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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION

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**CIVIL AVIATION REQUIREMENTS
SECTION 8 – AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS
SERIES 'A', PART III
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Subject: Secondment of Examiners from Scheduled/ Non-scheduled operators for supplementing Flight Inspection Directorates' work in DGCA.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Directorate General of Civil Aviation has to ensure that an applicant for issuance of the Air Operator's Permit meets the provisions of the Aircraft Rules, 1937 and the Civil Aviation Requirements. It also carries out review/inspection of the operational preparedness of the applicant before the issuance of the Permit, which may include a series of proving flights, adequacy of facilities, equipment, operating procedures and practices, and the competence of administrative, flight and ground personnel. In addition, periodic inspections and surveillance of airlines and their aircrew are conducted in order to ensure that the required standards of flight despatch and operations are maintained so as to provide a safe and reliable air transport service. These safety oversight functions consisting of periodic and planned inspections of the airlines, proficiency checks of the pilots, approval of the training programme of airlines including approval of special operations like RNP, RVSM, ETOPS, CAT II & III and standardization checks of pilots/flight dispatchers are entrusted to the Flight Inspection Directorate of DGCA. Additionally, the Directorate assists in conducting the pilots' oral and written examinations.
- 1.2 The Flight Inspection Directorate in DGCA is headed by the Chief Flight Operation Inspector and has a sanctioned strength of 14 Flight Operations

Inspectors. In view of the limited sources available in the source organizations, it has been decided, as an interim measure, to utilize the services of examiner rated pilots available with the aviation industry as a whole for the purpose of carrying out the tasks relating to inspection and surveillance of the airlines and its flight crew.

- 1.3 This Civil Aviation Requirement is issued under the provisions of Rule 133A of Aircraft Rules, 1937 for information, guidance and compliance by all concerned.

2. Applicability

This Civil Aviation Requirement shall be applicable to the Indian Air Transport Undertakings operating scheduled/ non-scheduled services.

3. Functions

The Seconded Flight Operations Inspectors shall carry out the following functions:

- (a) Operational inspection of the applicant for the issuance of the Air Operating Permit
- (b) Periodic inspections and surveillance of airlines
- (c) Proficiency checks of pilots
- (d) Inspection of training programmes of airlines
- (e) Inspection to ensure compliance with requirements for approval of special operations like RNP, RVSM, ETOPS, CAT II & III
- (f) Associate in drafting/policy formulation of reformatory measures in flight inspection areas

4. Criteria for nomination of examiner pilots of Scheduled Operators

- 4.1 Scheduled operators having a fleet of 10 and more aircraft and non-scheduled operators having a fleet of 5 or more aircraft of the same type entered in their Air Operator's Permit shall nominate names of DGCA approved examiner pilots.
- 4.2 Each scheduled operator shall nominate a minimum of one examiner pilot for every 10 aircraft in the fleet whereas each non-scheduled operator shall nominate a minimum of one examiner pilot for every 5 aircraft in the fleet.
- 4.3 The nominated examiner pilots shall meet the following criteria:
- (a) **Age:** The age of the pilot shall preferably be not more than 60 years.

- (b) **Qualification:** He shall be a current DGCA approved examiner pilot on type or have held an examinership in an airline for a period of one year which shall not be more than two years old from the date of nomination.
- (c) **Experience:** He shall have a total flying experience of at least 5000 hours on type or similar category, which shall include not less than 3000 hours as Pilot-in-Command.
- (d) **Medical Fitness:** He shall hold a valid Class 1 medical in normal cases.

Note: Temporarily medically grounded/medically grounded examiner pilots shall be considered for carrying out periodic inspections and surveillance of airlines, supervising the training activities on flight simulators etc. (except for proficiency/ route checks of pilots).

- (e) The nominated pilot shall have accident/ incident free record in the last 5 years.

5. Selection Process

The selection of the Seconded Flight Operations Inspectors shall be done by a committee headed by the Director General of Civil Aviation. The selection shall be based on the qualifications, experience and records of the examiner pilot.

6. Terms and Conditions of Secondment

- 6.1 The Seconded Flight Operations Inspector shall be on deputation to DGCA for a period not exceeding two years initially, which may be renewable. He shall have no management responsibilities in his airline nor in any way associated with pilot associations/ unions, etc. during his tenure, to avoid clash of interests.
- 6.2 The pay, allowances, progression in service, perks etc. of Seconded Flight Operations Inspector during their secondment to DGCA shall be protected as per the existing provisions, by their parent company and the monthly remunerations shall be paid by the parent airline.
- 6.3 The Seconded Flight Operations Inspector shall report to DGCA Headquarters for assignment of duties both flying and office work and shall be available to the DGCA for a minimum of four days in a week. He shall carry out inspection/ surveillance duties as per the schedule decided by the DGCA. DGCA will be responsible for oversight of these duties and follow-up action on surveillance reports.
- 6.4 The Seconded Flight Operations Inspector shall carry out flight inspections/ surveillance only on behalf of the Government/ DGCA and are expected to perform their duties in a manner befitting a Government/ DGCA official.

- 6.5 The Seconded Flight Operations Inspector shall be accountable to DGCA for all the inspection/ surveillance etc. functions performed.
- 6.6 Before assigning on inspection/ surveillance duties, the Seconded Flight Operations Inspector shall undergo orientation training and standardisation and/or flight inspector's course conducted in DGCA from time to time including on-the-job training under the CFOI/ FOI of DGCA.
- 6.7 The Seconded Flight Operations Inspector shall fly for their parent airline, which shall be so scheduled that there is no disruption to their assigned duties in DGCA. Flight Operations Inspector seconded from airlines shall be permitted to fly the minimum hours required for the continuation/recency of their licences. In both the cases, prior permission of DGCA shall be obtained.

Note: DGCA may permit Seconded Flight Operations Inspectors to fly the minimum hours required for the continuation/ recency of their licences using approved flight simulators.

7. **General Requirements**

- 7.1 It shall be the responsibility of the medically fit Seconded Flight Operations Inspectors to maintain their medical validity and licences with endorsements current.
- 7.2 DGCA may cancel the secondment of any Flight Operations Inspector by recording reasons in writing. In such a case, airline may be asked to nominate additional examiner pilots for selection on secondment as Flight Operations Inspectors as replacement.
- 7.3 DGCA shall retain the flexibility of reviewing the requirements, based on circumstances,

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