



Seychelles Civil Aviation Authority

OPERATIONAL DIRECTIVE



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Boeing 737-8 “MAX” and Boeing 737-9 “MAX” Limitation of Operations

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 External reports are drawing similarities between an Ethiopian Airlines Boeing Model 737-8 “MAX” aircraft accident on 10 March 2019 and Lion Air flight 610 on 29 October 2018 involving the same type of aircraft. At this stage the cause of the accident is not known as investigation into its cause has just begun.
- 1.3 Given the similarity of the two accidents, it has been decided that as a precautionary measure that all Boeing 737-8 “MAX” and Boeing 737-9 “MAX” operations in the Seychelles, whether by Seychelles AOC holders or foreign AOC holders and carriers, should stop until appropriate safeguards are in place. This is needed to assure the Authority that the aircraft involved are fully compliant with internationally recognised standards.
- 1.3 This Operational Directive is OD is made in the interests of safety of operation and to protect the public following the accident of an Ethiopian Airlines Boeing Model 737-8 “MAX” aircraft on 10 March 2019.
- 1.4 The contents and requirement of this Operational Directive was previously issued by Safety Directive SD 2019-01 issued 13th March 2019.

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; or

(b) registered in another State

to comply with the requirements set out in paragraphs 3 of this directive.

3. Requirement: Boeing 737-8 “MAX” and Boeing 737-9 “MAX” Limitation of Operations

- 3.1 Boeing 737-8 “MAX” and Boeing 737-9 “MAX” aircraft shall not conduct any flights after 12:00 UTC hrs on 13 March 2019 in the Seychelles airspace/FIR.

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

5. Revocation and Commencement

- 5.1 This Operational Directive comes into force **27th May 2019** and will remain in force until revoked by the Authority.

Head Flight Operations and Flight Crew Licensing Inspectorate