) Subject to paragraph (3) and article 25, if an aircraft or a part of it or such of its equipment as is necessary for its airworthiness has been overhauled, repaired, replaced, modified, maintained, or has been inspected as provided in article 17(1)(b) or (d), it must not be flown unless there is in force for it a certificate of release to service issued under and in accordance with this Order.
- (3) If a repair or replacement of a part of an aircraft or its equipment is carried out when the aircraft is at a place where it is not reasonably practicable—
- (a) for the repair or replacement to be carried out in such a manner that a certificate of release to service under this Order can be issued; or
 - (b) for such a certificate to be issued while the aircraft is at that place, it may fly to a place that satisfies each of the criteria in paragraph (5).
- (4) If the aircraft flies in the circumstances referred to in paragraph (3), the commander of the aircraft must cause written information about the flight, and the reasons for making it, to be given to the Department within 10 days.
- (5) A place satisfies the criteria in this paragraph if it is—
- (a) the nearest place at which a certificate of release to service under this Order can be issued;
 - (b) a place to which the aircraft can, in the reasonable opinion of the commander, safely fly by a route for which it is properly equipped; and
 - (c) a place to which it is reasonable to fly having regard to any hazards to the liberty or health of any person on board.
- (6) Subject to paragraph (8), equipment provided in compliance with Schedule 3 (except equipment specified in paragraph 4 of the Schedule) must not be installed or placed on board for use in an aircraft after being overhauled, repaired, modified or inspected.
- (7) Subject to paragraph (8), radio communication and radio navigation equipment provided for use in an aircraft or in a survival craft carried in an aircraft, whether or

not the equipment is provided in compliance with Schedule 4 or any other provision of this Order or any applied regulations, must not be installed or placed on board for use in an aircraft after being overhauled, repaired, modified or inspected.

- (8) Equipment specified in paragraphs (6) and (7) may be installed or placed on board for use in an aircraft if there is in force for the equipment, at the time when it is installed or placed on board, a certificate of release to service issued under this Order.

25. Circumstances where a certificate of release to service is not required

- (1) A certificate of release to service is not required to be in force for a private aircraft to which article 24 applies that has a maximum total mass authorised of not more than 2730 kg if it flies in the circumstances specified in paragraph (2).
- (2) Those circumstances are—
- (a) the only repairs or replacements for which a certificate of release to service is not in force are of such a description as may be prescribed;
 - (b) such repairs or replacements have been carried out personally by the holder of a pilot's licence granted or rendered valid under this Order who is the owner or operator of the aircraft;
 - (c) the person carrying out the repairs or replacements keeps in the aircraft log book kept for the aircraft under article 29 a record that identifies the repairs or replacements and signs and dates the entries; and
 - (d) any equipment or parts used in carrying out the repairs or replacements are of a type approved by the Department, either generally or in relation to a class of aircraft or the particular aircraft.

26. Contents of a certificate of release to service

- (1) If an aircraft or a part of the aircraft or its equipment has been overhauled, repaired, replaced, modified or maintained, a certificate of release to service issued under this Order must—
- (a) identify the overhaul, repair, replacement, modification or maintenance to which the certificate relates;
 - (b) include detailed information about the work done;
 - (c) certify that the specified work has been completed with material of a type approved by the Department, either generally or in relation to a class of aircraft or the particular aircraft;
 - (d) in the case of an overhaul, removal or replacement, certify that the specified work conforms with the continuing airworthiness instructions issued by the relevant type certificate holder; and

- (e) certify that—
 - (i) the specified work has been completed in a manner approved by the Department, either generally or in relation to a class of aircraft or the particular aircraft; or
 - (ii) in the case of a repair or modification that has been classified as minor by a person authorised to do so by the Department and approved by that person, it has been completed in accordance with the approval.
- (2) A certificate of release to service issued under this Order in relation to an inspection required in accordance with article 17(1)(b) or (d) must certify that the aircraft or the part of it or its equipment that has been required to be inspected—
 - (a) has been inspected in accordance with the requirements; and
 - (b) that any consequential repair, replacement or modification has been satisfactorily carried out.
- (3) In this article, a “minor repair or modification” means one that has no appreciable effect on the mass, balance, structural strength, reliability, operational characteristics, noise, fuel venting, exhaust emission or other characteristics affecting the airworthiness of the aircraft, part or equipment.

27. Who may issue a certificate of release to service

A certificate of release to service issued under this Order may be issued only by a person, whether an individual or an incorporated person, who is —

- (a) the holder of an aircraft maintenance engineer’s licence —
 - (i) granted under this Order, being a licence that entitles the holder to issue the certificate; or
 - (ii) granted under the law of a country other than the Isle of Man and rendered valid under this Order, being a licence that entitles the holder to issue the certificate in accordance with the privileges endorsed on the licence;
- (b) approved by the Department as being competent to issue the certification and who is acting in accordance with the approval;
- (c) in a particular case, authorised by the Department to issue the certificate and who is acting in accordance with the approval;
- (d) in relation only to the adjustment and compensation of direct reading magnetic compasses, the holder of an Airline Transport Pilot’s Licence (Aeroplanes) or a Flight Navigator’s Licence rendered valid under this Order;