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Dear Operator

The Bermuda Civil Aviation Authority has been in discussion with the Avionics Branch, AFS-360 of the Federal Aviation Administration over the issues surrounding the U.S. filed differences to the I.C.A.O. Standards and Recommended Practices with respect to the equipage of aeroplanes with Flight Data Recorders (FDR).

It has been agreed that the U.S. difference wording to I.C.A.O. Standard 6.3.1.2.9 is somewhat ambiguous and will therefore be rewritten to reflect the true intent. Therefore, with effect from the date of this letter, the Bermuda Civil Aviation Authority **will accept** visiting FAR Part 135 Operators:

1. With turbine-engined aeroplanes for which the individual certificate of airworthiness was first issued before 1 January 1987, with a maximum take-off mass of over 5,700 kg that are not fitted with a FDR.
2. Additionally, turbine-engine powered aeroplanes having a seating capacity of 10-19 seats that were registered in the U.S. prior to 11 October 1991 are also exempt from this requirement.

The Bermuda C.A.A. have also been advised by the F.A.A. that differences to I.C.A.O. Standards 6.3.1.2.4 and 6.3.1.2.6 will shortly be filed. Based on that assurance, all aeroplanes with a maximum take-off mass over 5,700 kg up to a maximum certified take-off mass of 27,000 kg, will also be exempt from being equipped with a FDR.

If you wish further clarification on these matters, please contact me.




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