

Difference file for ICAO

Subject:

Filing for difference to extend the Lebanese DGCA compliance until 30th of September, 2009. This information is relevant to the ICAO requirement to member states to ensure that English language proficiency training and testing for air controllers, Air navigation service providers and flight crew to meet a minimum “level-4 or above” standard by the 5th of March, 2008 in accordance with resolution A36-11.

Applicability:

Based on the above resolution and to allow sufficient time during the transition period for current license holders to comply with the new ICAO English language proficiency regulatory requirement DGCA Lebanon hereby would like to file for difference as part of our implementation plan in the following manner:

The above requirement is an ICAO Annex 1 standard, which comes into effect as of the 5th of March, 2008. At the moment there is no LCAA requirement for Flight Crew and Air Traffic Controllers to have an English language proficiency endorsement on their current license, instead there are provisions in the Lebanese Aviation Regulations (LAR) reference s401.25, s401.07 and s401.09 that require English language proficiency competence demonstration prior to the issue of an Airman or Controller Certificate.

The LAR requires that applicants for a Lebanese Airman or Controller License must be able to read, write and understand English language relevant to the aviation industry environment.

Lebanon has contacted ICAO to file a difference that will allow a delay time to comply until the 30th of September 2009, this time extension will cater for full compliance with the ICAO ELP endorsement requirement. In its effort to satisfy the ICAO ELP requirement Lebanese DGCA endeavors to issue an endorsement that will be supplemented to holders of current certificates under LAR Part IV Subpart 1 attesting that the airman and/or controller meet the “level-4” Radio Telephony operational standard. All present holders of current Lebanese licenses

Private pilot (engaged in international services) -

Commercial pilot -

Airline transport pilot (ATP) -

Air Traffic controllers (ATC) -

Will be urged to apply for the above mentioned endorsement until the end of May 2009 date after which the relevant LAR under Part IV Subpart 1 will be amended to reflect the ICAO Annex 1 paragraph sections 1.2.9.1, 1.2.9.2, 1.2.9.4 Appendix 1 attachment A, 1.2.9.6, 1.2.9.7, and 5.1.1.2 XIII related to English Language Proficiency and it's implementation period by 5th March 2009. In the same context Lebanon will accept member States' airman certificates supplemented by the relevant issuing authority with the ELP level validity in accordance with the authorized ICAO ELP implementation period.

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