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PUBLIC NOTICE

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M/s Ethiopian Airline B737 Max 8 aircraft ET-AVJ was involved in an accident, after take-off on 10th March 2019 near Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, while on a flight from Addis Ababa to Nairobi. This is second fatal accident to B-737 max aircraft within a span of five months. At present, two Indian carriers, M/s Spicejet (12 aircraft) and M/s Jet Airways (5 aircraft) have these aircraft in their fleet. The issue has been reviewed in DGCA today along with the Indian operators covering all reported snags/ defects of significant nature along with rectification action(s) taken on these aircraft. Compliance of an earlier advisory issued by DGCA post Lion Air accident on 3.12.2018 was also reviewed. During the review, it was observed that the 'Daily Defect' and 'Daily Incident' reports contained defects of routine nature and no significant concern were observed.

However, in view of the Ethiopian Air accident of 10th March 2019 and based on the discussion held, the following additional actions in addition to the this office advisory of 3.12.2018 and compliance of all Boeing SOPs, FAA emergency AD and Boeing operations circulars for B737-8 max operations.

A) Engineering and Maintenance:

To advise Engineers and Maintenance control:

1. No MEL release for following items:
 - a. Dual Autopilot Inoperative
 - b. Yaw Damper system Inoperative
 - c. Spoiler system faults

2. During extended transit inspection,
 - a. check the following systems for any stored maintenance messages and carry out necessary corrective action prior to release of aircraft for line operation:
 - i. Autopilot system
 - ii. Stall Management and Yaw damper system
 - b. Ensure null position of Angle of attack (AOA) sensor by BITE check.

B) Flight Operations to ensure:

1. Crew operating B737 Max aircraft have undergone training as advised in the directive issued by DGCA dated 3rd December 2018.
2. The minimum experience level of crew operating B737 Max aircraft to fly as PIC is 1000 hours and co-pilot is 500 hours on Boeing 737 NG aircraft type.

The above measures have been communicated to M/s Boeing & Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for suggesting any additional measures/ advice.

The above are interim safety measures taken with inputs available at this stage. DGCA will continue to closely monitor the situation and may impose/ take any other operational/ maintenance measures/ restrictions based on the information received from accident investigation agency/ FAA/ Boeing.

The operators have been directed to ensure that no B- 737– 8 max aircraft in their fleet is operated without compliance of above, effective from 1200 hrs on 12th March 2019.

Director General of Civil Aviation