
GACAR PART 39 – AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVES

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SUBPART A

§ 39.1 Purpose.

The regulations in this part provide—

- (a) The determination of which airworthiness directives are applicable to aircraft registered in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia;
- (b) The legal framework for the General Authority of Civil Aviation’s (GACA) system of airworthiness directives;
- (c) The determination of which alternative methods of compliance issued by the GACA Recognized Foreign NAA (as in § 21.2), or State of Design are GACA approved; and
- (d) The explanation of how to apply for an alternative method of compliance to an applicable airworthiness directive.

§ 39.3 General.

- (a) No person may operate an aircraft to which an airworthiness directive applies except in accordance with the requirements of that airworthiness directive. Anyone who operates a product that does not meet the requirements of an applicable airworthiness directive is in violation of this section. If the requirements of an airworthiness directive are not met, the person violates GACAR § 39.3 each time it operates the aircraft or use the product.
- (b) An airworthiness directive applies to each product identified in the airworthiness directive, even if an individual product has been changed by modifying, altering, or repairing it in the area addressed by the airworthiness directive.

§ 39.5 Applicable Airworthiness Directives.

- (a) The following airworthiness directives are applicable to aircraft registered in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia:

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(1) All airworthiness directives issued by the GACA Recognized Foreign NAA (as in § 21.2) that are applicable to the aircraft type or the aircraft engines, propellers, and articles that are part of the aircraft type design;

(2) All airworthiness directives issued by the state of design for the aircraft type and its aircraft engines, propellers, and articles that are applicable to the aircraft type; and

(3) All airworthiness directives issued by the GACA that are applicable to the aircraft type.

(b) In the event of conflict among the mandatory actions specified in paragraph (a) of this section, the affected person must contact the GACA within 24 hours of notice to—

(1) Explain the conflict, and

(2) Request further instruction from the GACA.

The GACA will respond in writing with further instruction to ensure compliance with this part.

§ 39.7 Conflict Between the Airworthiness Directive and a Related Service Document.

In the event of conflict between a service document and the airworthiness directive, the affected person must comply with the airworthiness directive.

§ 39.9 GACA Issuance of Airworthiness Directives.

(a) The GACA issues an airworthiness directive addressing a product or article when it determines that:

(1) An unsafe condition exists in the product or article,

(2) The condition is likely to exist or develop in other products or articles of the same type design, and

(3) The GACA Recognized NAA (as in § 21.2), or the state of design has not issued an airworthiness directive that addresses the specific safety concerns of the GACA.

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(b) All airworthiness directives issued in accordance with (a) of this section are to be transmitted to the State of Design and the State of Design of Modification.

(c) Security-sensitive airworthiness directives are transmitted confidentially to the State of Design, the State of Design of Modification, and the recognized National Civil Aviation Authority.

§ 39.11 Airworthiness Directives are Part of the General Authority of Civil Aviation Regulation (GACAR).

Airworthiness directives are part of the GACAR and are considered as amendments to GACAR § 39.11.

§ 39.13 GACA Approval of an Alternative Method of Compliance (AMOC) or Change in Compliance Time.

(a) A person must obtain a GACA approval of an AMOC or change in compliance time if a change in a product or article affects the ability of the person to accomplish the actions required by the airworthiness directive.

(b) A person may address the unsafe condition in a way other than that set out in the airworthiness directive provided the AMOC or the change in compliance time is approved by the GACA.

(c) All AMOCs or changes in compliance times issued by the GACA Recognized Foreign NAA (as in § 21.2), or the state of design are GACA approved.

§ 39.15 Issue of Special Flight Permits.

A special flight permit may be issued for an aircraft to fly to a repair facility to complete the work required by an airworthiness directive provided the aircraft is capable of safe flight. An applicant for a special flight permit must comply with GACAR § 21.181.