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AIRWORTHINESS

MAINTENANCE

AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVES (ADs)

1. The cost-effective and efficient distribution of ADs appears to be a problem experienced in virtually every country within the ambit of ICAO, to the extent that ICAO deemed it necessary to address in their Circular 95-AN/78 the manner in which Contracting States should handle their responsibilities in this regard.
2. In our particular instance, Circular 95-AN/78 requires that ADs shall form part of Namibia Civil Aviation Authority Approved Maintenance Schedules.
3. In the past, the Namibia Civil Aviation Authority reproduced all applicable ADs it received and then made such copies available to the Aviation Industry. This has however proved to be an expensive and slow process of the dissemination of usually urgent information and is therefore not conducive to aviation safety. This process was therefore discontinued.
4. Regulation 21.01.4 of the Namibia Civil Aviation Regulations, 2020, as amended deals with the issuing of ADs.

Issuing of airworthiness directives

21.01.4

- 1) The Executive Director may issue appropriate airworthiness directives in respect of design changes which are necessary to correct the unsafe condition of a product.
- 2) No aircraft for which an airworthiness directive has been issued in respect of such aircraft, its engines, components or appliances shall fly except in accordance with the requirements of that airworthiness directive, except that the Executive Director may exempt an aircraft from the provision of this sub regulation for purposes of issuing a special flight permit for the aircraft to fly to a place at which the airworthiness directive may be incorporated.
- 3) If the Executive Director issues an airworthiness directive for a product, the holder of any certificate issued under the regulations in this Part for the product type, shall –
 - a. Upon the request of the Executive Director, submit appropriate design changes to the Executive Director for approval; and
 - b. Upon approval of the design changes, make the descriptive data covering the changes available to all operators of the product.”

5. The NCAA evaluates all ADs received from the State of Type Design and the State of Manufacture, and The Executive Director may upon receipt of mandatory continuing airworthiness information from the State of Design, adopt the mandatory information directly or may re-issue appropriate airworthiness directives in respect of design changes which are necessary to correct the unsafe condition of a product. Unique NCAA ADs, which usually are the result of a fault, defect or malfunction, will be issued, published on the NCAA website and also mailed to the applicable organizations.
6. All AMOs and Operators must at all times be in the possession of an up to date set of ADs from the state of Type Design and the State of Manufacture pertaining to the privileges contained in their Ops Specs.
7. Any enquiries can be addressed to:

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