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(sent via email only)

Subject: Your confirmatory application for access to documents

Rereference: Your email of 16 July 2019

Dear Mr Blackledge,

Thank you for your email dated 16 July 2019 received via the asktheeu.org portal, whereby you submitted a confirmatory application for access to documents in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001,¹ which is applicable to documents held by the European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) under Art. 119(1) of Regulation (EU) No 2018/1139.² You are requesting EASA to disclose documents that contain *"the number of EASA Part 66 Licensed Engineers who are registered in the whole EASA region"*.

To answer your request, I would first kindly like to point out that under the EU regulatory framework EASA is not the competent authority for the issuance and renewal of individual Part-66 (aircraft maintenance) licenses. In accordance with Art. 66.1 of Annex III (Part-66) to Regulation (EU) 1321/2014³, Part-66 licenses are issued by the competent authorities of the EU Member States, plus Switzerland, Norway, Iceland and Lichtenstein. The list of the competent authorities and their contact details can be accessed here: <http://easa.europa.eu/the-agency/member-states>.

This said, based on Art. 5 of Regulation (EU) No 628/2013⁴, the competent authorities provide EASA with the information relevant for performing activities related to safety oversight, which includes the number of Part-66 licenses issued by them.

¹ Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 31 May 2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents (OJ L 145 of 31.3.2001, p. 43).

² Regulation (EU) No 2018/1139 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2018 on common rules in the field of civil aviation and establishing a European Union Aviation Safety Agency, and amending Regulations (EC) No 2111/2005, (EC) No 1008/2008, (EU) No 996/2010, (EU) No 376/2014 and Directives 2014/30/EU and 2014/53/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council, and repealing Regulations (EC) No 552/2004 and (EC) No 216/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Regulation (EEC) No 3922/91 (OJ L 212, 22.8.2018, p. 1–122).

³ Commission Regulation (EU) No 1321/2014 of 26 November 2014 on the continuing airworthiness of aircraft and aeronautical products, parts and appliances, and on the approval of organisations and personnel involved in these tasks (OJ L 362, 17.12.2014, p. 1–194).

⁴ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 628/2013 of 28 June 2013 on working methods of the European Aviation Safety Agency for conducting standardisation inspections and for monitoring the application of the rules of Regulation (EC) No 216/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Commission Regulation (EC) No 736/2006 (OJ L 179, 29.6.2013, p. 46–54).

The competent authorities provide the information electronically and directly to the EASA database. In light of this, EASA does not hold any document which would correspond to your request, but can provide you with an excerpt of the database that shows the information you are interested in.

As you can see from the excerpt below, based on the information provided to EASA by the competent authorities during the last data collection campaign, a total of 74 070 Part-66 Licenses existed in the 31 EASA States in April 2019. However, please note that this number might not reflect the number of persons currently holding such licence.

Element	
Airworthiness Maintenance Licences	74070

I hope this sufficiently answers your request.

Yours sincerely,


Patrick KY

Means of redress

If you wish to appeal against this decision, the legal remedies open to you are either to lodge a complaint with the European Ombudsman or to institute court proceedings against EASA, under Article 228 or 263 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU (TFEU), respectively.

