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REPORTING & COMPLIANCE OF SAFA FINDINGS BY BAHRAINI AIRCRAFT OWNERS & AIR OPERATORS

APPLICABILITY: All Bahraini registered aircraft and Bahraini Air Operators

PURPOSE:

This Aeronautical Circular is issued to inform Bahraini aircraft owners and operators about the requirements in regards to reporting and compliance of SAFA finding by a Foreign Regulatory Authority.

REQUIRMENTS:

Safety Assessment of Foreign Aircraft (SAFA) is carried out by EASA member countries under EASA-SAFA program and by GCC member countries under GCC-SAFA program to carry out safety assessment as per standard procedure and check list. Findings noted, if any, are intimated to the flight crew of the subject aircraft by the authorised SAFA inspector of that country under SAFA program. Generally, such intimation are also sent to the regulatory authority of the country of the operator in order to ensure proper follow up and satisfactory compliance within stipulated time frame. Sometimes such intimation from Foreign Regulatory Authority is either not received or received quite late.

In view of the above, it has been decided that it will be responsibility of the Bahrain based aircraft operator to inform, in writing, Bahrain CAA in regards to any such SAFA finding received from any of the Foreign Regulatory Authority. Such information shall be addressed to Chief of Airworthiness Inspection and copy to Chief of Aircraft Operations & Director of Aeronautical Licensing. Information regarding SAFA finding must be sent to Bahrain CAA as early as possible but not later than 7 days in case of Class-2 finding(s) and within 24 hours in case of Class-3 finding(s).

Chief of Airworthiness Inspection has been delegated the responsibility, on behalf of Bahrain CAA, in regards to communicating and follow up of reported SAFA finding by a Foreign Regulatory Authority. Chief of Airworthiness Inspection will be focal point in regards to corrective action taken by the Bahraini Operator. All communication regarding Corrective Action shall be addressed to him and a copy be endorsed to the Chief of Aircraft Operations for information. In some cases, Chief of Airworthiness Inspection may decide to depute an inspector to confirm satisfactory closure of a finding, if he considers so in his opinion.

The above requirement comes in force for compliance at the earliest but not later than ten (10) days from the date of issue of this circular.

Undersecretary for Civil Aviation Affairs

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