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IMPORTATION AND/OR USE OF FOREIGN REGISTERED AIRCRAFT IN TANZANIA

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Having experienced some difficulties involving operations of foreign registered aircraft in the country, the Tanzania Civil Aviation Authority (TCAA) wishes to inform air operators likely to import aircraft for commercial or private use in the country of its intention to ensure that such aircraft are operated under the Tanzania Civil Aviation Regulations, 2006 (TCARS) on arrival. This shall require the aircraft to operate under the Tanzania registry.
- 1.2 To achieve this, TCAA advises operators to be familiar with the implications of this requirement and that before any commitment is made to import an aircraft, prior consultation with the TCAA is essential.
- 1.3 It is important to note (observe) here that the TCAA does not differentiate between a purchased aircraft and those under lease, hire or interchanged arrangements for commercial and or private use. These are all required to be registered under Tanzania law before commencement of operations.

2. AIRCRAFT ABOVE 5700KG MTOW (MEDIUM AND LARGE AIRCRAFT)

2.1 Operators who wish to import an aircraft of this category into Tanzania are advised to establish prior consultation with the Tanzania Civil Aviation Authority before such commitment is made for smooth certification process. The applicant shall furnish the Director General with copies of the following information and documents in the English language:-

- i) The aircraft type, serial number and year of manufacture,
- ii) Certificate of registration,
- ii) Certificate of airworthiness,

- iv) Insurance coverage where applicable,
- v) Type certificate and data sheets. The Director General accepts type certificates or equivalent documents based on airworthiness codes of FAR, BCAR or JAR,
- vi) A brief technical history from date of manufacture,
- vii) Aircraft radio station licence,
- viii) A draft lease agreement where applicable.

2.2 Upon receipt and evaluation of the above information and if initial assessment indicates possibility of aircraft meeting the technical requirements, the Director General shall inform the applicant(s) of the requirement for physical and documentary evaluation of the aircraft at its maintenance base by the Tanzania Civil Aviation Authority (TCAA) Airworthiness and Flight Operations Officers.

The evaluation shall determine the authenticity of documents presented to TCAA, the entire history of the aircraft, the physical state of the aircraft and maintenance requirements to be undertaken before importation and certification in Tanzania. The applicant shall meet the costs of this evaluation.

2.3 When the aircraft is accepted for registration/certification, the operator shall submit to the Director General aircraft technical publications, such as, flight manuals, maintenance manual, wiring diagrams, illustrated parts catalogue, overhaul manual, maintenance planning document (MPD), etc. and ensure the availability of their continued amendments.

The operator shall also present to the Director General a maintenance program/schedule applicable to the type of aircraft for approval and a copy of the signed lease agreement.

2.4 The Director General shall inform the applicant where it is necessary, the training of TCAA Airworthiness and Flight Operations Officers, at the cost of the operator to enable them carry out the regulatory safety oversight functions on the aircraft.

2.5 The operator shall provide information on the maintenance arrangement(s) for the aircraft. Such arrangement, including the maintenance facilities, shall be approved by the Director General after being satisfied that it is capable of providing the necessary support for the continued airworthiness of the aircraft.

2.6 In granting permission to an operator to import an aircraft for commercial or private operations in the country, the Director General shall give special consideration to the type, age and noise level requirements of the aircraft. In this respect, the Director General considers and accepts importation of aircraft manufactured in airworthiness codes of FAR, BCAR and JAR. Age will play a

significant role in determining the acceptability of the aircraft during evaluation to ensure consistency in maintenance for continued airworthiness compliance to supplementary structural inspections (SSI), corrosion control programs (CCPs), etc. The capability of the operator in maintaining this aircraft will also be taken into consideration.

3. AIRCRAFT OF 5,700 KG AND BELOW (LIGHT AIRCRAFT)

3.1 Operators who wish to import an aircraft of this category into Tanzania are advised to establish prior consultation with the Tanzania Civil Aviation Authority before such commitment is made for smooth certification process. The applicant shall furnish the Director General with copies of the following information and documents in the English language:

- i) The aircraft type, serial number and year of manufacture,
- ii) Certificate of registration,
- iii) Certificate of airworthiness,
- iv) Aircraft technical history from date of manufacture,
- v) Aircraft radio station licence,
- vi) Insurance coverage where applicable,
- vii) Type certificate and data sheets. The Tanzania Civil Aviation Authority accepts Type certificates or equivalent documents based on airworthiness codes of FAR, JAR or BCAR,
- viii) A draft lease agreement where applicable.

3.2 In granting permission to an operator to import an aircraft for commercial or private operation in the country, the Director General shall give special consideration to the type, age and noise level requirements of the aircraft. In this respect, the Director General considers and accepts importation of aircraft manufactured to airworthiness codes of FAR, BCAR and JAR. Age will play a significant role in determining the acceptability of the aircraft during evaluation to ensure consistency in maintenance for continued airworthiness, compliance to supplementary structural inspections (SSI), corrosion control programmes (CCPs), etc. The capability of the operator in maintaining this aircraft will also be taken into consideration.

3.3 Upon receipt of the information on paragraph 3.1, the Director General shall inform the applicant, where applicable, of additional requirements including the training of Tanzania Civil Aviation Authority Airworthiness and Flight Operations Officers at the cost of the operator, to enable them carry out the regulatory safety oversight functions when the aircraft is put on the Tanzania register.

- 3.4 A maintenance arrangement acceptable to the Director General shall be furnished. Such arrangement including maintenance facilities shall be approved by Director General after being satisfied that it is capable of providing the necessary support for the continued airworthiness of the aircraft.
- 3.5 When the importation is accepted, the operator shall submit to the Director General Aircraft technical publications such as flight manuals, maintenance manuals, wiring diagrams, illustrated parts catalogue, overhaul manuals, maintenance planning document and their continued amendments. The operator shall also submit to the Director General a maintenance programme/schedule for the aircraft type for approval and a copy of the signed lease agreement.

4. **SHORT TERM OPERATION OF FOREIGN REGISTERED AIRCRAFT.**

- 4.1 Under special circumstances, the Director General of Tanzania Civil Aviation Authority may permit an operator to use a leased aircraft under foreign registration for a limited period subject to the following conditions:-
- i) The aircraft is wet leased and operates from its base to provide a specific service,
 - ii) Specially equipped aircraft imported temporarily for such use as aerial, scientific or research purposes provided the duration of the activities does not exceed six months,
 - iii) Short term leases of up to six months.
- 4.2 The operator shall furnish the Director General with copies of the following information and documents in the English language for consideration of permission to operate an aircraft in Tanzania with foreign registration:
- i) The aircraft type, serial number and year of manufacture,
 - ii) Certificate of registration,
 - iii) Certificate of airworthiness and a statement from the registered owner that the aircraft fully complies with the airworthiness requirements of the state of registry,
 - iv) Name and address of the registered owner,
 - v) Copies of engineering, flight crew and other technical personnel licences,
 - vi) Type of service to be provided,
 - vii) Lease or purchase agreements,
 - viii) Copy of an air operator's certificate granted to the lessor by the state of registry for lease arrangement cases,

- ix) Insurance coverage,
 - x) Maintenance arrangements duly approved by the state of registry,
 - xi) The lessons general operations and training manuals.
- 4.3 Before granting such permission of operator for the aircraft with foreign registration, the Director General.
- i) Shall require the pilots to pass Tanzania written (or oral) air law examination,
 - ii) Shall enter into an agreement with the state of registry/operator on the responsibility of ensuring safety oversight.
5. If the aircraft is to be used for commercial operations, the importation and usage must also be approved by the Director General.

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