

## INFORMATION PAPER

**Subject: Issue of EASA type-certificate for products deemed to have been issued a type-certificate in accordance with Reg. 1702/2003, article 2.3(a)**

### **1 Background**

Reg. 1702/2003, article 2.3(a), contains a grand-fathering mechanism for certain type-certificates issued prior to 28 September 2003 by Member States. These type-certificates are deemed to have been issued in accordance with Reg. 1702/2003 and, as a consequence, EASA does not need to issue new type-certificates for the related products.

However, since 28 September 2003, all changes to these type-certificates or associated datasheet must be approved by EASA.

### **2 Policy for the issue of a new EASA type-certificate for grand-fathered products**

When a “grand-fathered” type-certificate and/or the associated type-certificate datasheet must be updated, for example to include new models, EASA must issue its own certificate and/or datasheet.

At that occasion, the new EASA type-certificate may incorporate models covered by the pre-existing “grand-fathered” type-certificate if the conditions of Reg. 1702/2003 article 2.3(b) related to these models are met, e.g. when the associated type design has been approved by one of the EU Member State on 28 September 2003. This is generally the case for products covered by the “grand-fathering” provisions and for which the State of design is an EU Member.

As the type-certificate number may be mentioned in existing documentation and markings, a link must be established between the new EASA number and the previous one. The two numbers are equally valid for the “grand-fathered” models and no retroactive action is needed to change it.

Consequently, for traceability reasons, the EASA datasheet will also mention the initial type-certificate number for the models covered by the “grand-fathering” provisions of Reg. 1702/2003, article 2.3(a) and (b).