

*Appendix IV***Approval Ratings**

ORGANISATION APPROVAL CLASS AND RATING SYSTEM

1. Except as stated otherwise for the smallest organisation in paragraph 11, Table 1 outlines the full extent of approval possible under M.A. Subpart F in a standardised form. An organisation must be granted an approval ranging from a single class and rating with limitations to all classes and ratings with limitations.
2. In addition to Table 1 the M.A. Subpart F approved maintenance organisation is required by Subpart-F to indicate scope of work in the maintenance organisation exposition. See also paragraph 10.
3. Within the approval class(es) and rating(s) granted by the Member State, the scope of work specified in the maintenance organisation exposition defines the exact limits of approval. It is therefore essential that the approval class(es) and rating(s) and the organisation's scope of work are compatible.
4. A category A class rating means that the M.A. Subpart F approved maintenance organisation may carry out maintenance on the aircraft and any component (including engines/APUs) only whilst such components are fitted to the aircraft except that such components can be temporarily removed for maintenance when such removal is expressly permitted by the aircraft maintenance manual to improve access for maintenance subject to a control procedure in the maintenance organisation exposition acceptable to the Member State. The limitation section will specify the scope of such maintenance thereby indicating the extent of approval.
5. A category B class rating means that the M.A. Subpart F approved maintenance organisation may carry out maintenance on the uninstalled engine/APU ('Auxiliary Power Unit') and engine/APU components only whilst such components are fitted to the engine/APU except that such components can be temporarily removed for maintenance when such removal is expressly permitted by the engine/APU manual to improve access for maintenance. The limitation section will specify the scope of such maintenance thereby indicating the extent of approval. A M.A. Subpart F approved maintenance organisation with a category B class rating may also carry out maintenance on an installed engine during 'base' and 'line' maintenance subject to a control procedure in the maintenance organisation exposition. The maintenance organisation exposition scope of work shall reflect such activity where permitted by the Member State.
6. A category C class rating means that the M.A. Subpart F approved maintenance organisation may carry out maintenance on uninstalled components (excluding engines and APUs) intended for fitment to the aircraft or engine/APU. The limitation section will specify the scope of such maintenance thereby indicating the extent of approval. A Subpart-F approved maintenance organisation with a category C class rating may also carry out maintenance on an installed component during base and line maintenance or at an engine/APU maintenance facility subject to a control procedure in the maintenance organisation exposition. The maintenance organisation exposition scope of work shall reflect such activity where permitted by the Member State.
7. A category D class rating is a self contained class rating not necessarily related to a specific aircraft, engine or other component. The D1 — Non-Destructive Testing (NDT) rating is only necessary for a Subpart-F approved maintenance organisation that carries out NDT as a particular task for another organisation. A M.A. Subpart F approved maintenance organisation with a class rating in A or B or C category may carry out NDT on products it is maintaining subject to the maintenance organisation exposition containing NDT procedures, without the need for a D1 class rating.
8. The 'limitation' section is intended to give the Member State maximum flexibility to customise the approval to a particular organisation. Table 1 specifies the types of limitation possible and whilst maintenance is listed last in each class rating it is acceptable to stress the maintenance task rather than the aircraft or engine type or manufacturer, if this is more appropriate to the organisation. An example could be avionic systems installations and maintenance.
9. Table 1 makes reference to series, type and group in the limitation section of class A and B. Series means a specific type series such as Cessna 150 or Cessna 172 or Beech 55 series or continental O-200 series etc. Type means a specific type or model such as Cessna 172RG type. Any number of series or types may be quoted. Group means for example Cessna single piston engined aircraft or Lycoming non-supercharged piston engines etc.

10. When a lengthy capability list is used which could be subject to frequent amendment, then such amendment shall be in accordance with a procedure acceptable to the Member State and included in the maintenance organisation exposition. The procedure shall address the issues of who is responsible for capability list amendment control and the actions that need to be taken for amendment. Such actions include ensuring compliance with Subpart-F for products or services added to the list.
11. A M.A. Subpart F approved maintenance organisation which employs only one person to both plan and carry out all maintenance can only hold a limited scope of approval rating. The maximum permissible limits are:-

CLASS AIRCRAFT	RATING A2 AEROPLANES	PISTON ENGINED 5700 KG AND BELOW
CLASS AIRCRAFT	RATING A3 SINGLE ENGINED HELICOPTERS	PISTON ENGINED 3175 KG AND BELOW
CLASS AIRCRAFT	RATING A4 AIRCRAFT OTHER THAN A1, A2 AND A3	NO LIMITATION
CLASS ENGINES	RATING B2 PISTON	LESS THAN 450 HP
CLASS COMPONENTS RATING OTHER THAN COMPLETE ENGINES OR APUs	C1 TO C20	AS PER CAPABILITY LIST
CLASS SPECIALISED	D1 NDT	NDT METHOD(S) TO BE SPECIFIED

It should be noted that such an organisation may be further limited by the competent authority in the scope of approval dependent upon the capability of the particular organisation.

Table 1

CLASS	RATING	LIMITATION
AIRCRAFT	A2 Aeroplanes 5 700 kg and below	Will state aeroplane manufacturer or group or series or type and/or the maintenance tasks
	A3 Single engined Helicopters	Will state helicopter manufacturer or group or series or type and/or the maintenance task(s)
	A4 Aircraft other than A1, A2 and A3	Will state aircraft series or type and/or the maintenance task(s)
ENGINES	B1 Turbine	Will state engine series or type and/or the maintenance task(s)
	B2 Piston	Will state engine manufacturer or group or series or type and/or the maintenance task(s)
	B3 APU	Will state engine manufacturer or series or type and/or the maintenance task(s)

CLASS	RATING	LIMITATION
COMPONENTS OTHER THAN COMPLETE ENGINES OR APUs	C1 Air Cond & Press	Will state aircraft type or aircraft manufacturer or component manufacturer or the particular component and/or cross refer to a capability list in the exposition and/or the maintenance task(s)
	C2 Auto Flight	
	C3 Comms and Nav	
	C4 Doors — Hatches	
	C5 Electrical Power	
	C6 Equipment	
	C7 Engine — APU	
	C8 Flight Controls	
	C9 Fuel — Airframe	
	C10 Helicopter — Rotors	
	C11 Helicopter — Trans	
	C12 Hydraulic	
	C13 Instruments	
	C14 Landing Gear	
	C15 Oxygen	
	C16 Propellers	
	C17 Pneumatic	
	C18 Protection ice/rain/ fire	
	C19 Windows	
	C20 Structural	
SPECIALISED SERVICES	D1 Non-Destructive Testing	Will state particular NDT method(s)