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## CHANGE HISTORY

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### LOG OF VERSIONS

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This document contains a complete listing of all current and past published versions to the eBook.

The most recent changes in this log of versions are **highlighted** below.

#### Volume 1

Version 4.0 - First official version published.

Version 5.0 - Header and footer style updated.

Version 6.0 - New Sections added, Section 5. Inspector's Accessibility to the ICAO-NET Secure Site and Section 6. Departmental Responsibilities over the GACAR Parts. Docket Number [EB20-003] and [EB20-005] Dated 07/09/2021.

Version 7.0 - New Sections added, Section 10. General Rulemaking Procedure. Docket Number [EB2023-001] Dated 03/01/2023.

Version 8.0 - Changing of the title of the GACA eBook to GIPs. Removal of Section 02. Acronyms and Abbreviations and replacing it with Writing Principles for GACA Aviation Standards Regulatory Documents. Update to Chapter 01. Section 01. General Handbook Information and Chapter 02. Section 01. History and Organization of the General Authority of Civil Aviation (GACA), Section 02. The Legislative Framework for Civil Aviation In The KSA, Section 03. Safety Responsibilities of the State and Section 10 General Rulemaking Procedure. Reallocated sections from Volume-10. to Volume-01, Chapter 02 Section 04 ICAO Overview, Section 05. ICAO Objectives and Section 06 ICAO Regional Plans and Aeronautical Information Publications. The addition of Chapter 02. Section 07. Management of ICAO State Letters, Section 08. Management of ICAO Differences, Section 09. Management of FAA Regulations & Guidance Materials Updates, Section 11. GACA Advisory Circulars, Section 12. GACA Safety Bulletins, Section 13. Soliciting Public Comments on Regulatory Amendments and Section 14. Announcement of, and Subscriptions to Aviation Standards Regulatory Amendments Updates. Docket Number [GP23-005] Dated 06/Mar/2023.

Version 9.0 - New Sections added, Section 7. Regulatory Communication and Engagement Policy (RCEP). Docket Number [GP23-012] Dated 18/09/2023.

Version 10.0 - New Sections added in Chapter 02. Section 15. Awareness of GACA Aviation Standards & Environmental Sustainability Regulatory Updates for the purpose of stipulating the GACA AVSES Policies and Procedures for awareness dissemination of any GACA AVSES Regulatory updates toward the concerned GACA AVSES Staff in addition to the affected

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Regulated Entities. Docket Number [GP24-008] Dated 01/04/2024.

Version 11.0 - This Amendment is made to update Volume 01 with applicable information including, the GACA and Aviation Safety & Environmental Sustainability (AVSES) hierarchies, ICAO information, departments responsibilities and the National Transport Safety Center (NTSC) (AIB previously) excerpts in this volume. Docket Number [GP24-010] Dated 29/04/2024.

Version 12.0 - Removal of the term GIP. Docket Number [GP25-007] Dated 08/05/2025.

### **Volume 2**

Version 2.0 - First official version published.

Version 3.0 - Header and footer style updated.

Version 4.0 - Section 2 of Chapter 7 updated to include guidance concerning fatigue risk management systems (FRMS).

Version 5.0 - Affected paragraphs : Volume 2.2.1.5. and APPEDIX A. COMPONENT 1.0. Docket Number [EB21-005] Dated 15/04/2021.

Version 6.0 - Adding new chapters 8, 9, 10 and 11; To provide the policies, practices and procedures for the implementation of GACAR Part 4. Docket Number [EB22-006] Dated 13/06/2022.

Version 7.0 - Adding new element to eBook Volume.02, Chapter 4 Section.01, which will stipulate the designation of an accountable executive as well as his responsibilities and to specify the implementing policies, processes, and procedure for GACAR § 5.25. Docket Number [EB23-004] Dated 19/02/2023.

Version 8.0 -Major amendment to eBook volume.02 to align it with the latest update to ICAO annex 19. The amendment is reflected in the following:

- 1- Applicability of GACAR 5 on GACAR part 21.
- 2- Safety policy requirement about the management commitment towards positive safety culture.
- 3- Safety objective requirement to reflect the certificate holder's commitment to continuously monitoring SMS and safety performance.
- 4- Documenting and communicating safety accountabilities and responsibilities of the certificate holder across the organization.
- 5- Inclusion of safety objectives, SMS requirements, accountability, responsibility, and authorities for SMS processes and procedures.
- 6- Reactive and proactive methods of hazard identification.
- 7- The addition of risk Severity definitions.
- 8- Updated safety risk probability, severity, risk tolerability tables, and safety risk

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matrix.Docket [GP23-009] Dated 20/03/2023.

Version 9.0 - A new section to GACA eBook Volume-2 Chapter-8 to stipulate the GACA “internal” governance throughout the process of Safety Data Collection and Analysis between the GACA safety & Risk Department and the other “domain specialized” departments within the Aviation Safety and Environmental Sustainability Sector. Docket Number [GP24-001] Dated 03/01/2024.

Version 10.0 - Adding a new Section, Section 3. State Safety Risk Profile. Docket Number [GP24-022] Dated 26/08/2024.

Version 11.0 - Adding a new Appendix, Appendix E. Safety Management System effectiveness Checklist. Docket Number [GP24-023] Dated 26/08/2024.

Version 12.0 - This amendment provides a Framework for the management of the KSA Safety Risk Register (SRR). It defines roles and responsibilities, inputs and outputs and the implementation and management mechanisms for the SRR. Docket Number [GP24-004] Dated 11/02/2024.

Version 13.0 - To avoid conflicts of interest, the safety manager should not have any operational responsibilities, and the safety manager acceptance form has been updated. Docket Number [GP24-016] Dated 03/12/2024.

Version 14.0 - Inclusion of guidance material to facilitate safety data and information analysis. The guidance explains the differences between each report type, categories and subcategories classifications using common taxonomies and definitions. Docket Number [GP25-011] Dated 26/02/2025.

Version 15.0 - Amended to change the Safety Risk Profile assessment submission cycle from quarterly to annually, in line with the financial year which ends June 30th, and remove the Safety Risk Profile Internal Review Committee, as this function can be accomplished through other State Safety Plan activities such as the State Safety Risk Profile structure and performance based oversight. Docket Number [GP25-016] Dated 30/09/2025.

### Volume 3

Version 2.0 - First official version published.

Version 3.0 - Header and footer style updated.

Version 4.0 - Header and footer style updated.

Version 5.0 - Affected paragraphs : Volume 3.8.1. and 3.8.2. Docket Number [EB21-001] Dated 02/02/2021.

Version 6.0 - Affected paragraph : Volume 3.1.1.7 adding the text "The meeting may be conducted physically or virtually at the applicant discretion". Docket Number [EB22-002] Dated 10/02/2022.

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Version 7.0 - Motion Picture and Television Filming Operations Authorization is covered jointly with the GACAR regulatory regime, under the same authorization for photography and survey operations. This is done by issuing one OpSpec (A-18) for Part-133 AWOC holders. Based on the experience gained in this area and benchmarks with other leading authorities, it has become evident that this type of operation involves more risk factors than "photography and survey operations." As a result, a separate authorization for Motion Picture and Television Filming Operations has been proposed. This docket proposes the required amendments to the pertinent eBook sections in Volumes 3, 4, 12, and 15, in addition to the proposed amendments to GACAR Part-133 OpSpec templates for the addition of the new OpSec (A-19). Docket Number [GP23-014] Dated 02/01/2024.

Version 8.0 - Amended procedures consequential to the revision of GACAR Part 125 Operations: Noncommercial Operators Using Turbojets, Transport Category Aircraft, Or Commuter Category Airplanes. Docket Number [GP24-014] Dated 24/04/2025.

### **Volume 4**

Version 2.0 - First official version published.

Version 3.0 - Header and footer style updated. Added new Chapters 32 and 33.

Version 4.0 - Corrected Section 3 of Chapter 16 to remove aircraft age limits for wet lease-in.

Version 5.0 - Revised Chapter 4, Sections 2 and 3 to better align fuel and oil supply requirements with GACAR § 121.1381.

Version 6.0 - Adding new chapter (No.34) to Volume No.04 titled "AUTHORIZATION OF E-LEARNING TRAINING PROGRAMS" applicable to all e-learning theoretical training conducted by any GACA regulated entity in compliance with the GACARs requirements. Docket Number [EB21-007] Dated 10/08/2021.

Version 7.0 - The Motion Picture and Television Filming Operations Authorization is covered jointly with the GACAR regulatory regime, under the same authorization for photography and survey operations. This is done by issuing one OpSpec (A-18) for Part-133 AWOC holders. Based on the experience gained in this area and benchmarks with other leading authorities, it has become evident that this type of operation involves more risk factors than "photography and survey operations." As a result, a separate authorization for Motion Picture and Television Filming Operations has been proposed. This docket provides for the required amendments to the pertinent eBook sections in Volumes 3, 4, 12, and 15, in addition to the proposed amendments to GACAR Part-133 OpSpec templates for the addition of the new OpSec (A-19). Docket Number [GP23-014] Dated 02/01/2024.

Version 8.0 - Updating table (4.21.6.11) to stipulate the Rotorcraft Flight Training Curriculum Segments for Part 121 and 135. Docket Number [GP24-013] Dated 15/07/2024.

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Version 9.0 - Amended procedures consequential to the revision of GACAR Part 125 Operations: Noncommercial Operators Using Turbojets, Transport Category Aircraft, Or Commuter Category Airplanes. Docket Number [GP24-014] Dated 24/04/2025.

Version 10.0 - Amended to ensure alignment with revised FAA provisions for evaluating airman certification and type ratings under 14 CFR Parts 61, 63, and 65 by including provisions for both the FAA Practical Test Standards (PTS) and the FAA Airman Certification Standards (ACS), depending on applicability. Docket Number [GP25-020] Dated 07/07/2025.

### **Volume 5**

Version 2.0 - First official version published.

Version 3.0 - Header and footer style updated.

Version 4.0 - Updated Section 7 of Chapter 1 to include ADS-B.

Version 5.0 -

1- Chapter-11 Section-1 Completely revised.

2- Chapter-11 Section-2 New Section.

Version 6.0 - (Updated Version)

1- Chapter-11 Section-1 Completely revised.

2- Chapter-11 Section-2 New Section.

Version 7.0 - This revision is to stipulate the requirements for enabling GACA to issue an authorization allowing helicopters operating under PC2WE. Docket Number [GP24-006] Dated 25/04/2024.

### **Volume 6**

Version 2.0 - First official version published.

Version 3.0 - Header and footer style updated.

Version 4.0 - Added Section 6 to Chapter 2 addressing the airworthiness certification of light-sport aircraft (LSA).

Version 5.0 - Corrected regulatory reference in Appendix B checklist and minor errors in Chapter 2, Section 1, paragraph 6.2.1.11.

Version 6.0 - Removing text "may not be installed by the third party" in chapter 2 Table 6.2.5.1. Refer to docket number: EB 19-001.

Version 7.0 - Updating Table 6.2.5.1. Parts Acceptable for Use on Saudi Arabian-Registered Aircraft. Docket Number [AC 021-02] Dated 24/05/2021.

Version 8.0 - Amended to include new provisions for the following sections:  
Section 1. Aircraft Registration Process and KSA National Aircraft Register

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Section 2. Aircraft Registration – General  
Section 3. Aircraft De-registration  
Section 4. Change in Ownership or Owner’s Particulars  
Section 5. Maintenance of KSA Nation Aircraft Register  
Section 6. Display of Registration Mark  
Docket Number [GP25-001] Dated 07/07/2025.

### **Volume 7**

Version 2.0 - First official version published.  
Version 3.0 - Header and footer style updated.  
Version 4.0 - The existing eBook Volume-7 has been completely revised to reflect the major changes in GACAR Parts 139, 138, and 137. Docket Number [EB22-003] Dated 22/03/2022.  
Version 5.0 - This amendment stipulates an interim methodology for the authorization of Vertiports within the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Docket Number [GP24-025] Dated 22/10/2024.

### **Volume 8**

Version 1.0 - First official version published.  
Version 2.0 - Header and footer style updated.  
Version 3.0 - Header and footer style updated.  
Version 4.0 - Header and footer style updated.  
Version 5.0 - Header and footer style updated.  
Version 6.0 - Several minor changes to improve readability.  
Version 7.0 - Affected Chapter 8.3. Docket Number [EB21-008] Dated 18/08/2021.

### **Volume 9**

Version 3.0 - Header and footer style updated. LSA repairman ratings added in Chapter 5, Section 4.  
Version 4.0 - Revised temporary airman certificates in Chapter 1, Section 5. Added new Section 16 to Chapter 2 to address sport pilot certification.  
Version 5.0 - Revised Chapter 2, Section 11 to removed references to the conversion of foreign Armed Forces pilots from ICAO Contracting States. Corrected regulatory reference in paragraph 9.1.2.3.  
Version 6.0 - Affected paragraph : Volume 9.11.1. Docket Number [EB21-003] Dated 14/02/2021.  
Version 7.0 - Affected paragraph : Volume 9.11.3. Docket Number [EB21-004] Dated 15/02/2021.  
Version 8.0 - Adding Knowledge test application form (GACA AVS\_PEL\_F-61-200), Affected paragraph : Volume 9.2.1.7. Docket Number [EB22-05] Dated 18/04/2022.  
Version 9.0 - Adding new Chapter "CHAPTER 12. CREW MEMBER CERTIFICATE (CMC)",



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Docket Number [EB22-007] Dated 23/06/2022. Adding QR code on Knowledge test report,  
Docket Number [EB22-008] Dated 27/06/2022.

Version 10.0 - Amendment of the policies and procedure relating to the storage and protection of CMC cards (9.12.2.6), Docket Number [EB22-009] Dated 27/10/2022.

Version 11.0 - Amendment to address the establishment and function of the Aviation Medical Committee (9.13), Docket Number [EB23-002] Dated 18/01/2023.

Version 12.0 - Amendment to Paragraph: 9.2.10.3. (B. which addresses the security check for foreigners who apply for a KSA pilot certificate or hold a KSA pilot certificate to go through a security check and verify their foreign pilot and medical licenses for validity purposes.

Furthermore, the passport number and border No. are to be used in the security clearance and thus the addition of item 9.2.10.23. (B (7 PROCEDURES. Docket Number [GP23-007] Dated 10/04/2023.

Version 13.0 - This amendment stipulates the policies and procedures employed by the GACA PEL Department to issue a " Letter of Attestation" to Saudi National applicants who have successfully applied for CPL license conversion and have successfully passed the required GACA CPL license exam. Docket Number [GP24-028] Dated 06/11/2024.

Version 14.0 - Removal of the term GIP. Docket Number [GP25-007] Dated 08/05/2025.

Version 15.0 - Amendment to remove "CHAPTER 12. CREW MEMBER CERTIFICATE (CMC)" as this function is no longer under AVSES sector responsibility. Docket Number [GP25-013] Dated 07/09/2025.

Version 16.0 - Amended to ensure alignment with revised FAA provisions for evaluating airman certification and type ratings under 14 CFR Parts 61, 63, and 65 by including provisions for both the FAA Practical Test Standards (PTS) and the FAA Airman Certification Standards (ACS), depending on applicability. Docket Number [GP25-020] Dated 07/07/2025.

### Volume 10

Version 2.0 - First official version published.

Version 3.0 - Header and footer style updated.

Version 4.0 - Corrected reference error in paragraph 14.5.2.5.

Version 5.0 - Remove References of GACAR Part 127.

Version 6.0 - The removal of eBook Volume -10, Chapter-01 ICAO INFORMATION, Section-1 ICAO Overview, Section-2 ICAO Objectives, and Section-3 ICAO Regional Plans and Aeronautical Information and placing the removed sections into eBook Volume-01, as appropriate. Docket Number [EB23-006] Dated 05/March/2023.

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### **Volume 11**

Version 2.0 - First official version published.

Version 3.0 - Header and footer style updated.

Version 4.0 - Updated Section 1 of Chapter 4 which addresses safety and prevention programs for the problematic use of psychoactive substances.

### **Volume 12**

Version 3.0 - First official version published.

Version 4.0 - Header and footer style updated

Version 5.0 - Added Section 14 to Chapter 15 addressing inspect a repair facility accomplishing composite maintenance and repairs.

Version 6.0 - Corrected error in 12.1.1.9.C.

Version 7.0 - Motion Picture and Television Filming Operations Authorization is covered jointly with the GACAR regulatory regime, under the same authorization for photography and survey operations. This is done by issuing one OpSpec (A-18) for Part-133 AWOC holders. Based on the experience gained in this area and benchmarks with other leading authorities, it has become evident that this type of operation involves more risk factors than "photography and survey operations." As a result, a separate authorization for Motion Picture and Television Filming Operations has been proposed. This docket proposes the required amendments to the pertinent eBook sections in Volumes 3, 4, 12, and 15, in addition to the proposed amendments to GACAR Part-133 OpSpec templates for the addition of the new OpSec (A-19). Docket Number [GP23-014] Dated 02/01/2024.

Version 8.0 - This revision is to stipulate the requirements for enabling GACA to issue an authorization allowing helicopters operating under PC2WE. Docket Number [GP24-006] Dated 25/04/2024.

Version 9.0 - This amendment is made to introduce chapter 22 by adding an additional instructions for Aviation Inspectors and provides information regarding the documentation that will be used when conducting ANS safety oversight activities (audits or inspections) for certificated ANS service providers. Docket Number [GP24-009] Dated 21/04/2024.

Version 10.0 - Categorizing findings into three safety levels. Level 1 and 2 findings will require a root cause analysis. A new findings form was introduced, and all surveillance activities must be documented and archived. Docket Number [GP25-009] Dated 28/01/2025.

Version 11.0 - Amended procedures consequential to the revision of GACAR Part 125 Operations: Noncommercial Operators using Turbojets, Transport Category Aircraft, Or Commuter Category Airplanes. Docket Number [GP24-014] Dated 24/04/2025.



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Version 12.0 - Amended to add provisions to Chapter 21 for Inspectorate staff regarding the conduct of aerodrome surveillance. Docket Number [GP25-008] Dated 22/06/2025.

Version 13.0 - Amended to ensure alignment with revised FAA provisions for evaluating airman certification and type ratings under 14 CFR Parts 61, 63, and 65 by including provisions for both the FAA Practical Test Standards (PTS) and the FAA Airman Certification Standards (ACS), depending on applicability. Docket Number [GP25-020] Dated 07/07/2025.

### **Volume 13**

Version 2.0 - First official version published.

Version 3.0 - Header and footer style updated.

Version 4.0 - Several minor changes to improve readability.

Version 5.0 - This amendment was made to add section 3, which covers “The Aviation Safety & Environmental Sustainability Compliance Enforcement Committee (CEC).” In addition, The Aviation Investigation Bureau (AIB) Regulatory references and paragraphs have been amended to be up to date. Docket [GP23-010], Dated 20/06/2023.

Version 6.0 - This amendment was made to add Chapter-3, Section-3, which introduced the Sanctions Table derived from the relevant KSA Civil Aviation Law’s Articles containing penalty clauses. Docket [GP24-005] Dated 15/02/2024.

### **Volume 14**

Version 3.0 - First official version published.

Version 4.0 - Header and footer style updated.

Version 5.0 - Corrected reference error in paragraph 14.5.2.5.

Version 6.0 - Updating the contents and procedures for the appointments of DARs.

Version 7.0 - Affected paragraphs: Volume 14.8 Docket Number [EB21-002] Dated 25/01/2021.

Version 8.0 - Newly developed full chapter in the Volume-14 chapter 14 includes all the implementing policies and procedures for handling the approval of "designated organizations" for the English Language Proficiency test providers. Docket Number [EB22-004] Dated 07/04/2022.

Version 9.0 - Amended to ensure alignment with revised FAA provisions for evaluating airman certification and type ratings under 14 CFR Parts 61, 63, and 65 by including provisions for both the FAA Practical Test Standards (PTS) and the FAA Airman Certification Standards (ACS), depending on applicability. Docket Number [GP25-020] Dated 07/07/2025.

### **Volume 15**

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Version 3.0 - Header and footer style updated.

Version 4.0 - Added OpSpec D98 (Aircraft Network Security Program) for Part 121. Added OpSpec A117 (Use of Onboard Flight Crew Member Rest Facilities) for Part 121. Added OpSpec A153 (ADS-B OUT Operations) for Parts 91, 121 and 125.

Version 5.0 - Corrected certain wet lease-in cells in table for aircraft lease arrangements for GACAR Part 121 in A28 as described in paragraph 15.3.1.5. Added OpSpec 145.A.900.

Version 6.0 - Remove References of GACAR Part 127.

Version 7.0 -

1- Chapter-3 Section-1 Completely revised.

2- Chapter-4 Section-1 Completely revised.

3- Chapter-5 Section-1 New OpSpecs added.

4- Chapter-6 Section-1 Completely revised.

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Version 9.0 - This revision is to stipulate the requirements for enabling GACA to issue an authorization allowing helicopters operating under PC2WE. Docket Number [GP24-006] Dated 25/04/2024.

Version 10.0 - Amended procedures consequential to the revision of GACAR Part 125 Operations: Noncommercial Operators Using Turbojets, Transport Category Aircraft, Or Commuter Category Airplanes. Docket Number [GP24-014] Dated 24/04/2025.

Version 11.0 - Editorial amendment to update incorrect reference to Electronic Flight Bag (EFB) within OpSpec A117, as this OpSpec is not related to (EFB). Docket Number [GP25-012] Dated 18/08/2025.

### Volume 16

Version 1.0 - First official version published. Docket Number [GP24-021] Dated 04/03/2024.

### Volume 17

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Version 1.0 - First official version published. Docket Number [EB21-006] Dated 09/08/2021.

### **Volume 18**

Version 1.0 - This is the first edition and introduces two new categories of operations with unmanned aircraft: Open Category and Specific Category of Operations. It provides implementation policies, processes and procedures directing the activities of GACA UAS staff responsible for unmanned aircraft registration, remote pilot certification, approval of UAS operations, UAS operator certification and designation of representatives of the GACA. It also provides information to all regulated entities under GACAR Part-107 on the implementation policies, processes, and procedures that are applied to those entities by GACA. Docket Number [GP24-027] Dated 13/03/2025.