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SUBJECT : TECHNICAL PREREQUISITE FOR THE COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS OF THIRD COUNTRY OPE-RATORS TO/FROM NEW CALEDONIA OR TO/FROM THE TERRITORY OF WALLIS AND FUTUNA

This Aeronautical Information Circular (AIC) details the procedures to be followed by an air carrier, certified by a State which is not part of the European Union, Norway, Liechtenstein, Iceland or Switzerland (called a TCO for "Third Country Operator"), when filling a request for a flight permit to undertake commercial operations to New Caledonia or to the territory of Wallis and Futuna.

These provisions apply to any TCO meeting the three following conditions:

- requesting a flight permit to undertake commercial operations to New Caledonia or to the territory of Wallis and Futuna,
- not having operated to New Caledonia or to the territory of Wallis and Futuna since the beginning of the previous calendar year,
- not holding an European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) safety authorisation as per Commission Regulation (EU) n° 452/2014 covering the aircraft intended to be operated to New Caledonia or to the territory of Wallis and Futuna.

Any TCO meeting the abovementioned provisions shall, among others, fill in and submit the technical questionnaire, along with all the necessary attachments, established by the French Civil Aviation Authority (French DGAC). The technical questionnaire template is accessible on the internet website of the environment, energy and sea ministry: <u>http://www.developpement-durable.gouv.fr/sites/default/files/Questionnaire pour les compagnies_0.pdf</u>.

Furthermore, the Civil Aviation Authority in New Caledonia can require the submission of a new technical questionnaire for any TCO already authorized to operate to New Caledonia or to the territory of Wallis and Futuna, should the TCO:

- be willing to introduce new aircraft for these operations, or
- never have submitted a technical questionnaire for the operated aircraft or have submitted a previous version of the technical questionnaire.

The fully completed questionnaire and all required attachments shall be submitted within the following deadlines:

- for scheduled operations, at the latest 1 month before the first flight of the intended schedule,
- for charter or unscheduled operations of at least 6 flights, at the latest 10 working days before the first flight of the intended schedule,
- for other charter or unscheduled operations, at the latest 2 working days before the first flight of the intended schedule.

The submitted technical questionnaire will be thoroughly reviewed by the Civil Aviation Authority in New Caledonia and a final positive assessment on the compliance with applicable standards, regulations and recommended practices, stands for a prerequisite for the issuance of the associated flight permit.

Contacts:

For flights to or from Wallis and Futuna, the technical questionnaire must be sent to: international-dta@aviation-civile.gouv.fr and copied to safa.dacnc@aviation-civile.gouv.fr and seac-wf-encadrement@aviation-civile.gouv.fr.

For flights between New Caledonia and another location on the French territory (ex: French Polynesia), the technical questionnaire must be sent to: international-dta@aviation-civile.gouv.fr and copied to safa.dacnc@aviation-civile.gouv.fr as well as to noumea-sre-compagnies@aviation-civile.gouv.fr.

For all other flights to or from New Caledonia, the technical questionnaire must be sent to: noumea-sre-compagnies@aviation-civile.gouv.fr and copied to safa.dacnc@aviation-civile.gouv.fr.