



U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
**Federal Aviation  
Administration**

Aviation Safety

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Washington, DC 20594

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Dear Aviation Community:

Over the past few years, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has been working with its counterparts in the United Kingdom (UK) to minimize disruption to the aviation system as a result of the UK's withdrawal from the European Union (EU), known as "Brexit". On January 31, 2020, in accordance with the UK-EU Withdrawal Agreement, the UK will officially leave the EU. The Agreement provides for a Transition Period through December 31, 2020.

We are pleased to inform you that, during this Transition Period, the FAA will continue to consider, for the purposes of its procedures and requirements, UK aviation products, articles, and services on an equivalent basis to EU aviation products, articles, and services covered under the U.S.-EU Safety Agreement. In other words, there will be *no change* to the current procedures associated with the exchange of aviation goods and services between the United States and the UK. The FAA, the UK Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), and the European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) will continue to use the procedures established in the U.S.-EU Safety Agreement and EASA will continue to represent the UK CAA as its technical agent. The procedures and practices defined in the FAA – EASA Technical Implementation Procedures (TIP) and Maintenance Annex Guidance (MAG) will continue to apply to UK-based entities.

Despite reaching this significant milestone, there is still much work to be done. During the Transition Period, the UK and the EU will negotiate their long-term relationship with each other to include the extent, if any, of the UK's future participation in EASA. In addition, the FAA and the UK CAA will continue to refine the new agreements and procedures that will be in effect upon the conclusion of the Transition Period. As that future relationship between the UK and the EU is clarified, and the post-transition arrangements are defined, we will provide further information to you.

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Sincerely,

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