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SUBJECT:
MANDATORY NATIONAL REGULATIONS FOR FOREIGN OPERATORS OPERATING WITHIN EMIRATES FIR

REFERENCE PUBLICATION:
CAR-FOR

REASON:
The GCAA has observed that some operators of foreign registered aircraft are lacking compliance from with CAR-FOR while operating within the Emirates FIR due to their “un-familiarisation” with GCAA regulation.

This Safety Alert is issued to:
a) ensure that operators of foreign registered aircraft has upgraded their system to comply with UAE mandatory regulations when operating within EMIRATES FIR; and
b) recommend operators of foreign registered aircraft to subscribe to GCAA notification services to ensure they can remain abreast with last regulatory changes proposed or adopted in the UAE.

This Safety Alert is information only. At this time, the safety concern described in this Safety Alert does not warrant the issuance of a Safety Decision or a change on the regulation. However, it is the responsibility of the concerned organisations to implement them and the GCAA may verify the means concerned organisations have established to: (1) comply with CAR-PART IV FOR; and (2) prevent any occurrence of the safety concern described in this Safety Alert.

RECOMMENDATION:
Recommendation No.1
Operators of foreign registered aircraft should review their system1 to ensure that compliance with CAR-FOR is mandatory when operating within EMIRATES FIR, in particular compliance with the minimum aircraft instruments and equipment as mandated by GCAA regulation must be ensured - e.g.:

- All aircraft, operating within Emirates FIR shall be equipped with, as a minimum, RNAV equipment meeting RNAV 1 (GNSS) having the capabilities as set out in CAR-OPS 1.653 ‘GNSS’ and secondary surveillance radar (SSR) transponder having the capabilities as set out in CAR-OPS 1.866 ‘Transponder equipment’,
- carriage of Airborne Collision Avoidance System – ACAS II with software version 7.1, etc.; and

1 It is reminded that the GCAA may impose operational restrictions, which could include ban of operations within Emirates FIR, if non-compliances against CAR-FOR exists.
Recommendation No.2
Operators of foreign registered aircraft should subscribe to the UAE GCAA e-publication service to ensure that they are notified of any changes to the UAE rules and hence providing them better capability to plan and implement those changes prior to operations within Emirates FIR.

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