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REGULATIONS

Made Under

THE CIVIL AVIATION ACT 2018

(Act No. 21 of 2018)

IN EXERCISE OF THE POWERS CONFERRED UPON ME BY SECTION 140 OF THE CIVIL AVIATION ACT 2018, I MAKE THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS:

Citation.

1. These Regulations, which amend the Civil Aviation (Operations) Regulations 2024 may be cited as the Civil Aviation (Operations) (Amendment) Regulations 2025.

Amendment of Regulations.

2. The provisions of the Civil Aviation (Operations) Regulations 2024 listed in the first column of the table in the Schedule are amended in the manner as specified in the corresponding entry in the second column of the table.

SCHEDULE

PROVISION	HOW AMENDED
Regulation 5(5)(k)	Substitute for the word "may" the word "shall".
Regulation 7	Substitute for regulation 7 the following – "7. (1) The Authority may recognize as valid an AOC issued by another contracting State whose level of compliance is at least equal to the applicable ICAO standards for such certification. (2) Where – (a) an operator who is the holder of an AOC issued by another Contracting State intends to conduct domestic operations; and (b) where the relevant level of compliance of the other Contracting State is at least equal to the applicable ICAO standards,

the Authority may recognize the certificate as valid for a period not exceeding six (6) months.

(3) Upon receiving a request to do so, the Authority shall extend the period of recognition granted in subregulation (2) where –

(a) the holder of the AOC issued by another Contracting State has submitted an application under regulation 5 and has not yet been issued an AOC by the Authority;

(b) the Director-General is satisfied that the holder of the AOC issued by another Contracting State is accurately providing all the relevant documents and information in support of the application in a prompt timely manner.

(4) The Authority may revoke its recognition of an AOC issued by another contracting State at any time where the operator fails to comply with the relevant laws, regulations, and requirements of Guyana."

Regulation 18(1)(a) — Insert immediately after the word "Authority," where it appears for the third time, the words "in accordance with the Requirements of the Authority".

Regulation 23(2) — Insert immediately after the word "Authority" the words "shall require an operator to establish operating minima for each aerodrome to be used in operations and".

Regulation 26(a) — Delete the word "IFR".

Regulation 27 — Substitute for regulation 27 the following -

"Flight crew. 27. (1) During take-off and landing all flight crew members required to be on flight deck duty shall be at their stations.

(2) While the aircraft is en-route all flight crew members required to be on flight deck duty shall remain at their stations except when their absence is necessary for the performance of duties in connection with the operation of the aircraft or for physiological needs.

(3) All flight crew members shall keep their seatbelt fastened when at their stations.

(4) Any flight crew member occupying a pilot's seat shall keep the safety harness fastened during the take-off and landing phases and all other flight crew members shall keep their safety harness fastened during the take-off and landing phases unless the shoulder straps interfere with the performance of their duties, in which case the shoulder straps may be unfastened but the seat belt must remain fastened."

Regulation 37

In the marginal note, insert immediately after the word "certificates" the words ", and permissions for aerial surveying etc..".

Substitute for subregulations (1) and (2) the following -

"(1) A person shall not use an aircraft for –

(a) the dropping of articles for the purposes of agriculture, horticulture or forestry or for training for the dropping of articles for the purposes of agriculture, horticulture or forestry otherwise than under and in accordance with the terms of an aerial application certificate, or agriculture aircraft operator certificate granted to the operator of the aircraft under subregulation (2); or

(b) aerial surveying, aerial filming, video recording or aerial photography without written approval, along with any relevant conditions, issued by the Authority.

(1A) The Authority shall not issue approval to a person to provide the services mentioned in sub-regulation (1)(b) for renumeration or reward unless the person is a holder of a valid AOC issued by the relevant State of Registry.

(2) The Authority shall not issue under subregulation (1), an aerial application certificate or approval to an applicant unless it is satisfied that the person is fit and competent to hold the certificate or approval, having regard in particular to the applicant's previous conduct, experience, equipment, organisation, staffing and other arrangements to secure the safe operation of the aircraft specified in the certificate or approval on flights for the purposes specified in subregulation (1)."

New Regulation 42A

Immediately after regulation 42, insert the following –

"Emergency training and evacuation.

42A. The Authority shall require an operator, for each type of aircraft, to –

(a) assign to all flight crew members the necessary functions they are to perform in an emergency or in a situation requiring emergency evacuation; and

(b) conduct annual training of the flight crew members in accomplishing these functions, including instructions in the use of all emergency and life-saving equipment required to be carried on, and drills in the emergency evacuation of, the aircraft."

Regulation 59

For regulation 59 substitute the following -

"(1) All operators certified by the Authority and their employees shall comply with the Civil Aviation Act, Civil Aviation Regulations and Requirements of the Authority when operating outside of Guyana's territory, except when such compliance would result in violation of the laws of the State in which the operation is conducted.

(2) The operator shall ensure that –

(a) all pilots are familiar with the laws, regulations and procedures, pertinent to the performance of their duties, prescribed for the areas to be traversed, the aerodromes, heliports or landing areas to be used and the air navigation facilities relating thereto; and

(b) other members of the flight crew are familiar with the laws, regulations and procedures as are pertinent to the performance of their respective duties in the operation of the aircraft.

(3) The operator, or a designated representative, shall have responsibility for operational control of operations.

(4) An operator may only delegate responsibility for operational control to –

(a) the pilot-in-command; or

(b) where appropriate, a flight operations officer or flight dispatcher

(5) Where an emergency situation which endangers the safety of the aircraft or of persons –

(a) becomes known first to the flight operations officer or flight dispatcher, the flight operations officer or flight dispatcher shall take necessary action including, where necessary, the notification to the appropriate authorities of the nature of the situation without delay, and requests for assistance where required;

(b) necessitates the taking of action which involves a violation of local regulations or procedures, the pilot-in-command shall notify the appropriate local authority without delay and, where required by the State in which the incident occurs, the pilot-in-command shall submit –

(i) a report on any such violation to the appropriate authority of such State; and

(ii) as soon as possible and normally within ten days, a copy of it to the Authority.

(6) Operators shall ensure that pilots-in-command have available on board the aircraft all the essential information concerning the search and rescue services in the area over which the aircraft will be flown.

(7) Operators shall ensure that flight crew members demonstrate the ability to speak and understand the English language as specified in the Civil Aviation Requirements for Personnel Licensing."

Made this 7th day of February, 2025.

Hon. Bishop Juan A. Edghill
Minister of Public Works