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ADOPTION OF THE AMENDMENT TO ANNEX 6 PART I RELATING TO HALON REPLACEMENT

Purpose:

This AC is issued to inform all Bahraini Operators of an amendment to ICAO Annex 6 Part I, establishing requirements and date for halon agent replacement in portable fire extinguishers on board civil aircraft.

Requirements:

The amendment is as follows:

- 6.2.2.1 Any agent used in a built-in fire extinguisher for each lavatory disposal receptacle for towels, paper or waste in an aeroplane for which the individual certificate of airworthiness is first issued on or after 31 December 2011 and any extinguishing agent used in a portable fire extinguisher in an aeroplane for which the individual certificate of airworthiness is first issued on or after 31 December 2018 shall:
 - a) meet the applicable minimum performance requirements of the State of Registry; and
 - b) not be of a type listed in the 1987 Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer as it appears in the Eighth Edition of the Handbook for the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, Annex A, Group II.

Note.— Information concerning extinguishing agents is contained in the UNEP Halons Technical Options Committee Technical Note No. 1 – New Technology Halon Alternatives and FAA Report No. OT/FAA/AR-99-63, Options to the Use of Halons for Aircraft Fire Suppression Systems.

Bahrain CAA has adopted the above ICAO amendment and therefore you are required to comply accordingly.

Undersecretary for Civil Aviation Affairs

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