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Third Country Licences Issued In Accordance With ICAO Annex I and Their Use Within The United Kingdom

This Information Notice contains information that is for guidance and/or awareness.

Recipients are asked to ensure that this Information Notice is copied to all members of their staff who may have an interest in the information (including any 'in-house' or contracted maintenance organisations and relevant outside contractors).

Applicability:	
Aerodromes:	Not primarily affected
Air Traffic:	Not primarily affected
Airspace:	Not primarily affected
Airworthiness:	Not primarily affected
Flight Operations:	All Training Providers and Fly for Hire Organisations
Licensed/Unlicensed Personnel:	All Third Country Licence Holders

1 Introduction

1.1 The purpose of this Information Notice (IN) is to advise on the policy regarding the use of Third Country Licences issued in accordance with International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Annex I and their use within the airspace of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (UK). In context of this IN the airspace of the States of Alderney, Guernsey, Jersey and the Isle of Man, whilst Crown Dependencies, are excluded from the area considered UK airspace.

1.2 This Information Notice supersedes IN-2017/013.

2 Scope

2.1 All Third Country Licence holders intending to fly within UK airspace using a Third Country Licence must comply with Annex III to Commission Regulation (EU) No. 1178/2011, as amended (the Aircrew Regulation).

3 FAA Certificate Holders Making a Declaration on Form SRG2140

3.1 Pending final agreement of the terms of the EU-US Bi-lateral Aviation Safety Agreement (BASA) currently under negotiation, an exemption from this requirement will apply to pilots holding FAA licences who wish to exercise only private licence privileges within UK airspace (no remuneration). These pilots are required to:

- a) hold a valid Licence (that is a licence that is not subject to suspension, limitation or other enforcement action by the FAA);
- b) hold a valid, current rating relevant to the aircraft to be operated, and the privileges to be exercised, demonstrable by reference to appropriate log book and licence evidence;
- c) hold at least a valid Class 3 Medical issued by an FAA authorised Medical Examiner or a Part-FCL Class II medical issued under Part-Med to the Aircrew Regulation;
- d) hold an “English proficient” endorsement on their FAA licence, to meet the minimum level 4 proficiency, or have their proficiency confirmed by a UK CAA Approved Language Proficiency Assessment Centre if no such endorsement applies or the candidate wishes to be credited with proficiency levels 5 or 6 (Form [SRG1199](#) applies);
- e) demonstrate to a Part-FCL examiner that they have an acquired theoretical knowledge of Part-FCL ‘Air law and ATC procedures’ at a level appropriate to the privileges of the licence and ratings privileges they intend to exercise.

Confirmation of the above will be required by the CAA using form [SRG2140](#).

- 3.2 It should be noted that holders of an FAA Class 3 Medical are restricted to flying Day Visual Flight Rules only when operating G registered aircraft within UK airspace.
- 3.3 All FAA licence holders should be aware that they are not permitted to operate G registered aircraft outside UK airspace. This is a reminder of the legal position on operating G registered aircraft with a Third Country Licence, outside UK airspace, which has been in place for many years.
- 3.4 Should the holder of a Third Country licence wish to operate a G registered aircraft outside UK airspace, they have some options depending on the aircraft they wish to operate:
 - (a) for aircraft with an EASA Certificate of Airworthiness or EASA Permit to Fly, gain either an EASA Part-FCL licence appropriate to the privileges, classes and types of aircraft to be operated or a Validation of their Third Country licence.
 - (b) for non-EASA aircraft holding either a national Certificate of Airworthiness or Permit to Fly, then they can gain either an EASA Part-FCL licence or a UK National Licence appropriate to the privileges, classes or types of aircraft to be operated or a Validation of their Third Country licence.

4 28 Days Declaration under Form [SRG2141](#)

- 4.1 All other Third Country ICAO Licence holders making a declaration on form [SRG2141](#), permitting 28 days per calendar year of flights within UK airspace without a validation or FAA [SRG2140](#) declaration, meet the following requirements:
 - a) hold a valid Licence (that is a licence that is not subject to suspension, limitation or other enforcement action by the issuing authority);
 - b) hold a valid, current rating relevant to the aircraft to be operated, and the privileges to be exercised, demonstrable by reference to appropriate log book and licence evidence;
 - c) hold at least a valid Class 2 Medical issued by the issuing authority;
 - d) hold an “English proficient” endorsement on their ICAO licence, to meet the minimum level 4 proficiency, or have their proficiency confirmed by a UK CAA Approved Language Proficiency Assessment Centre if no such endorsement applies or the candidate wishes to be credited with proficiency levels 5 or 6 (Form [SRG1199](#) applies).

5 Verification of Third Country ICAO Licences including FAA Certificate Holders

- 5.1 As an individual is being granted the privilege to use their Third Country ICAO Licence, there is a requirement prior to exercising such privileges that the licence is verified by the issuing State, to ensure that it is valid and not subject to any restrictions.
- 5.2 The process of verification is stated in Information Notice [IN-2017/021](#) and the application made on form [SRG2142](#).
- 5.3 Once verification has been received from the issuing State, the validation will be issued. In the case of declarations under SRG2140 and SRG2141 an email confirmation will be sent, provided all correct relevant documentation has been received by the CAA.

6 Further Information

- 6.1 The following forms must be used by Third Country Licence holders;
 - a) for pilots wishing to fly for no more than 28 days per calendar year – form [SRG2141](#). Currently there is no charge for this service;
 - b) for FAA certificate holders making a declaration – form [SRG2140](#). Currently there is no charge for this service;
 - c) for pilots wishing to fly for non-commercial activities with and without an Instrument Rating – form [SRG2139](#). There is a fee of £216.00 for this service;
 - d) for pilots wishing to fly G registered aircraft with a UK National Certificate of Airworthiness or Permit to Fly on the basis of their Third Country Licence need to apply using form [SRG1118N](#). There is a fee of £310.00 for this service.
- 6.2 Useful links: EASA [Aircrew and Air Operations Regulations](#)

7 Queries

- 7.1 Any queries or requests for further guidance as a result of this communication should be addressed to:

Pilot Validation (SSC)
Civil Aviation Authority
GE, Aviation House
Gatwick Airport
RH6 0YR

E-mail: pilotvalidation@caa.co.uk

8 Cancellation

- 8.1 This Information Notice will remain in force until further notice.