



AIR NAVIGATION (ISLE OF MAN) ORDER 2015

MAINTENANCE CHECK FLIGHTS

General Exemption 15/2019

1. The Department for Enterprise ("the Department"), in exercise of its powers under Article 156 of the Air Navigation (Isle of Man) Order 2015¹ ("the Order"), subject to the conditions set out in paragraph 2, exempts any aircraft registered in the Isle of Man from the requirements of:
 - a) Article 15(1) of the Order in that it must not fly unless there is in force for the aircraft a certificate of airworthiness; and,
 - b) Article 24(2) of the Order in that it must not be flown unless there is in force for it a certificate of release to service.
2. The conditions specified in paragraph 1 are that the aircraft must only be flown:
 - a) for the purpose of a Maintenance Check Flight that takes-off and lands at the same location; and,
 - b) where the Aircraft Maintenance Manual (or Approved Maintenance Program) identifies a requirement for the adequate functioning of an aircraft system to be tested prior to the issuance of a certificate of release to service and where such testing cannot be completed on the ground.
3. This exemption shall have immediate effect unless previously revoked, varied or suspended.

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¹ SI 2015/870 as amended by SI 2016/155

Notes:

1. An aircraft must not fly unless there is a certificate of airworthiness in force for the aircraft (Article 15(1) of the Order).
2. A certificate of airworthiness for an aircraft registered in the Isle of Man ceases to be in force as soon as the aircraft or a part of it has been overhauled, repaired, replaced, modified or maintained. It also ceases to be in force when maintenance and/or inspection is required (Article 17(1) of the Order).
3. If an aircraft or a part of it been overhauled, repaired, replaced, modified, maintained or inspected as required by Note 1 then it must not be flown unless a certificate of release to service is issued (Article 24(2) of the Order).
4. A certificate of airworthiness that has ceased to be in force as a result of Note 1 becomes valid again on the issue of a certificate of release to service (Article 17(2) of the Order).
5. When the Aircraft Maintenance Manual (or Approved Maintenance Program) identifies an associated task where adequate functioning of an aircraft system cannot be fully tested on the ground, a Maintenance Check Flight is required. A certificate of release to service cannot be issued until this flight has been completed successfully. Therefore, this General Exemption enables such Maintenance Check Flights to take place without operating in breach of the Order.