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## Flight Time Limitations (FTL) Variations

**This Operational Directive contains information that is intended for mandatory compliance.**

Recipients are asked to ensure that this Operational Directive is copied to all members of their staff who may have an interest in the information (including any 'in-house' or contracted maintenance organisations and relevant outside contractors).

### 1. Reason and Explanation

- 1.1 UK CAP 371, adopted by the Authority, regulating flight time limitations, allows Operators in exceptional circumstances, to apply to have a variation from the standard provisions included in their schemes.
- 1.2 The purpose of this Operational Directive is to provide the application arrangements for such variation application.
- 1.3 The contents and requirement of this Operational Directive was previously issued by Safety Directive SD 2018-12 issued 18<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

### 2. Operational Directive and Applicability

- 2.1 The Authority, in exercise of its powers under regulation 85 of the Civil Aviation (Safety) Regulations 2017, directs the operator ('a specified operator') of any aircraft which is:
  - (a) registered in the Seychelles; and
  - (b) conducting Commercial Air Transport operations:to comply with the requirements set out in paragraphs 3 and 5 of this directive.

### 3. Requirement: Applications for FTL Variations

- 3.1 Applications for permanent variations where the operator would like to cater for a long-term variations shall be made by letter at least four weeks (20 working days) in advance accompanied by the relevant Operations Manual Proposed Amendment.
- 3.2 The Operator should provide supporting evidence that an equivalent level of safety can be achieved for any variation. This shall include a risk assessment and compensating mitigation proposals.

- 3.3 A clear distinction should be drawn between the issue of a new flight times limitation approval and the use of a variation by the Operator. The variation is for just one section of the scheme while the approval covers the entire flight time limitation scheme.

#### **4 Actions by the Authority**

- 4.1 Request for FTL variations are referred to the UK CAA under the Desktop Advisory Service for assessment using the SAFE toolkit.

#### **5 Subsequent actions by the Operator**

- 5.1 Following approval of the FTL Variation and associated Operations Manual Amendment, the Operator shall ensure that the Operations Manual is revised/amended before use of the variation is made. This amendment may be either in the form of a change to the main manual or by use of a flight crew notice.

#### **6. Queries**

- 6.1 Any queries as a result of this Operational Directive should be addressed to Head of Flight Operations and Flight Crew Licensing Inspectorate at the following e-mail address: [hfo@scaa.sc](mailto:hfo@scaa.sc)

#### **7. Revocation and Commencement**

- 7.1 This Operational Directive comes into force **27<sup>th</sup> May 2019** and will remain in force until revoked by the Authority.

Head Flight Operations and Flight Crew Licensing Inspectorate