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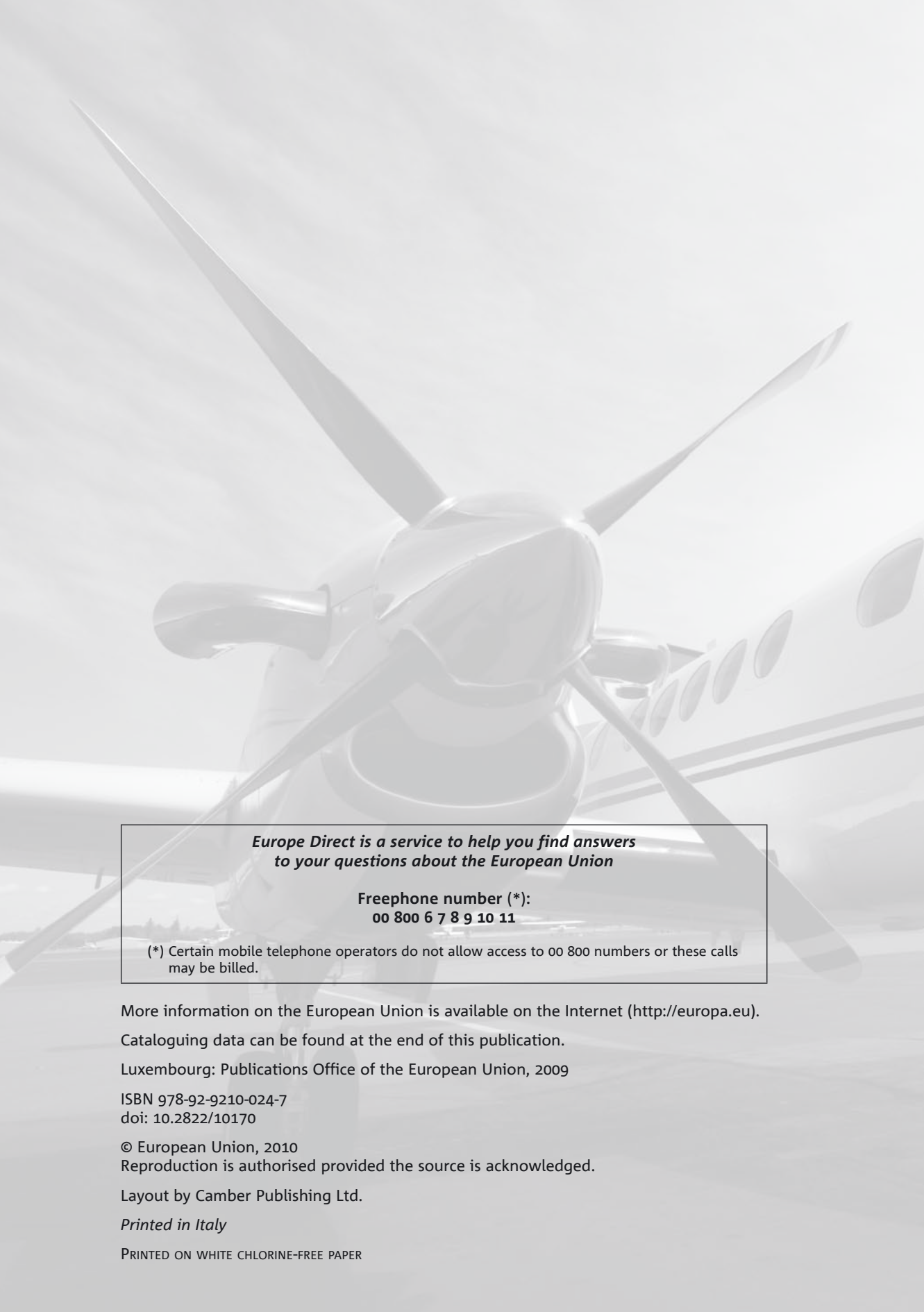
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The printed version of this handbook also includes a CD providing swift access to the bookmarked text and facilitating easier and faster reading. It is a living document, routinely updated as the rules evolve, in order to provide stakeholders with an up-to-date consolidated version. While we are aiming for high quality from the outset we also intend to continually improve our products.

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We would like to acknowledge the cooperation of all involved in the making of this handbook, and we do hope that it facilitates the accessibility of the Rule.

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# Key to use of document

Part-M M.A.608 Components, equipment and tools

**M.A.608 Components, equipment and tools**

(a) The organisation shall:

- hold the equipment and tools specified in the maintenance data described in point M.A.609 or verified equivalents as listed in the maintenance organisation manual as necessary for day-to-day maintenance within the scope of the approval; and,
- demonstrate that it has access to all other equipment and tools used only on an occasional basis.

(b) Tools and equipment shall be controlled and calibrated to an officially recognised standard. Records of such calibrations and the standard used shall be kept by the organisation.

(c) The organisation shall inspect, classify and appropriately segregate all incoming components.

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Part-M AMC M.A.714 Record-keeping

**AMC M.A.714 Record-keeping**

- The M.A. Subpart G organisation should ensure that it always receives a complete CRS from the approved maintenance organisation M.A.801(b)(2) certifying staff and/or from the Pilot-owner such that the required records can be retained. The system to keep the continuing airworthiness records should be described in the organisation continuing airworthiness management exposition.
- When an organisation arranges for the relevant maintenance organisation to retain copies of the continuing airworthiness records on its behalf, it will nevertheless continue to be responsible for the records under M.A.714 relating to the preservation of records. If it ceases to be the organisation of the aircraft, it also remains responsible for transferring the records to any other person or organisation managing continuing airworthiness of the aircraft.
- Keeping continuing airworthiness records in a form acceptable to the competent authority means in paper form or on a computer database or a combination of both methods. Records stored in microfilm or optical disc form are also acceptable. The record should remain legible throughout the required retention period.
- Paper systems should use robust material which can withstand normal handling and filing.
- Computer systems should have at least one backup system which should be updated within 24 hours of any new entry. Each terminal is required to contain programme safeguards against the ability of unauthorised personnel to alter the database.

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PART-M

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Part-M GM to Appendix II to Part-M Use of the EASA Form 1 for maintenance

**GM to Appendix II to Part-M Use of the EASA Form 1 for maintenance**

EASA Form 1 Block 12 'Remarks'

Examples of data to be entered in this block as appropriate:-

- Maintenance documentation used, including the revision status, for all work performed and not limited to the entry made in block 11. A statement such as 'in accordance with the CMM' is not acceptable.
- NDT methods with appropriate documentation used when relevant.
- Compliance with airworthiness directives or service bulletins.
- Repairs carried out.
- Modifications carried out.
- Replacement parts installed.
- Life-limited parts status.
- Shelf life limitations.
- Deviations from the customer work order.
- Release statements to satisfy a foreign Civil Aviation Authority maintenance requirement.

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GM – Guidance Material  
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