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Director General of Civil Aviation

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION

No. 8/19/2008-LII

Dated New Delhi the 4th March 2008

O R D E R

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 5A of the Aircraft Act, 1934 (XXII of 1934), the Director General of Civil Aviation hereby directs, for the purpose of securing safety of aircraft operations, that all aircraft personnel i.e. holders of pilot's licence, flight engineer's licence, flight navigator's licence (except student pilot's licence and pilot's licence for gliders, balloons and microlight aircraft), air traffic controllers and aeronautical station operators shall have their English language proficiency evaluated to the ICAO language proficiency standards within a period of three years from 5th March, 2008.

However, all the existing aircraft personnel i.e. holders of pilot's licence, flight engineer's licence, flight navigator's licence, air traffic controllers and aeronautical station operators, as on 5th March, 2008, shall be deemed to have the ability to speak and understand English language to the required ICAO language proficiency Level 4 (operational). The licences granted after 5th March, 2008 shall be considered to have the required ICAO language proficiency Level 4 (operational) till such time that the licences are issued on the basis of an evaluation conducted for assessing the applicant's language proficiency. The licences so granted shall be subject to the condition that the language proficiency of the licence holder is evaluated within a period of three years but in no case later than 5th March 2011.

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