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AIC B017/01 is hereby replaced.

Flight of an aircraft with an expired certificate of airworthiness

There is still a number of cases being reported of aircraft classified in the private category operating with expired certificates of airworthiness. In the majority of cases the reason given by the registered owners or pilots has been failure to remember the certificate expiry date.

The legal consequences of any accident or incident involving an aircraft with an expired certificate is usually dependent upon the aircraft being inspected and certified in accordance with an approved maintenance schedule. Therefore, if an aircraft is flown with an invalid certificate of airworthiness there is no guarantee that the requisite standard of maintenance and inspection has been applied to that particular aircraft, and additionally, the pilot concerned would have contravened Part 5 of the Civil Aviation (Air Navigation) Regulations, 2004.

All owners and operators are again warned that future cases involving aircraft flying with expired certificates of airworthiness will not be tolerated. Stern measures of penalties and fines for such breaches shall be applied to the maximum.


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This circular is issued for information, guidance and necessary action.