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ALL OPERATORS LETTER

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From: Tanzania Civil Aviation Authority

To: All Helicopter Operators

Attention: Accountable Managers / Quality Managers/ Chief Pilots

Subject: **SAFETY REMINDER TO ALL HELICOPTER OPERATORS DURING GENERAL ELECTION POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS**

BACKGROUND

The Authority, as the regulatory body mandated to oversee and regulate the aviation industry to ensure safety, efficiency, and compliance with international and national standards, hereby issues this safety reminder to all helicopter operators during the ongoing General Election political campaigns.

Political activities often lead to increased helicopter movements, including aerial surveillance, transportation of campaign personnel, and media coverage. The Authority emphasizes the critical importance of maintaining the highest safety standards during this period.

Operators are reminded to exercise extra caution, strictly adhere to approved procedures, operation manuals, and the **Civil Aviation (Operation of Aircraft – Helicopter Operations) Regulations, 2024**.

APPLICABILITY

This AOL applies to all helicopter air operators certified by the Authority, as well as those holding special permits to operate within the United Republic of Tanzania for specialized missions.

ACTIONS REQUIRED

Given the sensitive nature of political campaign operations, the following safety measures are hereby emphasized:

- i. Ensure all flights are conducted within designated limits and in accordance with your Operations Specifications (OpSpecs).
- ii. Maintain close coordination with relevant agencies including local authorities, security institutions, and election officials.
- iii. Conduct comprehensive risk assessments, considering increased air traffic, large gatherings, and restricted zones.
- iv. Maintain safe separation from other aircraft, ground activities, crowds, and drone operations.
- v. Maintain a safe distance from crowds and assemblies of people. A sterile area of at least 150 meters (500 ft) from the landing site shall be maintained and cleared of non-essential personnel.
- vi. Operate at suitable altitudes and along flight paths that avoid populated and sensitive areas, while maintaining visual separation. Operators must also ensure approach and departure paths are free from people, vehicles, and obstacles.
- vii. Use only designated helipads or pre-approved safe landing sites;
- viii. Maintain continuous communication with Air Traffic Control (ATC) and ground teams throughout operations.
- ix. Ensure that all safety and emergency equipment is serviceable and readily accessible. Be prepared for contingencies including adverse weather, technical failures, and security-related incidents.
- x. Restrict operations to **VFR day operations only**.

SUPPORT COMMITMENT

The TCAA remains committed to safeguarding the highest standards of aviation safety and will intensify oversight during this period. Compliance with these requirements is **mandatory**. The safety of all personnel, aircraft, and the public remains paramount. Full adherence to these safety measures will contribute to safe and efficient helicopter operations during this sensitive period.

For further clarification or guidance, operators are encouraged to contact the Authority.



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