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Civil Aviation Authority of Sri Lanka

Implementing Standards

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Title: English Language proficiency Requirements for Radiotelephony Communication

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Pursuant to Section 120 of the Civil Aviation Act No.14 of 2010, Director General of Civil Aviation shall have the power to issue, whenever he considers it necessary or appropriate to do so, such Implementing Standards for the purpose of giving effect to any of the provision in Civil Aviation Act, any regulations or rules made thereunder including the Articles of the Convention on International Civil Aviation specified in the Schedule to the CA Act.

Accordingly, I, being the Director General of Civil Aviation do hereby issue the Implementing Standards as mentioned in the Attachment hereto **indicating English Language proficiency Requirements for Radiotelephony Communication**, for the purpose of elaborating the requirements on Administrative Procedures for the conduct of English Language proficiency Check to be satisfied for the effective implementation of the International Standards and Recommended Practices on 'English Language Proficiency Requirements for Radiotelephony Communication contained in Chapter 1 of the ICAO Annex 1- "Personnel Licensing".

English Language proficiency Requirements for Radiotelephony Communication. This Implementing Standard shall come into force with effect from the date that the aforementioned Regulations come in to effect and remain in force unless revoked.

Attention is also drawn to Section 103 of the Act, which states inter alia that failure to comply with the Implementing Standard is an offence.

The IS-092 shall be effective on 21st April 2018 and will be applicable on 21st April 2018 and it will supersede the requirement in Aviation Safety Notice (ASN) 101.

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GENERAL

- 1) This document supersedes the Aviation Safety Notice (ASN) 101 issued by the DGCA and ASN 101 shall be treated as null and void.
- 2) The document may be amended from time to time and the amendments will be reflected with the vertical line on the right side of the text.
- 3) Other specific requirements.
 - (a) English Language Proficiency Check Procedure Manual – SLCAP 3040
 - (b) Implementing Standards - IS 50

APPLICABILITY

The requirements contained in this document are applicable to Holders of following Personnel Licences.

- a. Aeroplane , airship, helicopter and powered-lift pilots
- b. Flight navigators required to use the radiotelephone on board an aircraft.
- c. Air traffic controllers (ATCOs)
- d. Aeronautical station operators
- e. Flight engineers
- f. Glider pilots
- g. Free balloon pilots

Language Proficiency for Radiotelephony Communication

1. General: This is issued to specify the requirements of all related ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices on Language Proficiency for Radiotelephony Communications.

1.1 Contents: The contents of the requirements of this IS specify mainly the applicable personnel, effective date of implementation, Language Proficiency Levels, Evaluation Criteria, Re-Evaluation intervals, Operators' Responsibility, Use of standard phraseology, Language for Air Ground Telephony Communication, Availability of English Language Facility at ground stations, Publication of Language facility in AIP, ATC Service Providers responsibility, English Language use by ATC units.

1.1.1 Aeroplane, airship, helicopter, and powered- lift pilots and those flight navigators who are required to use the radio telephone aboard an aircraft shall demonstrate the ability to speak and understand the language used for radiotelephony communications.

Note: In the case of Flight Engineers, in instance where the flight crew are composed of non-native English speakers and whose native language is different from each other the Flight Engineers shall have the ability to speak and understand them in English language unless the Flight Crew is proficient to understand his native language.

1.1.2 Air traffic controllers and aeronautical station operators shall demonstrate the ability to speak and understand the language used for radiotelephony communications.

1.1.3 As of 05 March 2008 Aeroplane, airship, helicopter and powered-lift pilots, flight navigators required to use the radio telephone aboard an aircraft, air traffic controllers and aeronautical station operators shall demonstrate the ability to speak and understand the language used for radiotelephony communications to the level specified in the language proficiency requirements in Attachment 1.

1.1.4 As of 5 March 2008, the language proficiency of Aeroplane, airship, helicopter and powered - lift pilots, air traffic controllers and aeronautical station operators who demonstrate proficiency below the Expert Level (Level 6) will be formally evaluated at intervals in accordance with an individual's demonstrated proficiency level.

1.1.5 The language proficiency of Aeroplane, airship, helicopter and powered lift pilots, flight navigators required to use the radio telephone aboard an aircraft, air traffic controllers and aeronautical station operators who demonstrate proficiency below the Expert Level (Level 6) will be formally evaluated at intervals in accordance with an individual's demonstrated proficiency level, as follows:

- a) Those demonstrating language proficiency at the Operational Level (Level 4) of Attachment no 1 will be evaluated at least once every three years; and
- b) Those demonstrating language proficiency at the Extended Level (Level 5) of Attachment no 1 will be evaluated at least once every six years.

- c) Formal evaluation is not required for applicants who demonstrate expert language proficiency, e.g. native and very proficient non-native speakers with a dialect or accent intelligible to his /her working environment, as assessed by the Director General of Civil Aviation.
- 1.1.6 Special endorsement of language proficiency should appear on the relevant personnel licence under specification – XIII Remarks effective 05 March 2008.
- 1.1.7 Operators authorized to conduct international commercial air transport operators (Aero planes) shall ensure that flight crewmembers demonstrate the ability to speak and understand the language used for Radiotelephony communications as specified at paras 1.1.1 to 1.1.5 above.
- 1.1.8 Operators for international commercial air transport operations or international general aviation operations with helicopter shall ensure that flight crew members demonstrate the ability to speak and understand the language used for radiotelephony communications as specified at paras 1.1.1 to 1.1.5 above.
- 1.1.9 ICAO standardized phraseology shall be used in all situations for which it has been specified. Only when standardized phraseology cannot serve an intended transmission, plain language shall be used.
- 1.1.10 The air-ground radiotelephony communications shall be conducted in the English language.
- 1.1.11 The English language shall be available, from any aircraft station, at all stations on the ground serving designated airports and routes used by international air services.
- 1.1.12 The language used shall be published in the Aeronautical Information Publications and other Published aeronautical information concerning such facilities.
- 1.1.13 An air traffic services provider shall ensure that air traffic controllers speak and understand the English language used for radiotelephony communications as specified in paragraphs 1.1.1 to 1.1.5 above.
- 1.1.14 Except when communications between air traffic control units are conducted in a mutually agreed language, the English language shall be used for such communications.