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Subject: Revision to the Applicability Requirement of CAR Section 3 Series C Part III on Minimum requirements for grant of Permit to operate Non-Scheduled Air Transport Services.

BACKGROUND

DGCA issues permits to commercial operators under the scheduled and non-scheduled categories for carriage of passengers and/or cargo. Currently, there are different requirements for schedule, non-schedule, and general aviation categories and there is a single certification manual CAP 3100 for the certification procedures for commercial operators. Based on experience in DGCA, feedback from industry both non-schedule and general aviation, a need was identified to segregate the different categories of operations from certificate issue and certificate management standpoint and address these categories in appropriate operating/airworthiness regulations.

As part of the process of resolution FAA IASA findings and the sustainment initiatives, DGCA reviewed the NSOP categorization as most of the current NSOP holders fall under the general aviation category or perform limited charter operations mostly for Company executives. Accordingly a committee was constituted by the Director General to examine the issue of NSOP regulatory requirements. The Committee in its one of the recommendation has suggested that ***Operators with less than 3 aircraft would not be permitted commercial operations by DGCA.***

The recommendation of the Committee has been accepted by Director General and accordingly it is proposed to amend the existing CAR with regard to Applicability by inserting new Paras 2.1 and 2.7 replacing the existing Para 2.1 and 2.7.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

2. APPLICABILITY AND SCOPE

2.1 The Non-Scheduled Operator's Permit holders shall have a fleet of minimum 03 aero planes and/or 03 helicopters either by outright Purchase or through lease. The aircraft shall be registered in India and shall hold a current Certificate of Airworthiness in Normal Passenger category. To facilitate the start of the operations, operators will be permitted to operate with one aero plane/ helicopter and will be given one year's time from the date of securing operator's permit, to have the fleet size of 03 aero planes and or helicopter. Within this period of one year, the operator will be permitted to operate non scheduled services if they meet all airworthiness and operational requirements for such operations.

2.7 The existing Non Scheduled Operators shall be given one year's time to either raise the fleet strength to meet the minimum aero plane/helicopter requirements of this CAR or to get themselves converted into Private Category.

All concerned are hereby requested to submit their comments on the aforesaid proposed amendment to Shri Ved Prakash, Director (Air Transport) through email vedprakash.dgca@nic.in by 12.11.2014.

Director General of Civil Aviation