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Ending of the UK Transition Period agreed with the EU and SM CAA Recognition of UK CAA issued Approvals, Licenses, Certificates etc from 01 January 2021

Following the UK's exit from the EU on 31 January 2020 and as written in the Withdrawal Agreement between the UK and the EU, the transition period for this ends on 31 December 2020.

This Information Circular has been published to provide Owners/Operators of San Marino Registered Aircraft and their Maintenance Providers and Third Party Contractors information with regard to SM CAA intentions of recognising any approvals, licenses, certificates etc issued directly by UK CAA from 01 January 2021.

UK CAA have published a microsite on their website: <u>https://www.caa.co.uk/Our-work/About-us/Brexit/</u> that provides general guidance and advice on their intentions with regard to their operational strategy once the transition period to Brexit has concluded on 31 December 2020. It is clear that UK will no longer participate in EASA systems after the end of the transition period.

The UK (Withdrawal) Act 2018 will convert existing EU law into UK law with effect from 01 January 2021, so existing identities of approvals will essentially remain the same, e.g. Part 145, Part 66, Part M etc, but will be UK CAA Part 145, UK Part 66, UK CAA Part M etc.

SM CAA have been in dialogue with UK CAA to better understand the implications of this change of aviation regulation responsibilities and the intention is to recognise the UK CAA suite of regulations, where applicable and it is possible to do so, in the same way they currently recognise EASA, FAA, Transport Canada etc. This adjustment to SM Regulations to accommodate this recognition is likely to take a period of time and in all likelihood will not be totally in place by 01 January 2021. When an adjustment is made, however, to a SM CAA Regulation it is likely that the change will include the term "effective 01 January 2021".

Owners/Operators of San Marino registered aircraft are invited to contact SM CAA if they believe that the above referenced UK CAA Regulatory System changes may impact the operation or maintenance of their aircraft from 01 January 2021 and this will be considered on a case by case basis until such time as the SM Regulations have been fully amended.

Yours truly,

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