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## Important Information for Third Country Operators (TCO):

### Compliance of your aircraft with ACAS Version 7.1 requirements

According to information provided in your basic operator data (BOD) questionnaire, question V.A.16, not all your airplanes are already equipped with airborne collision avoidance logic version 7.1. Kindly note that the EU airspace regulation requires ACAS II version 7.1 ahead of ICAO.

For airplanes with a maximum take-off mass in excess of 5,700 kgs, the following deadlines apply for **ACAS II version 7.1** upgrade:

- 1) **01 March 2012** (already now!) for airplanes with an individual certificate of airworthiness issued after 01 March 2012 - this refers to the date of the particular aircraft's first or initial CoA, issued directly after manufacturing;
- 2) **01 December 2015** for airplanes with an individual certificate of airworthiness issued before 01 March 2012 - this again refers to the date of the particular aircraft's first or initial CoA, issued directly after manufacturing;
- 3) Aircraft with ACAS II below version 7.0 are non-compliant for operations in EU airspace already today.

We are addressing you, because we have observed (potential) ACAS non-compliances within your fleet to be operated in EU airspace under your requested TCO Authorisation.

We strongly suggest that you expeditiously take the following action:

- Verify the ACAS II data declared for your fleet and, where applicable, correct the information provided (Note: make sure the issue date of individual certificates of airworthiness is that particular aircraft's first CofA date after production/at entry into service, and *not* the date when a CofA was last renewed);

- Notify EASA via the TCO Web-Interface of your plans to upgrade affected aircraft to ACAS II version 7.1; and

- Ensure compliance by the applicable deadline (or take measures to ensure that ACAS II non-compliant aircraft are *not* operated in EU airspace after applicable deadlines).

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Please be informed that non-compliant aircraft identified during ramp inspections may be subject to immediate enforcement action, i.e., grounding or empty ferry flight.

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Kind regards,

EASA Third Country Operators Section

Reference and further information:

- Commission Regulation (EU) No 1332/2011 (the 'ACAS II Regulation')
- ACAS II information of EUROCONTROL: <https://www.eurocontrol.int/acas>

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