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In a joint effort the European Federation of Light, Experimental & Vintage Aircraft (EFLEVA), the Vereniging Vlaamse MotorVliegclubs (VVMV) and the Belgian Aviation Authorities we are pleased to announce that amateur-built and certain historic aircraft registered in European Civil Aviation Conference (ECAC) member states no longer require a permit to over fly Belgian territory for 30 days in a calendar year. A Royal Décr  has been published on 21 June 2017 which confirms and details this change. It comes in effect on 1 July.

In 1980 ECAC recommended that *“Member States accept home-built aircraft with a certificate of airworthiness or a “permit to fly” issued by another Member State, to fly in their country without any restrictions other than those stated in the certificate of airworthiness or “permit to fly”.* Belgium noted this though required specific permission which incurred a charge.

EFLEVA has been working with ECAC to ensure full implementation and extend such privileges to certain historic aircraft operating on a national certificate of airworthiness or “permit to fly”. In May 2016 ECAC issued such a recommendation for certain historic aircraft (Ex-ICAO, MTOM less than 5700kg and non-commercial).

Following detail discussion with ECAC and specifically joint discussions between the Belgium CAA, EFLEVA and VVMV we are delighted that the Belgium CAA have issued this royal Décr ; implementing both the 1980 (amateur build) and 2015 (certain historic) aircraft ECAC recommendations.

This announcement recognises the quality, safety and capability of national permit aircraft within the General aviation community. As well as allowing such aircraft to cross Belgium territory it will encourage visits specifically to Belgium. We are looking forward to see more foreign aircraft visiting our airfields.

To celebrate EFLEVA's 10th birthday we will organize EFLEVA Days at Sanicole airfield in Hechtel-Eksel during the first weekend of July. This event is dedicated to light, experimental and vintage aircraft from all over Europe. We invite everyone to visit this event and experience the true freedom of flight. More information about this event is available on [www.efleva-days.eu](http://www.efleva-days.eu).

### About EFLEVA

EFLEVA is the European Federation of Light, Experimental & Vintage Aircraft founded in 2007 between 12 European member states and 14 organisations to represent the interests of aircraft builders and restorers across Europe, representing 15000 members. [www.efleva.eu](http://www.efleva.eu)

### About VVMV

VVMV is a non-profit organisation representing as effective members all Flemish and most Walloon aero clubs. VVMV became member of EFLEVA in 2016 to support recreational flying interests across Europe. [www.vvmv.be](http://www.vvmv.be)

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