

Safety Circular 2024-01 Issue 01

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Subject: Implementation of Standards related to Location of an Aircraft in Distress, in Annex 6, Part I, pertaining to Global Aeronautical Distress and Safety System - Autonomous distress tracking (GADSS-ADT) requirements for Foreign Operators.

Background: ICAO Annex 6, Part I, pertaining to Location of an Aeroplane in Distress, Chapter 6 'Standard 6.18.1' requires that all aeroplanes of a maximum certified take-off mass (MCTOM) of over 27 000 kg for which the individual certificate of airworthiness is first issued on or after 1 January 2024 shall, when in distress, autonomously transmit information based on which a position can be determined by the operator at least once every minute. Detailed requirements are outlined in Appendix 9 to ICAO Annex 6, Part I. Hence, affected aeroplanes must have a GADSS-ADT system installed, operational and in use, no later than 1 January 2025.

Applicability: This Safety Circular shall be applicable to all operators of foreign registered aeroplanes with a maximum certified take-off mass (MCTOM) of over 27 000 kg, for which the individual certificate of airworthiness is first issued on or after 1 January 2024.

Effective Date: 31 December 2024.

Required Action(s) and Compliance Time (s):

1. This Safety Circular mandates that operators of foreign registered aeroplanes operating under the Sultanate of Oman Civil Aviation Authority CAR-129 authorisation shall comply with ICAO standard at paragraph 6.18.1 of Annex 6, Part I, Amendment 48 and shall provide us evidence of compliance to the standard, in accordance with their National Aviation Authority regulations.
2. In case an exemption has been granted by their National Aviation Authority, all foreign operators must provide this authority an evidence of the granted exemption.
3. In accordance with ICAO Electronic Bulletin EB2024/29, in case the contracting state has issued a national exemption to ICAO standard at paragraph 6.18.1 of Annex 6, Part I, Amendment 48, all foreign operators must provide us evidence of any difference notified to ICAO, in this regard.
4. Please respond to the above request, as mentioned in Civil Aviation Advisory Circular (CAAC) and within a timely manner, as failure to do so could affect your current or new authorisation status.

Remark: For all responses concerning this circular, please contact the Flight Safety Department.

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Reference Document: ICAO Annex 6, Part 1 Chapter 6 'Standard 6.18.1
ICAO EB 2024/29;
CAR 129



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