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Subject:- Responsibility of operators/owners of aircraft and supervision of their Airworthiness Standards by Airworthiness Directorate.

1. BACKGROUND :

1.1 Every Indian registered aircraft is required to possess a current and valid Certificate of Airworthiness (C of A) before it is flown, unless it is flown for the purpose of test for renewal of C of A in the vicinity of departing aerodrome.

2. SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITY OF OWNERS/OPERATOR :

2.1 It is the responsibility of the owner/operator of an aircraft to ensure that his aircraft has a current C of A and the same is kept valid by maintaining and operating it as stipulated by DGCA and the manufacturer of the aircraft.

2.2 In case the owner and the operator of an aircraft are not the same party and the owner has leased his aircraft to an operator, then it shall be the responsibility of the operator to ensure that the aircraft possesses a current and valid C of A before it is flown, unless a general/specific permission to the contrary has been obtained from DGCA.

2.3 For maintaining the aircraft in airworthy condition, it shall be necessary to subject the aircraft and its components to :

- (i) periodical inspections as approved by DGCA
- (ii) replace lifed components at intervals approved by the DGCA
- (iii) carry out repair/modifications as required by DGCA.

The frequency, scope and content of periodical inspections shall not be altered, except in the manner as approved by DGCA.

2.4 It shall be the responsibility of owner/operator to

- (i) require his pilots (flight crew) to operate the aircraft as per operating limitations specified by the manufacturer of the aircraft and /or DGCA.
- (ii) report all defects encountered in flight or during routine maintenance to Airworthiness Directorate and record such defects, as per the procedure specified in CAR Series 'C'.
- (iii) Extend co-operation to authorised officers of

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Airworthiness Directorate in supervising the engineering activities and other activities associated with the safe operation of the aircraft.

3. SCOPE OF SUPERVISION BY AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTORATE :

3.1 Technical Officers of Airworthiness Directorate will monitor the airworthiness standards (stipulated by DGCA), observed by owners/operators, through the medium of spot checks and investigation of defects reported to them.

3.2 Technical officers of Airworthiness Directorate may require owners/operators to submit their aircraft/aircraft components and/or associated documents for inspection at a pre-determined stage to ensure compliance with prescribed airworthiness standards.

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