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SUBJECT:

ALLEGED EXAMINATION FRAUD AT A EASA PART-147 MAINTENANCE TRAINING ORGANISATION, HELLENIC AVIATION TRAINING ACADEMY

REFERENCE PUBLICATIONS:

EASA SIB No.: 2014-32R1

REASON:

EASA recently revised its SIB No.: 2014-32R1 to provide the International Community with details of the investigation on alleged examination fraud at Hellenic Aviation Training Academy (HATA) a EASA Part-147 Maintenance Training Organisation.

The revised SIB informs that the Hellenic Civil Aviation Authority (HCAA) have not been conclusive with respect to the examinations performed by HATA. The European Commission (EC), therefore, has issued a Commission Decision that recognition, as foreseen in Article 11(1) of the EU Basic Regulation, of certain HATA Certificates of Recognition CoRs and subsequent EASA Part-66 licences no longer applies. The Commission Decision:

- mandates to re-assess all licences that are issued on the basis of HATA certificates of recognition for basic knowledge examination on technical modules. This implies checking all Part-66 licences, to find possible licences issued with HATA certificates, irrespective of the names on the list of HATA candidates;
- mandates to report the results; and
- allows to accept new applications with HATA CoRs, subject to an additional evaluation.

Considering that the GCAA may convert EASA Part 66 Licences to CAR 66 Licence without further requirement for submission of the CoR required by EASA Part 66, the GCAA is not in the capacity to reach those licence holders and recommends the following.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendation 1:

Organisations, employing CAR-66 Licence Holders, should:

- (a) Communicate the elements of Recommendation No. 2 to UAE licence Holders they employ;*
- (b) Review all CAR-66 licences issued or amended on the basis of a EASA Part-66 licence to determine if the EASA Part-66 licence has been issued or amended on the basis of HATA CoRs for examination in technical modules and report to the GCAA accordingly; and*



(b) suspend the authorisation of those concerned Licence Holders to exercise the privileges of their UAE licences until further notice.

Recommendation 2:

UAE licence holders of a CAR-66 licence issued or amended on the basis of conversion of a EASA Part-66 licence issued or amended on the basis of HATA CoRs for examination in technical modules are expected to:

- a) Inform the GCAA and the approved organisation(s) they work for;*
- b) Not exercise the privileges of that licence until the GCAA has evaluated their level of knowledge in the affected technical modules;*
- c) Assist the GCAA in the investigation of their level of knowledge; and*
- d) Provide available information to the GCAA regarding fraud, cheating, low level of knowledge of EASA Part-66 licence holders, or improper EASA Part-147 examinations.*

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