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RECORDING OF TRAINING TIME

It has been noted with much concern that some pilots record flight times contrary to the instructions and conditions contained in the Civil Aviation Regulations, 2006. Unfortunately some operators have allowed this conduct to continue by authenticating the flight times recorded by these pilots. Most problems have been noted on junior pilots with low times when used by these operators as "safety" pilots or co-pilots in aircraft certified for single crew operations. They have wrongly been recording flying times in their personal log books, counting them as experience gained on type which they are not qualified on.

Subsequently, pilots are reminded that, no pilot is allowed to log in his personal log book flight times other than those for the type which he is rated and meets all the requirements of the Tanzania Civil Aviation Regulations. Pilots may log co-pilot flight time only for that flight during which the pilot is qualified in accordance with co-pilot requirements of the Regulations and occupies a crew member station in an aircraft that requires more than one pilot by its type certificate. Being qualified means that the pilot must hold an appropriate category, class and type ratings and has a valid instrument rating, if instrument rating is required for the aircraft type being flown. No person shall act as a pilot of an aircraft that is carrying another person or is operated for compensation or hire unless that pilot holds category, class and type rating that applies to the aircraft.

Training times may be recorded only when the pilot receives training from an authorized instructor. Pilots should understand that during base/proficiency training, no person other than those directly part to the training should be carried in the aircraft. The training shall take place within the local training area and or in the circuit. Pilots must have completed base training, be type-rated and hold instrument rating, if required, before starting route training where passengers could be carried.

Operators are also strongly reminded to desist from deploying un-qualified pilots as safety pilots or co-pilots in aircrafts which are not certified to carry two crew members in their type certificate.

All pilots who have recorded flight times contrary to the above explanation must delete those hours otherwise they risk rejection of renewal of their licences.