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## Memorandum

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Subject: Deviation from U.S. – Switzerland Maintenance Guidance (MaG) renewal and change recommendations during COVID-19

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**This Memorandum extends the original Memorandum dated April 9, 2020**

### Reference:

U.S – Switzerland Maintenance Guidance (MaG) change two (2), Section B IV Renewal 3.3 and V Change/Amendment.

The above referenced paragraphs in the MaG, pertaining to renewal and or change recommendations made by the Swiss Federal Office of Civil Aviation (FOCA), lists as one of the preconditions the requirement that the FOCA will complete an "Audit Report 2" recommendation to the FAA with the *"satisfactory outcome of audits carried out by FOCA and amendments to the supplement being accepted by FOCA"*.

Such activities are then entered in Audit Report 2, under point B, titled:  
*"On-site audits performed by the AA during the preceding 24 months."*

Due to the current COVID 19 crisis, it is not always possible to perform an on-site audit before the renewal becomes due of an FAA approved repair station in Switzerland.

Therefore, it is also acceptable if such an audit is performed as a desktop exercise, provided that at least one on-site audit has been performed during the complete renewal period, i.e. one onsite audit during two-years preceding the renewal, with the audit date noted in Audit Report 2.

For changes, it is acceptable to recommend a change based on a desktop audit, provided the FOCA has also performed the same change pertaining to the Swiss certificate by using a desktop method.

EASA is applying identical procedures for EASA 145 certificates in the United States, which are recognized by FOCA.

This procedure shall remain valid until 31 December 2020 and maybe further extended if necessary.