Libyan Civil Aviation Authority

Safety Directive

SAFETY DIRECTIVE

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Suspension or Revocation of an Air Operator Certificate

This Safety Directive contains information that is intended for mandatory compliance.

Recipients are asked to ensure that this Safety Directive is copied to all members of their staff who may have an interest in the information (including any 'in-house' or contracted maintenance organizations and relevant outside contractors).

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Subject: Suspension or Revocation of an Air Operator Certificate

0.1 Introduction

This SD is published to highlight the current LYCAA policy in relation to suspension or revocation of an AOC.

0.2 General

Should it become necessary to revoke, suspend or vary a Certificate otherwise than on the application of the holder, notice of this, together with the reason for it, will normally be served on the operator. Exceptionally, a Certificate may be provisionally suspended, without notice, pending due inquiry into the case.

If an operator ceases operation for which the Certificate was issued, or if the Director revokes or suspends the Certificate, it must be returned immediately to the Civil Aviation Authority.

AOCs may be suspended by the LYCAA as a result of a request from the operator or because the LYCAA has determined that the operator is not in a position to comply with the requirements.

Suspension is a temporary measure, however the longer the period of suspension the further removed from a state of compliance the operator becomes and the LYCAA will need to complete more detailed inspections as a result.

At some point a decision must be made as to whether the operator is taking sufficient action to allow reinstatement of the AOC or whether the AOC should be revoked. It is generally accepted that if the operator is not in a position to resume operations after six months of suspension the LYCAA will commence action to revoke the AOC.

In this regard the LYCAA policy is to review the situation after three months of suspension of the AOC and request the operator to produce an action plan showing how, and in what time frame, he expects to resume operations.

The LYCAA will monitor and assess the progress of this plan. If the operator is not in a position to be compliant and resume operations after six months from suspension date the LYCAA will commence action to revoke the AOC.

Implications for the Part M Subpart G approval will need to be co-ordinated with the Airworthiness Section.

If the AOC is revoked and the operator wishes to resume operations, it will be necessary for him to make an initial application for an AOC and its associated approvals.

This SD will remain in force until further notice.

0.3 Contact(s):

Any queries as a result of this Safety Directive should be addressed to Head of Flight Operations Section at the following e-mail address: ops@flightsafety.caa.gov.ly

0.4 Revocation and Commencement

This Safety Directive comes into force **05 Oct 2026** and will remain in force until revoked by the LYCAA.