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TO THE SERVICE PROVIDERS, GACA CERTIFICATE HOLDERS AND
OPERATORS OF SAUDI ARABIAN REGISTERED AIRCRAFT

SUBJECT: CIVIL AVIATION SAFETY REGULATIONS OF THE GENERAL
AUTHORITY OF CIVIL AVIATION OF KINGDOM OF SAUDI
ARABIA

In accordance with the Civil Aviation Act of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) as approved by the Council of Ministers Resolution No. 185 dated 17/07/1426H and issued by the Royal Decree No. M/44 dated 18/07/1426H. (23/08/2005G), and based on the authority granted in Article 179 of the Act, the General Authority of Civil Aviation (GACA) of KSA has promulgated Civil Aviation Safety Regulations. These Regulations are issued under the authority of the President of General Authority of Civil Aviation, as a duly delegated representative of the GACA Board of Directors, in accordance with Order No.T-41, dated 30/12/1429H (28/12/2008G).

The GACA promulgated Civil Aviation Safety Regulations provide an appropriate and comprehensive framework for regulating civil aviation activities in KSA. The regulations contain definition and implementation of technical requirements and procedures in the field of civil aviation. The Standards and Recommended Practices (SARP's) contained in the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) annexes and the technical information in its related documents and publications, GACA aviation safety provisions, and other regional and international civil aviation organizations form the main source in the promulgation of GACA Civil Aviation Safety Regulations.

GACA has adopted aviation safety regulations of the United States of America regarding Personnel Licensing, Aircraft Operation, Airworthiness of Aircraft, and Environmental Protection through the Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) including its supporting handbooks, manuals, Advisory Circulars (ACs), Directives, policies, guidance material, Orders, Notices - as amended, to be GACA Regulations (GACAR) – Sections 1, 6, 8, and 16. The adoption of the United States aviation safety regulations for these Sections is based on GACA Board of Directors Order No. T- 4-26 and dated 28/08/1428H (10/09/2007G). These adopted regulations will be part of GACAR, taking into consideration the operational requirements of the kingdom, until GACA develops its own regulations for these areas.

Wherever a reference is indicated in the above adopted United States of America Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), the Administrator, FAA Regional Offices or Divisions or any other organization or entity unique to the United States of America, the reference is to be substituted with the GACA Safety and Economic Regulation (S&ER) Sector, and it's Departments/Divisions responsible for the adopted regulation.



The GACA promulgated Civil Aviation Safety Regulations comprise the following sections:

- Section 1 - Personnel Licensing (GACAR/FAR)
- Section 2 - Rules of the Air
- Section 3 - Meteorological Service for Air Navigation
- Section 4 - Aeronautical Charts
- Section 5 - Units of Measurement to be used in Air and Ground Operations
- Section 6 - Operation of Aircraft (GACAR/FAR)
 - Volume I – Commercial Air Transport - Aeroplanes
 - Volume II – General Aviation - Aeroplanes
 - Volume III – Helicopters Operations
- Section 7 - Aircraft Nationality and Registration Marks
- Section 8 - Airworthiness of Aircraft (GACAR/FAR)
- Section 9 - Facilitation
- Section 10 - Aeronautical Telecommunications
 - Part A – Communications Systems
 - Part B – Navigation Systems
 - Part C - Surveillance Radar Equipment & Systems
- Section 11 - Air Traffic Services
- Section 12 - Search and Rescue
- Section 13 - Aircraft Accident and Incident Investigation
- Section 14 - Aerodromes
 - Volume I – Aerodrome Design and Operation
 - Volume II – Heliports
- Section 15 - Aeronautical Information Services
- Section 16 - Environmental Protection (GACAR/FAR)
 - Volume I – Aircraft Noise
 - Volume II – Aircraft Engine Emissions
- Section 17 - Aviation Security (RESERVED)
- Section 18 - The Safe Transportation of Dangerous Goods by Air
- Section 21 - Safety Management System
- Section 22 - ANS Safety Oversight Requirements

The GACA is responsible for the publishing and distribution of all GACA Regulations so that all Service Providers, GACA Certificate Holders and Operators of Saudi Arabian registered aircraft are able to obtain a copy and comply with their contents as applicable within the effective date of the Regulation. These regulations and GACA Circulars are published at GACA official website:

<http://www.gaca.gov.sa>

GACA Regulations

Any inquiries or feedback concerning GACA Regulations shall be addressed to VP GACA-S&ER, Fax No. +966-2-6855284.

The GACA Regulations will be periodically reviewed to reflect the latest updates of ICAO SARPs; it will be also amended to reflect the latest aviation safety provisions issued by GACA and other regional and international civil aviation organizations. A complete revised edition incorporating all amendments will be published every three years from the original effective date of this regulation.



Any differences between GACA Regulations Sections and ICAO annexes SARP's will be reported to ICAO and reflected in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Aeronautical Information Publications (AIP's).

on behalf of
President, General Authority of Civil Aviation,
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