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MAA/RI/2026/07 – Scope of Maintenance Approved Organization Scheme

References:

- A. RA 1005 – Contracting with Competent Organizations, Issue 10.
- B. MAA03 – Military Aviation Authority (MAA) regulatory processes, Issue 14.

Issue

The amendment to Reference A in May 2025 increased the scope of Maintenance which required Maintenance Approved Organization Scheme (MAOS) Approval. Feedback from the Regulated Community (RC) has necessitated a review of this scope. Further definition is now provided.

Scope

This Regulatory Instruction (RI) applies to organizations that let contracts with Maintenance organizations under the MAOS.

Aim

To clarify the extent of the scope of Reference A with respect to MAOS.

Implementation

RI is effective immediately.

Background

When the MAOS was established, it was decided to consider only Maintenance activity of components that presented the greatest Risk to Air Safety in the initial scope. As familiarity and capacity within the MAA and RC has increased this scope was widened to include Aircraft Engine Maintenance (B1, B2 and B3), Helicopter Transmission Maintenance (C11), and Airborne Equipment.

MAOS Approvals

Following the Reference A update, contracting organizations must ensure contracted organizations hold the required MAOS Approval. A waiver may be requested under Reference B while approval is being obtained.

Helicopter Transmission Maintenance

Feedback from the RC has highlighted that Helicopter Transmission Maintenance contains multiple components maintained by different organizations, this has increased the number of organizations requiring MAOS Approval considerably. It was never the intent of the MAA to include the organizations maintaining sub-components, but oversight of Maintenance of vital transmission components is the next stage of ensuring Air Safety. Helicopter Transmission Maintenance (C11) components should be limited to:

- Main Rotor Gearbox,
- Intermediate Gearbox,



- Tail Rotor Gearbox.

It is not necessary to hold MAOS Approval to maintain other transmission components, including the:

- Drive shafts,
- Flexible bearings,
- Freewheeling units,
- Lubrication system,
- Health and Usage Monitoring System,
- Cooling System,
- Mounts,
- and Vibration Dampers.

Aircraft Engine Maintenance

Increased scope of MAOS Approvals to engine rating B1, B2 and B3 has resulted in stretch across MAA resource. Risk based review has concluded that the requirement for engines of B3 rating Auxiliary Power Units (APUs) to be included in MAOS scope is not necessary at this time. The scope of the Aircraft Engine Maintenance is limited to B1 and B2 ratings. APUs, B3 rating, are not in scope for MAOS.

Further Information

Any organization wishing to clarify the scope of their MAOS approval should contact the MAA via DSA-MAA-OA-ACC@mod.gov.uk.

Transitional Arrangements

Those organizations requiring MAOS Approvals should review their approval in respect to the scope of Reference A and the clarification in this RI.

Reference A will be updated as follows (subject to NPA review).

Para 20 to change to:

Acceptable Means of Compliance 1005(3)

Maintenance Organizations

20. Contracting organizations **should** only contract with Maintenance organizations approved under the Maintenance Approved Organization Scheme (MAOS) for the following Contractor-run activities:

- On-Air System Maintenance;
- Aircraft Engine Maintenance (B1 ► and ◀ B2 ► ◀)¹;
- Helicopter Transmission ► Gearbox ◀ Maintenance (C11 ► – limited to transmission gearboxes only ◀)¹;
- Air System component Maintenance on ► ◀ Government Property^{2, 3}.
- Airborne Equipment².

¹ Refer to RA 4804 – Terms of Approval (MRP 145.A.20) – Approved Maintenance Organizations only.

² As defined in MAA02: Military Aviation Authority Master Glossary.

³ For the purpose of this RA, UK Government Property relates to Land, His Majesty's Ships and Royal Fleet Auxiliary ships.



Para 23 to change to:

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1005(3)**

Maintenance Organizations

23. Contractor-run off Air System Maintenance (with the exception of ► Aircraft ◀ engine ► (rating B1 and B2 only) ◀¹ or helicopter transmission¹ ► gearbox ◀ Maintenance) not carried out on UK Government Property is beyond the scope of MAOS.

Queries

Any observations or requests for further guidance on the content of this RI should be submitted by email to DSA-MAA-MRPEnquiries@mod.gov.uk.

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