

Decree dated 8 January 2018 on the operation in France
of foreign amateur built aircraft

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Article 1

Under article D. 133-20 of the 'code de l'aviation civile' (French Civil Aviation Regulations), amateur built aircraft falling in category 1. (c) of Annex I to Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2018 [ũ], excluding airships, with an airworthiness document and registered in an European Economic Area member State, in Switzerland or in the United Kingdom are permitted to temporarily fly in France without prior permission from the French DGAC, subject to having achieved:

- for aeroplanes, a minimum of 15 flight hours and at least 50 landings from its completion;
- for sailplanes, a minimum of 5 flight hours and at least 20 landings from its completion;
- for rotorcrafts, a minimum of 15 flight hours and at least 50 landings from its completion;
- for gyroplanes, a minimum of 15 flight hours and at least 50 landings from its completion;
- for hot-air balloons, a minimum of 5 flight hours and at least 15 landings from its completion;
- for gas balloons, at least one flight with a climb of more than 2 hours at an altitude of more than 500 meters.

Article 2

Aircraft with airworthiness documents issued by the State of registry for temporary operations and limited purposes, such as development, flight testing and ferry flight are excluded from this exemption.

Article 3

The conditions, limitations and restrictions applicable under their airworthiness document shall be observed while flying in France. In addition, the following limitations/restrictions shall apply:

1. the airworthiness document shall be valid at the date of entry into the French territory and until the date of exit from the French territory;
2. the aircraft shall not be used for public transport as defined by articles L. 6412-1 and following of the French transport regulations; [No Commercial Air Transport]
3. the aircraft shall not be used for commercial local flights as defined by article D. 510-7 of the French civil aviation regulations; [and known as "Baptême de l'air" (first flight)]