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HOME-BUILT AIRCRAFT

ECAC 1980 RECOMMENDATION (INT.S/11-1)

"The Conference recommends 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".

Home-Built Aircraft in ECAC States

Home-built aircraft falling within category (c) of Annex II of Regulation EC 216/2008 are exempted from that Regulation, and are therefore to be handled under national rules.

However, in 1980 ECAC, aiming to facilitate the mutual acceptance of certificates of airworthiness issued by ECAC Member States, adopted the above Recommendation.

Since then, from time to time, a number of ECAC Directors General have been contacted by representatives of the owners of home-built aircraft and have been informed on the difficulty in clearly identifying the requirements for operating such aircraft in the different ECAC States and, more general, on a lack of uniformity in the implementation of this Recommendation.

The Executive Secretary of ECAC was approached recently by the European Federation of Light, Experimental and Vintage Aircraft, asking that ECAC establish the position as regards the implementation of its 1980 Recommendation, and any requirements which are imposed by States notwithstanding that Recommendation.

Directors General of Civil Aviation of the ECAC States concluded that it was reasonable for the European home-built aircraft sector to expect to have straightforward access to information about the basis on which such aircraft may be flown in ECAC States. They tasked the ECAC Secretariat with establishing the facts, and with making the relevant information available in some convenient format to the owners of home-built aircraft. The following information is based on data compiled from a questionnaire sent to all ECAC Member States.

However, we advise strongly home-built aircraft owners to contact the Member State before operating such aircraft in the different ECAC States.

The implementation status in ECAC Member States of ECAC Recommendation INT.S/11-1 can be downloaded [here](#)