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UAE General Civil Aviation Authority

INFORMATION BULLETIN

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SUBJECT : General Outlines for GCAA Approach in Adopting New/Amended Safety Regulations in 2012

ORIGINATOR : Safety Policy Regulation and Planning Department

STATUS : INFORMATIVE

ADDRESSED TO : ALL AVIATION INDUSTRY

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1. PURPOSE

This IB provides information to the aviation industry regarding the approach, in broad terms; the GCAA will adopt to promulgate new/amended safety regulations starting from the second quarter of 2012.

2. APPLICABILITY

This IB applies to all GCAA Safety Affairs approved organizations required to comply with Safety Regulations.

3. CANCELLATION

Nil



4. APPROACH

The following policy will apply when the GCAA Safety Affairs Sector promulgates new/amended safety related Civil Aviation Regulations and Civil Aviation Advisory Publications:

- Where there is an established joint Consultative Committee between the GCAA and the industry such as Commercial Air Transport, Licensing, Airworthiness, ATC, CNS Committees etc., the GCAA discusses with Consultative Committees major revisions or introduction of new regulations, before an NPA is published. A draft is circulated among the committee members
- A new CAAP may not always require Consultative Committees consultation, but will always be published as an NPA.
- Consultation with members of Consultative Committees will involve the need for a Regulatory Impact Assessment before the NPA process. The GCAA makes the final decision concerning whether or not, an RIA is required. An impact Assessment may require industry involvement, especially concerning safety impact and economic impact assessments.
- The GCAA will agree with the Consultative Committees members on the timeline required to receive their comments on the initial draft.
- The GCAA will vet the comments and publish NPA accordingly.
- The Period of NPA will be commensurate with the degree of change as assessed by GCAA.
- Industry Comments on NPAs will be posted on-line on the GCAA website. These Comments will be vetted by the GCAA prior to publishing them on the website. The comments and the responses will be viewable on the on-line Comments Response Document.
- Once the Commenting period is over, The GCAA will publish the new amended CAR or CAAP on the website. No comments will be accepted for incorporation after the expiry of the commenting period. However, such comments will be considered for subsequent revisions.
- The Superseded Safety regulations and publications will be transferred to the Historical e-publications tab which will be created on the website in 2012.

Amendments control:

- **Issue:** An Issue number and date is given for each new regulation or after a major change that normally follows an NPA process. Every subsequent Issue will have Rev. 00 status.
- **Revision:** Revision numbers will change when a regulation undergoes minor changes which do not require an NPA process. Such revisions may arise from necessity to carry out changes to avoid contradictions, correct typo errors, formatting, editorial changes, compliance with an ICAO requirement that doesn't require drastic changes.

Each revision will have a revision date and a revision number on footer; hence, it could be possible that an Issue date may be different than the revision date. A particular Issue may maintain its issue number as long as it doesn't undergo a major change, but the revision numbers will change with every minor revision.

Existing regulations will be progressively given issue and revision numbers in accordance with the above criteria.

5. SUBSCRIPTIONS

GCAA Approved organizations are responsible for subscribing to the GCAA regulations notification services and for updating the GCAA (on regulations@gcaa.gov.ae) with any changes regarding the recipient(s) email addresses in order to receive publications notifications.

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