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SUBJECT:

Crew members at stations

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CAR-OPS 1.310

CAR-OPS 1.1255

CATEGORY:

Attention and Recommendation

APPLICABILITY:

All UAE AOC/POC Holders

Description:

There is a need to further enhance the requirements on crew members at stations as stated in CAR-OPS 1.310 following recent events that affected aircraft safety.

As mandated by CAR-OPS 1.310, each flight crew member required to be on flight deck duty shall remain at his station unless his/her absence is necessary for the performance of his/her duties in connection with the operation, or for physiological needs provided at least one suitably qualified pilot remains at the controls of the aeroplane at all times.

Recommendation:

After reassessment of the above rule and following internal and external consultation, the GCAA recommends the following:

1. Operators to re-assess the safety and security risks associated with flight crew members leaving the flight crew compartment due to operational or physiological needs during non-critical phases of flight.
2. Flight crew members required to be on flight deck duty should take all necessary precautions to limit their absence from the cockpit.



3. If deemed necessary and based on the assessment, operators may implement procedures on two-person cockpit rule requiring at least two persons to be in the flight crew compartment at all times. The relief person can be any member of the flight crew or cabin crew or an engineer.
4. However, it is important to stress that persons other than flight crew allowed in the cockpit do not introduce a different risk into the flight deck given that cabin crew or engineer, under normal circumstances, do not receive the same training to operate the lock/unlock means of the cockpit door and on the cockpit door surveillance system required by CAR-OPS 1.1255.
5. Any additional risks stemming from the introduction of such procedures or measures should be assessed and mitigated through the management of change process under the AOC/POC SMS.

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