



Seychelles Civil Aviation Authority

# OPERATIONAL DIRECTIVE



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**27 May 2019**

## Validity of Operational Flight Plans

**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 During the course of safety oversight audits, the Authority has encountered cases where obsolete Operational Flight Plans have been utilised for the purpose of repetitive flights and Operational Flight Plans that have been used that were derived during a significant period prior to the flight.
- 1.1 CAT.OP.MPA.175 requires operators to produce an acceptable Operational Flight Plan which includes fuel assessments. CAT.OP.MPA.260, SPO.OP.130/131, NCC.OP.130/131 and NCO.OP.130/131 requires the fuel assessment to be made in accordance with the "expected meteorological conditions". In this case, it refers to the utilisation of current weather forecasts at the time of flight planning for the expected period and duration of the flight.
- 1.2 In the majority of cases for long haul flights, the 24 hour forecast is used to generate the required information. This forecast is updated every 12 hours.
- 1.3 The purpose of this Operational Directive is to set a requirement for generation of Operational Flight Plans within 12 hours of the intended flight by operators conducting operations under Part CAT, SPO, NCC and NCO to ensure compliance to CAT.OP.MPA.260, SPO.OP.130/131, NCC.OP.130/131 and NCO.OP.130/131.
- 1.4 The contents and requirement of this Operational Directive was previously issued by Safety Directive SD 2018-03 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 operations under Part CAT, SPO, NCC and NCO:to comply with the requirements set out in paragraphs 3 of this directive.

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**3. Requirement: Validity of Operational Flight Plans**

- 3.1 Operators shall ensure that Operational Flight Plans are generated within 12 hours prior to the intended flight. This policy shall ensure that it captures the most recent weather forecasts for fuel planning purposes.
- 3.2 Operators shall state a policy consistent with this Directive in regards to the validity of Operational Flight Plans in the Operations Manual.

**4. Queries**

- 4.1 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)

**5. Revocation and Commencement**

- 5.1 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