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To whom it may concern

## **EXPIRING BGA C OF A RENEWAL PROCESS**

After a long delay caused by the European Commission, the CAA are only now able to begin to process glider EASA C's of A and ARC's. You will recall that the transition pack was submitted and processed by the BGA before December 2007.

The CAA has confirmed that the ARC for your glider will be dated for the same calendar period as your full term BGA C of A, ie 12 months from recommendation by the BGA inspector. This means that if issued in the coming weeks, your ARC would expire on the same date as your existing BGA C of A. In addition, the Part M compliant processes that will facilitate the renewal of the ARC have yet to be fully established and therefore renewal of a glider EASA ARC is unlikely to be straightforward for owners or inspectors.

The BGA has agreed with the CAA that it will be less onerous to those owners whose gliders entered the transition process before December 2007 if they are issued with a further BGA C of A and their transitions are kept 'live' in the system. This will minimise any impact on you as you will receive an EASA C of A and ARC that expires late in 2009 rather than late in 2008. The required Part M compliant processes will have been established in anticipation of any ARC's expiring in January 2009.

To keep your transition live, at the BGA C of A renewal a BGA inspector will need to sign a statement on a BGA Transition Refresh/Update form (enclosed).

It is important to note that you will not need to repeat the transition process or pay a further transition fee.

### **So what is the process when your BGA C of A, issued following transition, expires this year?**

Following inspection etc by a BGA inspector, submit;

- Completed BGA 267 (the established BGA C of A inspection form)
- Completed BGA 275 (the one-off BGA Transition Refresh form)
- The BGA C of A fee

In return you will receive a BGA C of A that expires at the end of September 2009 by which time of course you will have received your EASA C of A and ARC and all the necessary procedures to renew a glider ARC will be established.

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Example: BGA C of A expires 1<sup>st</sup> December 2008. Apply for BGA C of A as above. New BGA C of A expires end Sep 2009 by which time EASA C of A and ARC will be issued, with the ARC expiring 1<sup>st</sup> Dec 2009.

**There is no requirement to submit a further transition pack or pay a further transition fee - you have already paid for the transition, EASA C of A and first ARC.**

If you require a copy of your transition pack and cannot locate the copy in your records, the BGA can supply a scanned copy. Please email [terry@gliding.co.uk](mailto:terry@gliding.co.uk) and please quote your glider BGA number.

With this letter you will find a copy of the 'transition update' form described above and a list of gliders that may use this process. If you require another update form please contact the BGA at the above email. The form is not available on the BGA website as this applies only to a small number of gliders.

Thank you for your ongoing co-operation as the BGA continues to ensure that your EASA airworthiness needs are addressed appropriately and at minimum cost and impact to you. If you have any questions that are not answered in this letter, please feel free to contact me by email.

Yours sincerely



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