

# ADVISORY CIRCULAR

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**NOTE: THIS ADVISORY CIRCULAR IS PUBLISHED TO PROVIDE REGULATORY INFORMATION.**

## CHAPTER 1 – INTRODUCTION

### **1.1 Purpose.**

The purpose of this advisory circular is to provide information to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabian aviation industry on the the GACA advisory circular system. GACA advisory circulars are published to facilitate understanding the General Authority of Civil Aviation Regulations (GACAR) and to promote compliance with the regulatory requirements contained within the GACAR.

### **1.2 Applicability.**

This advisory circular is applicable to any interested person and all regulated entities under the GACAR.

### **1.3 Cancellation.**

This is the first official version of this advisory circular and it cancels no other advisory circulars.

### **1.4 Related Regulatory Provisions.**

None.

### **1.5 Related Reading Material.**

None.

### **1.6 Definitions of Terms Used in this Advisory Circular.**

This advisory circular does not introduce any new terms.

### **1.7 Approval.**

This advisory circular has been approved for publication by the Assistant President, Safety, Security

and Air Transport Sector of the General Authority of Civil Aviation.

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## CHAPTER 2 – GACA ADVISORY CIRCULARS

### 2.1 General.

GACA advisory circulars (AC) are published in order to provide important information to regulated entities. Specifically, GACA advisory circulars are published for the following two purposes:

1. To provide regulatory information that further elaborates on provisions or concepts prescribed in the GACAR; and/or
2. To describe acceptable means of compliance with specific regulatory provisions prescribed in the GACAR.

The purpose(s) for which any GACA advisory circular is published is always noted on the first page of each advisory circular immediately below the block that contains the title, number, issue date and version of the advisory circular.

GACA advisory circulars are advisory in nature and may not prescribe new or amended regulatory requirements. New or amended GACAR requirements are used for that purpose. A good example of why and how the GACA advisory circular is used to complement the regulations concerns the application procedures for almost all certificates issued under the GACAR. Generally, the rule language associated with application procedures includes a statement similar in meaning to "Persons must apply in a form and manner acceptable to the President". The rule language does not actually prescribe the details of what "form and manner" is acceptable to the President. In the GACA regulatory framework, the GACA advisory circular is used for this purpose. The GACA advisory circular will describe an acceptable means of compliance for the application. This means of compliance is one means, but not the only means, of complying with a rule. In general, the advisory circular will describe the preferred means. Persons are always free to propose other means of compliance with a regulation but they are cautioned that means of compliance other than the acceptable means described in GACA advisory circulars are considered by the GACA to be "non-standard" and may require an assessment that could be time consuming.

### 2.2 Numbering System.

Each GACA advisory circular is assigned a unique identifier. The identifier includes two components - the series and the number. The series component is a three-digit number corresponding to the GACAR part to which the subject of the advisory circular is associated. The number component is a two-digit number that uniquely identifies the advisory circular within the series. Advisory circulars of a general nature not specifically associated with a single GACAR part are assigned the series 000.

Examples of several GACA advisory circulars to illustrate the numbering system are as follows:

GACA AC 000-05 addresses the payment of fees and charges for all applications and services under the GACAR.

GACA AC 005-01 addresses safety management systems as prescribed in GACAR Part 5.

GACA AC 021-05 addresses the airworthiness certification of light-sport aircraft as prescribed in GACAR Part 21.

GACA AC 047-01 addresses aircraft registration as prescribed in GACAR Part 47.

Each GACA advisory circular is also assigned a version number that increases upon each subsequent revision to that advisory circular.

### **2.3 Relevance of FAA Advisory Circulars.**

In some specific cases, advisory circulars published by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) of the United States are considered acceptable for use in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. GACA AC 000-02 provides further information on this subject.

## CHAPTER 3 – FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

### 3.1 Responsible Department(s).

The Legislation Department of the GACA Safety, Security and Air Transport Sector is the department responsible for publishing and maintaining advisory circulars.

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