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BGA Glider Owners

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Dear Member

TRANSITION TO EASA C OF A

As I am sure you are aware, the process of transitioning the Certificate of Airworthiness compliance of UK gliders to the new EASA regulatory framework has now started.

If you are still unsure of exactly what is involved and, specifically, what you need to do as the owner of a glider that will need to be transitioned, then I advise you to read the recently published articles in *Sailplane & Gliding* and the information booklet posted to all BGA glider owners. These will help further explain the processes now underway and the reasons for the change.

There is also a new section on the BGA web site that deals with transition matters, allows you to obtain forms and further guidance material, and provides answers to a wide range of questions that you might have. You can also provide the BGA with input and feedback on any aspect of the transition process.

Please see www.gliding.co.uk/bgainfo/technical/easa/introduction.htm.

From a regulatory perspective the transition represents a significant change. BGA staff and volunteers have invested a considerable amount of time and effort over many months in working with the CAA and EASA to minimise the overall impact on glider owners as well as the costs and complexities of the transition process.

Once the new system is in place it should feel little different to what you have been used to in the past. You will, however, need to do your bit as far as your own glider is concerned. It should not be onerous and will be greatly helped if you were to have all your relevant documentation complete in good time. Leaving it close to the deadline could increase the risk of missing the deadline and, potentially, your ability to use your glider until everything is properly sorted.

Yours sincerely

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