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This Regulatory Instrument stipulates the requirement for the issue of an Export Certificate of Airworthiness or Export Conformity Statement for aircraft on the Maltese Aircraft Register being exported to an ICAO Contracting State when required by the Importing State under the provisions of articles 9, 10 and 12(6) of the Air Navigation Act CAP 641

Without prejudice to any Bilateral Agreements between the competent authorities of any ICAO Contracting States or EASA and their respective Technical Implementing Procedures, this Regulatory Instrument covers the Issue of an Export Certificate of Airworthiness or Export Conformity Statement giving the power to the Director for General Civil Aviation to issue by Transport Malta Civil Aviation Directorate as the national competent authority for the Republic of Malta

When an aircraft possessing a valid Certificate of Airworthiness issued by the Republic of Malta is entered on the register of another Contracting State, the new State of Registry, when issuing its Certificate of Airworthiness may consider the previous Certificate of Airworthiness as satisfactory evidence, in whole or in part, that the aircraft complies with the applicable Standards of the ICAO Annex 8 through compliance with the appropriate airworthiness requirements.

The Republic of Malta facilitates the transfer of aircraft onto the register of another State by the issue of an “Export Certificate of Airworthiness” or Export Conformity Statement.

The issue of the Export Certificate of Airworthiness or Export Conformity Statement is applicable to aircraft which have already been imported in Malta with a valid Export Certificate of Airworthiness or used aircraft having an EASA Type Certificate or accepted Type Certificate in the case of aircraft referred to in Article 2(3) of Regulation (EU) No 2018/1139 falling under the Air Navigation Act (CAP 499).

While not valid for the purpose of flight, the Export Certificate of Airworthiness or Export Conformity Statement provides confirmation by the Republic of Malta of a recent satisfactory review of the airworthiness status of the aircraft.

The Export Certificate of Airworthiness or Export Conformity Statement shall be issued in accordance with procedures included in the EASA Bilateral Agreements and Technical Implementing Procedures and in absence of such agreements and procedures, in accordance with agreed procedures between the Republic of Malta and the ICAO Contracting State importing the aircraft.



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