



## **GACA Circular No. R-27-2015**

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**TO:** Air Operator Certificate holders (Operating under GACAR/FAR PART 121)

**SUBJECT:** Pilot Qualifications

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 following 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 General Authority of Civil Aviation is not adopting the FAR 121.436. However, Air Operator Certificate holders (operating under GACAR/FAR PART 121), shall adhere to the following:

- (a) No certificate holder may use nor may any pilot act as pilot in command of an aircraft (or as second in command of an aircraft in a flag or supplemental operation that requires three or more pilots) unless the pilot:
  - (1) Holds an airline transport pilot certificate not subject to the limitations in §61.167 of GACA/FAR Part 61.
  - (2) Holds an appropriate aircraft type rating for the aircraft being flown.
- (b) No certificate holder may use nor may any pilot act as a pilot in a capacity other than those specified in paragraph (a) unless the pilot holds at least a commercial pilot certificate with appropriate category and class ratings for the aircraft concerned with an instrument rating and Second in command type rating.
- (c) Notwithstanding the requirements of § 61.63 (b) and (c) of GACA/FAR Part 61, a pilot who is currently enrolled in an air carrier approved training program and meets applicable training requirements of subpart N of GACA/FAR Part 121, and the proficiency check requirements of GACA/FAR § 121.441, may be issued the appropriate category and class ratings by presenting proof of compliance with those requirements to GACA.

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