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OPERATION OF FOREIGN REGISTERED AIRCRAFT

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The procedures for importation of aircraft into the Maldives including the requirements for obtaining Maldivian Certificate of Registration and Certificate of Airworthiness have already been defined in Air Safety Circular No. AW 01 dated 20 October 1991. However, the Air Safety Circular No. AW01 does not address the topic on operation of foreign registered aircraft in the Maldives. Of late there has been an increase in the number of foreign registered aircraft operated in this country. This has reason for concern over the safety of aviation activities here. Although most of the operations are safely conducted, increase in number and types of foreign registered aircraft needs to be taken account of carefully.

2. PURPOSE

- 2.1 The purpose of this Air Safety Circular is to keep the operators of foreign registered aircraft engaged in public transport in the Maldives informed that such operations cannot be permitted for an unlimited period and the aircraft must be transferred to Maldivian registration and Certificates of Airworthiness obtained. The Aircrew and Maintenance Engineers should obtain Maldivian Licences for operation of these aircraft in the Maldives on a time bound basis.

3. COMPLIANCE

- 3.1 Authorisation to operate foreign registered aircraft in the Maldives will be granted if the aircrafts' State of Registry reaches an understanding with the Maldivian Civil Aviation Department and is responsible for monitoring the airworthiness and safe operation of the aircraft by conducting appropriate inspections and continuous liaison is established between the relevant State of Registry and Civil Aviation Department, Maldives. The operator also must conform to the specifications / requirements as per Air Safety Circular No. AW 01 issue 1 and equip the aircraft as per MAR Series C 9.

4. PROCEDURE

- 4.1 Prior to importation of foreign registered aircraft on a permanent basis, the operator shall ensure compliance with the requirements as stipulated in the Air Safety Circular No. AW01 Issue 1 and forward the following data to the Director.

- a) Equipment status of the aircraft vis-a-vis the requirement stipulated in MAR series "C" No. 9.
 - b) Copy of the type certificate issued by the country of manufacture.
 - c) Information regarding availability/progress for type certification by regulatory airworthiness authority in a country(s) other than the state of manufacture.
 - d) Mandatory Modifications and their status of compliance.
 - e) Copies of all manuals pertaining to the maintenance and operations of the aircraft which should be in English, with a commitment to the DCA that they will be amended and updated from time to time.
- 4.2 Foreign registered aircraft already engaged in public transport under an Air Operators Certificate (AOC) issued by the Department of Civil Aviation must maintain and supply on a regular basis to the DCA the following data.
- a) Fleet performance report as per MAR series "C" No. 3
 - b) Reported service defects and their rectification
 - c) Fuel and oil consumption.
 - d) Compliance of modifications / service bulletins / service instructions.
- 4.3 The operator must arrange an "Approved" training course on the type of aircraft and engines for at least one DCA officer prior to commencement of the operations in the Maldives.
- 4.4 Operation of the foreign registered aircraft by the existing AOC holders beyond one calendar year from the effective date of this circular may be permitted provided;
- a) type certification by CAA/FAA is obtained during the period;
 - b) the aircraft is brought on the Maldivian National Register and issued with the Maldivian C of A;
 - c) the aircraft is equipped with all Mandatory equipment required vide relevant Maldivian Regulations;
 - d) all maintenance and operations personnel acquire appropriate Maldivian licences / validations.
 - e) copies of all maintenance and operation manuals in English are supplied to the DCA.



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