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## **AIR SAFETY CIRCULAR**

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### **OPERATIONS SPECIFICATIONS**

#### **1.0 AUTHORITY**

- 1.1 This Air Safety Circular is issued by the Director General of Civil Aviation in pursuance of the powers vested in him under Part 3.6 of the Civil Aviation Regulations.
- 1.2 Civil Aviation Regulations Part 15.2 states;
- a) The Director may grant to any person applying thereof an air operator's certificate if he is satisfied that the person is competent, having regard in particular to his previous conduct and experience, his equipment, organisation, staffing, maintenance and other arrangements, to secure the safe operation of aircraft of the type specified in the certificate on flights of the description and for the purpose so specified.
  - b) A certificate under paragraph (a) may be granted subject to such conditions as the Director thinks fit.

#### **2.0 SCOPE**

- 2.1 This Air Safety Circular relates to the approval of Operations Specifications issued to Public Transport operators. These operating requirements and limitations herein after referred to as Operations Specifications are utilized to supplement the general provisions of the basic Air Operator Certificate (AOC). These Operations Specifications provide an effective method for establishing safety standards, which address a wide range of variables. These documents can be adopted to specific operator's class and size of aircraft, and type and kind of operation.

#### **3.0 PURPOSE**

- 3.1 Through the use of these standard Operations Specifications paragraphs, the Civil Aviation Department is assured that public transport operators conducting comparable operations with comparable equipment are held to the same standards.

#### **4.0 DEFINITIONS**

4.1 The exact contents of various parts of the Operations Specifications will vary depending upon the nature and scope of the operations and the provisions of the Civil Aviation Regulations.

4.2 Operations Specifications to the AOC shall be issued in the following manner;

Part A - General provisions

Part B - Enroute authorizations limitations

Part C - Aerodrome (or heliport) authorizations and limitations

Part D - Maintenance

Part E - Mass and balance

Part F - Interchange of equipment operations

Part G - Aircraft leasing operations

#### **5.0 METHOD**

5.1 It must be recognized that the details of the Operations Specifications must initially be drafted by the applicant and that the final version must be acceptable to the Operator and the Civil Aviation Department. Considerable time and effort will be saved if the CAD Inspector and the operator work closely in preparing the various parts of the Operations Specifications.

#### **6.0 OPERATIONS MANUAL AND TRAINING REQUIREMENT**

6.1 Copies of approved Operations Specifications are required to be included in operations manual. All AOC holders shall ensure training is conducted for use by their crew members and other personnel. The language used in Operations Specifications is not designed to apply to a particular situation, but is written to specify absolute minimum conditions or provisions for a broad range of issues and situations.

#### **7.0 EFFECTIVITY**

This Air Safety Circular comes into effect from 11 July 2001. All existing AOC holders are to coordinate with the Civil Aviation Department for the issuance of Operations Specifications.



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