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# INFORMATION TO PRIVATE AIRCRAFT OPERATORS / OWNERS - SUBMISSION OF CERTIFICATE OF AIRWORTHINESS (CoA) TO CAAS

#### Introduction

1. With the increasing number of incidents involving foreign aircraft conducting private operations, CAAS has reviewed and determined that there is a greater need to enhance the existing regulatory framework which has focused mainly on Public Transport<sup>2</sup>.

2. Under the Chicago Convention articles, there are specific requirements for every aircraft to comply with when operating internationally and they are as follows:

- i. Article 29 of the ICAO Chicago Convention document 7300 states that "Every aircraft of a contracting State, engaged in international navigation, shall carry the following documents in conformity with the conditions prescribed in this Convention
  - a. Its certificate of registration;
  - b. Its certificate of airworthiness;
  - c. The appropriate licences for each member of the crew;
  - d. Its journey log book;
  - e. If it is equipped with radio apparatus, the aircraft radio station licence;
  - f. If it carries passengers, a list of their names and places of embarkation and destination;
  - g. If it carries cargo, a manifest and detailed declarations of the cargo.
- ii. Article 31 of the ICAO Chicago Convention document 7300 states that "Every aircraft engaged in international navigation shall be provided with a certificate of airworthiness issued or rendered valid by the State in which it is registered."

3. The International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) Annex 6 Part II Paragraph 2.6.1.1 requires the owner to ensure that the Certificate of Airworthiness remains valid and Paragraph 2.1.1.1 requires the pilot-in-command to comply with the laws, regulations of those States in which operations are conducted.

4. Singapore's Air Navigation Order (ANO) Paragraph 6 states that "An aircraft shall not fly unless there is in force in respect thereof a Certificate of Airworthiness duly issued or rendered valid under the law of the country in which the aircraft is registered or under the law of the State of the operator, and any conditions subject to which the certificate was issued or rendered valid are complied with.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Industry consultation was conducted between 1 September 2016 and 14 October 2016. Responses from CAAS to the comments were promulgated on 21 November 2016.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> "Public Transport" means hire or reward is given or promised for the carriage of passengers or cargo in the aircraft on that flight; or any passengers or cargo carried gratuitously in the aircraft on that flight not being persons in the employment of the air transport operator.

5. As such, all foreign aircraft flying into Singapore shall have on-board a valid Certificate of Airworthiness. In addition, all foreign aircraft conducting private operations are required to, upon landing in Singapore, submit the Certificate of Airworthiness to CAAS for verification with effect from 2 March 2017.

#### Submission of Certificate of Airworthiness to CAAS

6. CAAS will differentiate the requirements for the frequency of submission of the Certificate of Airworthiness based on CAAS' assessment of the level of confidence.

7. The Certificate of Airworthiness shall be submitted to CAAS by the aircraft owner / operator or by the ground handling agent via email to CAAS AFO FOS@caas.gov.sg or via fax to +65 6545 6519.

8. Existing aircraft owners / operators should also submit the Certificate of Airworthiness to CAAS at the earliest opportunity after its renewal.

### Unannounced Ramp Inspection

9. CAAS will be conducting periodic unannounced ramp inspections to verify the authenticity of the Certificate of Airworthiness that was submitted and the aircraft condition. Please refer to Information Circular IC 09-2014 – Foreign Aircraft Ramp Inspection - Information to Aircraft Operator for further details of the ramp inspection.

10. An aircraft shall be grounded should the Certificate of Airworthiness be found to be invalid or not available during the ramp inspection.

## Aircraft without a valid Certificate of Airworthiness

11. Aircraft without a valid Certificate of Airworthiness are to apply for a Permit-to-Fly from CAAS prior to any flight into and from Singapore. The application form can downloaded at http://www.caas.gov.sg/caas/en/About CAAS/Our Strategic Thrusts/Safety Oversight x Promotion/Applying for a permit to fly.html

12. The application form and the required documents listed must be submitted at least 5 working days before the intended date of operation.

13. Should you have any enquiries, please email to: caas\_afo\_infocenter@caas.gov.sg