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### INTERNATIONAL CHARTER FLIGHTS BY DOMESTIC OPERATORS

#### 1 Introduction

- 1.1 From time to time domestic operators may receive requests from clients to carry out international charter flights to neighbouring Pacific Island states and the purpose of this AIC is to provide the necessary CAAF requirements that must be satisfied before these flights can be undertaken.
- 1.2 Domestic operators are issued with a Air Service licence by the Air Transport Licencing Board and this licence entitles the operator to conduct scheduled or charter flights within Fiji.
- 1.3 In addition to the Air Service licence, CAAF issues an Air Operators Certificate of Competency to domestic operators and this entitles the operator to conduct scheduled or charter flights within Fiji.
- 1.4 As such, these regulatory documents do not permit an operator to conduct charter operations beyond Fiji.

# 2 CAAF/AOC Requirements

- 2.1 Should a domestic operator receive a request from a client to carry out a charter flight(s) outside Fiji then, the following special requirements will need to be satisfied;
  - The operator will initially need to obtain a permit from the Fiji Ministry of Public Enterprises, Communications, Civil Aviation and Tourism.
  - The operator will need to obtain permission from the regulatory Authority of the state to which the charter flight(s) are being conducted.
  - The operator will need to obtain approval from CAAF.
  - The operator shall document procedures for the conduct of such flights in its Operations Manual.

## 3 CAAF Approval

- 3.1 The granting of approval from CAAF will be based, but not limited to, the ability of the operator to satisfy CAAF that;
  - The necessary documentation has been issued by both the Ministry and the regulatory Authority to which the charter flight(s) are being conducted.
  - The charter flight(s) can be safely conducted.
  - The aircraft has sufficient range for the proposed flight(s).
  - The operator can comply with ETOPs requirements, if appropriate.
  - The aircraft can safely operate into and out of the airport(s) to which the charter flight is being conducted.
- 3.2 In order to obtain the necessary regulatory documentation for these flight(s) it is important that operators allow sufficient time for the appropriate organizations to consider their applications.