



ESWATINI CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY

Advisory Circular

CAA- AC- AWS025A

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Export Certificate of Airworthiness (ECA) (Aircraft Only)

1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of this advisory circular is to provide guidance and information to the aviation stakeholders concerning the exportation of complete aircraft from Eswatini.

2.0 REFERENCE

2.1 Export Airworthiness Certificates (EACs) are issued to certify compliance with type design as specified in the application and of the importing country unless the National Airworthiness Authority of the importing country accepts otherwise.

2.2 Regulations for the export of complete aircraft are contained in *Legal Notice 107 Part III Article 18 - Export Airworthiness Certificates*. Associated Standard is described in Order CAA-O-AWS020 and Application Form CAA- AC- AWS020 is available from ESWACAA Website at www.ESWACAA.co.sz under Regulations and Compliance, Advisory Circulars. EACs are issued by ESWACAA Airworthiness Inspectorate.

3.0 GUIDANCE AND PROCEDURES

3.1 The export process requires a declaration (*Application Article 18 (1) refers*) that the aircraft conforms to its certified type design and is in condition for safe operation. This declaration must be signed by a Licensed Aircraft Maintenance Engineer (LAME).

3.2 Depending on the circumstances, the declaration may make reference to the Eswatini requirements or to those of the importing country. Where it is not possible to meet all of the applicable standards, the National Aviation Authority of the importing country may provide a written statement accepting the deviation. This statement should be referenced in the export certificate and should accompany the export documentation. Despite the similarity in the titles, EAC is not a Certificate of Airworthiness (C of A). Therefore, unless the aircraft is to be disassembled and delivered by surface transportation, the aircraft must have a valid flight authority, to enable the delivery flight.

3.3 When ESWACAA issues an EAC, the applicable fee shall be recovered. Article 50 of Legal Notice 107 (Airworthiness) stipulates that *the applicant shall be required, before the application is entertained, to pay the fee so chargeable.*

4.0 Requirements

4.1 The following requirements must be met for the aircraft to be eligible for an Export Airworthiness Certificate:

An application (**Form:** *AC-AWS-025A* refers) for an Export Certificate of Airworthiness (ECA) shall be made to the Authority at least 14 days before the intended date of export and certified by a LAME within the last 14 days as conforming to the type design requirements specified in the application. Following this certification, the aircraft must be maintained in the certified condition throughout the EAC issuance process. This may be demonstrated by compliance with the Application Procedures.

Information Notes:

(1) *The issue of an EAC does not constitute an authority to fly the aircraft.*

(2) *Procedures for obtaining a flight authority for delivery of the aircraft are contained in CAA-AC-AWS004A and application **Form:** AC AWS004.*

(3) *Aeronautical products, other than a complete aircraft, are not eligible for export under a certificate issued by the ESWACAA.*

(4) *The applicant is responsible to ensure that all major repairs and major modifications carried out prior to export are in accordance with approved data or specified data. **AC-AWS015A** refers.*

(5) *The applicant must provide a complete list of modifications, any Supplementary Type Approval (STA) Type Certificates (STCs) as early as possible during the export process. The applicant may be required to supply substantiating documentation on any or all modifications, STCs as required by ESWACAA. The applicant must ensure he has access to all information required to substantiate the above.*

(6) *Pursuant to Legal Notice 107 Part III Article 18 requirements, the owner of an aircraft for which an EAC has been issued is responsible to forward to the importer all documents and information necessary for the proper operation of the aircraft being exported. These documents include, as applicable:*

(a) *Flight manuals;*

(b) *Maintenance manuals;*

(c) *Service bulletins and assembly instructions required by the type certificate; and,*

(d) *Any material stipulated by the civil aviation authority of the importing state.*

The documents, information, and material can be forwarded by any means consistent with the special requirements of the civil aviation authority of the importing state.

(9) Applicants that have any questions, concerns or doubts as to the requirements or process, please contact ESWACAA).



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