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

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ESTABLISHMENT OF FLIGHT OPERATIONS INSPECTORATE

1. Pursuant to the provisions of the Civil Aviation Act, Cap 80 R.E. 2006 enabling effect to be given to the Chicago Convention and generally to provide for the control, regulation and orderly development of civil aviation, notice is hereby given that a Flight Operations Inspectorate has since been established within the Directorate of Safety Regulations.
2. The functions of the Flight Operations Inspectorate are to monitor and enforce compliance with the Civil Aviation (Air Operator Certification and Administration) Regulations, 2006 GN Nr. 174 and to recommend to the Director General the award, variation, suspension or revocation of air operator certificates.
3. In the discharge of these main functions, the Flight Operations Inspectors have wide ranging responsibilities and are authorized to carry out a variety of specific duties which include the following: -
 - (a) Inspection of premises in the occupation or control of any Tanzanian international or domestic air operator for the purpose of examining any documents, records, equipment, tools, material or any other items of whatsoever nature relating to the operation of aircraft;
 - (b) Study and approval of company operations and training manuals and amendments thereto;
 - (c) Periodic in-flight inspections carried out on a scheduled or random basis on any aircraft registered in Tanzania or leased by any operator in Tanzania, who is operating under a method of supervision of flight operations as approved by the Director General.
 - (d) Witnessing on a scheduled or random basis the conduct of instrument rating renewal, type rating renewal and type rating flying tests, as specified, for the issue or renewal of Tanzanian pilot's licences or certificates of validation carried out on aircraft in flight or in a flight simulator duly approved for that purpose;

- (e) Witnessing on a scheduled or random basis, specified items of test required for the issue or renewal of Tanzanian flight engineer's licences or certificates of validation carried out on aircraft in flight or in a flight simulator duly approved for that purpose;
 - (f) Witnessing on a scheduled or random basis, the conduct of route checks and certificate of airworthiness test flights;
 - (g) Witnessing, approval and periodic surveillance of senior company pilots as delegated instrument rating renewal examiners (IRRE) type rating renewal examiners (TRRE) and type rating examiners (TRE) on aircraft and, if applicable, on flight simulators duly approved for that purpose;
 - (h) Witnessing, approval and periodic surveillance of senior company flight engineers as delegated examiners for specified items of test on aircraft and, if applicable, on flight simulators duly approved for that purpose;
 - (i) Inspection and assessment for approval of flight simulators and other apparatus used in connection with the training and periodic flying tests required under the Civil Aviation (Air Operator Certification and Administration) Regulations GN Nr. 174, for the issue and renewal of Tanzanian professional pilot's licences and aircraft type ratings as well as for the renewal of instrument rating privileges and for the training and testing of flight engineers; and
 - (j) Such other duties as the Director General of Tanzania Civil Aviation Authority may assign from time to time.
4. In order to enable the Flight Operations Inspectors to exercise the above duties and responsibilities without hindrance, such Inspectors shall be the holders of appropriate and valid Tanzanian credentials and shall have the right at any time, on production of credentials, to board and fly on any aircraft registered in Tanzania or leased by any operator in Tanzania who is operating under a method of supervision of flight operations as approved by the Director General and to enter and remain on the flight deck or in any flight simulator or other apparatus in which any person holding a Tanzanian license or certificate of validation is being trained or tested in compliance with the Civil Aviation (Air Operator Certification and Administration) Regulations GN Nr. 174 or to carry out an inspection, as appropriate.
 5. The name of the Flight Operations Inspector shall be entered on the supernumerary crew list and on the General Declaration whenever carrying out such official in-flight inspections or witnessing the conduct of flight training or flying tests.
 6. Notwithstanding the authority of the Flight Operations Inspector noted above, attention is drawn to the fact that the pilot in command of the aircraft may refuse to allow the Inspector to enter or remain on the flight deck if, in his opinion, the safety of the aircraft shall be endangered or jeopardized. In case of such refusal to allow the Inspector to enter or remain on the flight deck in exercise of this discretion by the pilot in command of the aircraft, a report upon the circumstances relative to the exercise of such discretion shall be submitted by the pilot in

command of the aircraft to the Director General of Tanzania Civil Aviation Authority stating the reasons for the refusal. Such report shall be submitted to the Director General within a period not to exceed seven days.

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