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The following circular is promulgated for information, guidance and necessary action

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COMPLIANCE WITH AERODROME OPERATING SPECIFICATION

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 Tanzania Civil Aviation Authority (TCAA) issues certificates, licenses, or registration approvals of aerodromes with clearly stated operating specifications, landing limitations, and operating minima for the safe operation of aircraft. This information is published in Aeronautical Information Publication (AIP) and specified in Aerodrome Certificates, Licenses, or Registration Approvals to Aerodrome Operators.
- 1.2 An Aerodrome Operator is required to report to the Authority in case of any limitations to certificated characteristics of the aerodrome to ensure continued safety by NOTAM, AIP Supplement, or Runway Condition Report (RCR) in Global Report Format (GRF) methodology.
- 1.3 Runway excursion occurrences have been reported to some aerodromes operating aircraft larger than licensed critical aircraft characteristics for which the aerodrome is designed to handle, contrary to the applicable Tanzania Civil Aviation Regulations (TCARs).

2.0 Purpose

- 2.1 The purpose of this Aeronautical Information Circular (AIC) is to remind aerodrome operators, air operators and other aerodrome users in the United Republic of Tanzania to comply with aerodromes' operating minima, landing limitations and operating specifications as provided in the Civil Aviation (Operations of aircraft) Regulations and the Civil Aviation (Aerodromes) Regulations as amended.
- 2.2 In this respect: -
 - a) No aircraft shall operate at an aerodrome in the United Republic of Tanzania unless the aerodrome has been registered, certified, or licensed by the Authority and the facilities and characteristics of the aerodrome are effectively related and match the needs of the aircraft for which the aerodrome is intended.
 - b) Air operator shall not operate at aerodrome aircraft larger than the critical aircraft for which the aerodrome is designed and certified.

- c) Aerodrome operator shall not accommodate aircraft that exceed the certificated characteristics of the aerodrome unless approved by the Authority.
 - d) Aerodrome operators planning to accommodate aircraft that exceed the certificated characteristics of the Aerodrome shall conduct a compatibility study between the operation of the aircraft and aerodrome infrastructure and operations and develop appropriate measures to be implemented in order to maintain an acceptable level of safety during operations in line with the procedures provided in the Aeronautical Information Circular (AIC) 06/17.
 - e) A commercial air transport operator planning to operate at an aerodrome, aircraft that exceeds the certificated characteristics of the aerodrome shall conduct a safety risk assessment and submit it to the Authority for acceptance before operational approval is granted in Operation Specifications of the Air Operator Certificate.
 - f) A Pilot shall not operate to an aerodrome an aircraft which exceeds the certificated characteristics of the aerodrome without the operational approval by the Authority.
 - g) All users of aerodromes to thoroughly acquaint themselves and adhere to aerodrome operating specifications, landing limitations, operating minima, runway surface conditions and safety information provided in aeronautical information products (AIP, AIP SUP, AIC, NOTAM and Aeronautical Charts) for safe use of aerodromes.
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