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Flight Data Recorder Requirements of Visiting United States Aircraft



1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Operations Notice is to advise operators that the Bermuda Civil Aviation Authority (BCAA) formally accepts the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) filed differences to the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) with respect to equipage of aeroplanes with Flight Data Recorders (FDRs).

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 In 2017, the BCAA were in discussion with the Avionics Branch, AFS-360 of the FAA over the issues surrounding the United States (US) filed differences to the ICAO SARPs with respect to the equipage of aeroplanes with FDRs. It was established that the FAA does not require FDRs based solely on weight criterion. It was agreed that the wording of the FAA filed differences to ICAO Standard 6.3.1.2.9 was somewhat ambiguous and has since been rewritten and submitted to ICAO to reflect the true intent.

- 2.2 The FAA have now filed difference to the following ICAO Annex 6 Part 1 SARPs:

- 6.3.1.1.1
- 6.3.1.1.3
- 6.3.1.1.4
- 6.3.1.1.6
- 6.3.1.1.8

3 INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Therefore, the BCAA will accept visiting US carriers operating under FAR Part 135 in accordance with the filed differences to the ICAO SARPs as follows:
- Turbine-engine powered aeroplanes having a seating capacity of 10-19 seats that were first registered in the US or were registered outside the United States and added to the operator's FAA operations specifications prior to 11 October 1991 are not required to be fitted with a Flight Data Recorder;
 - Turbine-engine powered airplanes having a passenger seating configuration, excluding any required crewmember seat, of 9 or fewer seats, regardless of aircraft mass are not required to be fitted with a Flight Data Recorder;
 - All multi-engine, turbine-powered airplanes having a passenger seating capacity of 20-30 seats, regardless of registration date are required to be fitted with a Flight Data Recorder.

4 ENQUIRIES

- 4.1 Enquiries regarding the content of this Notice should be addressed to the BCAA. Enquiries can be sent by email to flightops@bcaa.bm.

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