

ELT Coding for Operators of Bermuda Registered Aircraft Under Article 83 *bis*

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Airworthiness Notice provides guidance for Emergency Locator Transmitter (ELT) coding for Bermuda registered aircraft operated under an Article 83 *bis* Agreement.
- 1.2 Prior to 1st January 2016 Bermuda registered aircraft placed on an Article 83 *bis* Agreement utilized the ELT coding of Bermuda. Subsequently, Bermuda registered aircraft placed on an Article 83 *bis* Agreement were instructed to utilize the ELT coding of the State of the Operator.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Prior to 1st January 2016, ELT's were coded to the State of Registry, using Bermuda code 310. ICAO has now published a Manual on the Implementation of Article 83 *bis* of the Convention on International Civil Aviation (DOC 10059). Section 5.5 of the Manual provides guidance on the coding of Emergency Locator Transmitters under an Article 83 *bis* Agreement. As outlined in the Manual, if an aircraft will operate under an Article 83 *bis* Agreement for an extended period of time, the country code of the State of the Operator should be utilized to code the ELTs. This is especially important where the State of Registry and State of the Operator are located some distance apart or where there may be communication difficulties between the search and rescue authorities and the operator.

3 INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Owners and Operators are directed to contact the appropriate officials of the State of the Operator for instructions on the appropriate coding for that State.
- 3.2 Subject to no objection by the State of the Operator, aircraft currently utilizing the ELT coding of Bermuda may continue to do so until the aircraft is removed from the Article 83 *bis* Agreement.

4 ENQUIRIES

- 4.1 Enquiries regarding the content of this Notice should be addressed to the Bermuda Civil Aviation Authority. Enquiries can be sent by email to info@bcaa.bm.



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