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GUIDANCE ON AIRWORTHINESS AND PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS – PUBLIC TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT

1. AIRWORTHINESS REQUIREMENTS

For the purpose of compliance with Regulation 13. "Issue of Certificates of Airworthiness", of the Air Navigation Regulations, 1981, and in accordance with the provisions of Regulations 146(4) of the said Regulations, the Authority advises that the requirements it follows for the issue of certificates of airworthiness and the approval of aircraft maintenance organisations are basically those contained in the British Civil Airworthiness Requirements (BCAR), issued by the United Kingdom Civil Aviation Authority and Joint Aviation requirements (JARs) issued by the Joint Aviation Authorities, as these supersede British Civil Airworthiness requirements. In addition, the Certificate of Compliance required by Civil Aviation Regulations 16 may be replaced by a Certificate of Release to Service as defined in JAR 145.

Maintenance organisation approvals bases on the JAR145 requirements will be defined as FJAR 145 approvals for Civil Aviation Authority of Fiji purposes.

However, notwithstanding the general policy stated above the Authority is prepared to consider validating, under the provisions of Regulations 13(3), the certificate of airworthiness issued by an Contracting State which meets a satisfactory level of compliance with the airworthiness requirements of Annex 8, to the Convention on International Civil Aviation (Chicago 1944).

2. PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

Regulation 42(1-8), "Aircraft Weight and Performance", of the Air navigation Regulations 1981, lays down the performance requirements applicable to the group specified in a certificate of airworthiness issued in accordance with British Civil Airworthiness Requirements.

A Certificate of airworthiness rendered valid by the Authority, but issued in accordance with other national airworthiness codes may not contain a Performance Group. In such cases the Authority will normally specify that the aircraft be operated in accordance with requirements based on those applicable in the state where the original certificate of airworthiness was issued. Pilots being rated on such aircraft will be required to sit a special examination on the performance schedule. Operators of small aircraft certificated in accordance with United States Federal Aviation Regulations should note that validation by the CAAF may necessitate compliance with accelerate-stop and other requirements.

Operators should note that the aircraft's Flight Manual is an integral part of Certificate of Airworthiness issued or rendered valid in Fiji and as such shall be carried in the aircraft whenever carriage of the Certificate of Airworthiness is required under regulation 33 even if this is not specifically listed. The Authority may require operators to submit a supplement to the Flight Manual in respect of any extra requirements (e.g. accelerate-stop distances, wet runway conditions, etc) agreed to as a condition in respect of a Certificate of Airworthiness issued or rendered valid in Fiji.