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ISSUE OF LIMITED AUTHORIZATIONS TO PILOTS FROM THEIR OPERATOR'S APPROVED ANR145C ORGANISATION TO CARRY OUT DAILY INSPECTIONS AND OTHER MINOR MAINTENANCE TASKS

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The purpose of this AIC is to describe the process to be followed by CAAF approved ANR 145C organisations when granting Limited Authorisations to pilots employed by CAAF AOC holders to carry out Daily Inspections and minor maintenance tasks and issue the Certificate of Release to Service to Fiji registered aircraft maintained under their CAAF ANR 145C Certificate of Approval.
- 1.2 This AIC supersedes CAAF Letter issued on the 13th of August, 2010 "Certificate of Release for Airworthiness Daily Inspections - Automatic Invalidation of the Certificate of Airworthiness"

Note: In the context of this Circular, reference to an authorisation means an authorisation issued by a CAAF Approved ANR145C Maintenance Organisation to allow the holder to issue a certificate of release to service within the limitations shown on the authorisation to carry out daily inspection requirement of a CAAF approved maintenance schedule or other minor maintenance tasks.

2. CERTIFICATIONS

- 2.1 All aircraft operated for Commercial Air Transport on the Fiji Register are required to be maintained by Organizations approved in accordance with the requirements of ANR145C and a Certificate of Release to Service to be issued as required under the Air Navigation Regulation 16.
- 2.2 This AIC determines that the Certificate of Release to Service (CRS) issued in accordance with ANR 145C approval shall be taken as fulfilling the requirements for the Certificate of Compliance specified in ANR 16.
- 2.3 When a CAAF approved ANR145C organizations grants a Limited Authorization to the Pilots to carry out Daily Inspections and issue a CRS for the same, the conditions stated in this AIC must be adhered to.

3. **CONDITIONS**

The following are the conditions that have to be met before a CAAF approved ANR 145 C organisation considers issuing an authorisation to a pilot to carry out and issue a CRS for daily inspections requirement of an approved maintenance schedule

- 3.1 The person must hold a valid Commercial Pilot's Licence and a type rating for the type of aircraft concerned, and exercises the privilege of certification only when performing the duties of a Flight Crew member, whilst operating away from a supported maintenance location and subject to the need for such authorisation being agreed by the Authority.
- 3.2 The authorisations are issued by the ANR145C Approved Maintenance Organisation to an operator's flight crew and will be valid only whilst the ANR 145C Approved Maintenance Organisation is contracted to provide maintenance support. As such, personnel authorised in this manner are responsible to the maintenance organisation when performing authorised tasks and shall adhere to the procedures and instructions issued by the ANR 145C Approved Maintenance Organisation.
- 3.3 The authorisations are intended to allow the accomplishment and issue of a CRS for specified simple tasks or inspections such as minor scheduled line maintenance or recurring short period inspections required by Airworthiness Directives. Minor scheduled line maintenance is limited to checks up to daily inspections.
- 3.4 Where there is a requirement to carry out inspections associated with short period recurring Airworthiness Directives (AD), authorisations may be issued only where the AD specifies that the inspections may be performed by flight crew. Additionally, authorisations may be issued where the inspections do not require disassembly or removal of components, and the inspections can be readily achieved by visual inspection or function tests that does not require the use of test equipment.
- 3.5 It is not intended that these limited authorisations obviate the need for line maintenance support where aircraft regularly use certain airports. They may however be used for ad-hoc or charter operations subject to the need for such authorisations being agreed by the CAAF.
- 3.6 The ANR 145C Approved Maintenance Organisations shall, prior to the grant of any such authorisation, establish the competence of the individual in respect of each task and provide specific OJT on the task to be authorised and any additional basic theory if required. The ANR 145C Approved Maintenance Organisation shall provide continuation training to Flight Crew Members who have been granted Limited Authorisations to ensure that they retain the competence to accomplish the authorised tasks.

- 3.7 The ANR 145C Approved Maintenance Organisations shall develop suitable procedures to determine the competence of staff to hold such authorisations, and to manage and control the process within their organisation. These procedures shall clearly define the limits to which Limited Authorisations can be granted. The proposed procedure shall be submitted initially through the CAAF for approval.

4. GENERAL

CAAF Senior Airworthiness Maintenance Engineering Inspector should be consulted should clarifications or questions arising from any of the above provisions are required so that the information contained in this AIC and its interpretations are consistently applied across industry.