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Subject: Instructions for seating in passenger transport aircraft

1. INTRODUCTION

In order to ensure correct loading of aircraft and keeping its centre of gravity of aircraft within limits at all times during flight, it is necessary that row numbers and seat numbers are allocated to all passengers traveling in a public transport aircraft.

The allotment of specific seat numbers will ensure that the boarding of aircraft is carried out in a smooth and orderly manner and that there is no confusion as to which seats the passengers are required to occupy. In addition, such allocation of seat numbers will also facilitate quick head-count of passengers for tallying with passenger manifest entries as and when required. Furthermore, in the unlikely event of an aircraft accident or in the case of unlawful interference with the aircraft, the seat numbers allotted to individual passengers will assist follow-up action/ investigation.

Allotment of specific seat numbers will also help airline staff to properly position handicapped or physically infirm or aged passengers to convenient seats for ease of boarding, disembarkation or use of aircraft facilities etc.

In view of the above, this CAR is issued under the provisions of Rule 133A of the Aircraft Rules, 1937 for compliance by all passenger transport aircraft operators,

2. REQUIREMENT

2.1 Specific seats will be allotted to all passengers at all stations. The row and seat numbers will be indicated on the boarding passes.

- 2.2 With the allocation of row and seat numbers, the approved personnel responsible for loading of the aircraft shall follow appropriate procedures which will ensure that the weight and balance of the aircraft and its centre of gravity shall be within limits for all phases of flight irrespective of the number of passengers.
- 2.3 Due care shall be exercised for allotting specific seats to handicapped or infirm/ aged persons, who may not be able to operate emergency exits. Such persons should be embarked before normal passengers and disembarked at the end.



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