

CHAPTER 4.1

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SUBJECT: CERTIFICATE OF RELEASE TO SERVICE - CERTIFICATION OF
OVERHAUL, REPAIRS, REPLACEMENTS, MODIFICATIONS AND SCHEDULED
MAINTENANCE INSPECTIONS

1. INTRODUCTION

In accordance with Civil Aviation Regulations, an aircraft registered in Mauritius for which a certificate of airworthiness has been issued or rendered valid shall not fly unless a certificate of release to service has been issued in respect of any repair, overhaul, replacement, modification or scheduled maintenance inspection to any part of the aircraft or its equipment, subject to conditions prescribed in paragraph 3.1.

2. DEFINITIONS

(a) Scheduled maintenance inspection

Inspection which forms part of an approved maintenance schedule, commonly known as periodic check or phase check.

(b) Maintenance means performance of all work necessary for the purpose of ensuring that the aircraft is airworthy and safe and includes servicing, repairs, replacements, overhauls, tests, operations and inspections.

3. CERTIFICATE OF RELEASE TO SERVICE

3.1 A certificate of release to service shall be issued in respect of any repair, replacement, overhaul, modification and maintenance carried out on an aircraft registered in Mauritius and has a certificate of airworthiness, except in the following cases:

(i) When the authorised total mass of the aircraft does not exceed 2730 kg and the certificate of airworthiness is in special category.

- (ii) When any repair(s) or replacement(s) specified in para 12 of the 6th schedule of Civil Aviation Regulations 1986 are carried out to an aircraft of total authorised mass not exceeding 2730 kg, operated for purposes other than public transport and the said repair(s) and replacement(s) are carried out in accordance with approved procedures/aeronautical practices personally by the owner or operator of the aircraft being the holder of the pilot's licence.
 - (iii) If the replacement or repair is carried out at a place where it is not reasonably practical to carry out the work in a manner that certificate of release may be issued, the commander may fly the aircraft to the nearest place at which the certificate can be issued if in his opinion it is safe to fly to such a place. The commander shall, however, inform the Director of Civil Aviation within 10 days of the occurrence, of the reasons of making such a flight.
- 3.2 The certificate of release to service issued at completion of any repair, replacement, overhaul, modification and maintenance shall be signed in each of the licence/authorisation categories relevant to the work speciality of the particular maintenance except where otherwise approved by the Director of Civil Aviation.
- 3.3 The certificate of release to service shall be signed only after the authorised signatory has satisfied that the work has been properly performed and that up-to-date instructions including manuals, drawings, tools and equipment have been used and all applicable mandatory modifications, and inspections have been complied with.
- 3.4 The certificate of release to service shall contain full particulars of the work done including details of aircraft/component involved. The certificate shall be worded as follows:

"The works recorded above have been carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Civil Aviation Regulations in force and in that respect the

aircraft/equipment is considered fit for release to service".

4. PERSONS AUTHORISED TO SIGN CERTIFICATE OF RELEASE TO SERVICE

4.1 The certificate of release to service shall be signed by one of the following:

- (a) By the holder of an aircraft maintenance engineer's Licence granted under the Civil Aviation Regulations and entitling him to issue that certificate

or

- (b) By the holder of an aircraft maintenance engineer's licence granted under the law of a country other than Mauritius and rendered valid under Civil Aviation Regulations, in accordance with the privileges endorsed on the licence.

or

- (c) In respect of an aircraft the maximum total mass authorised of which does not exceed 2730 kg, by the holder of a licence or authorisation granted or issued under the law of a Contracting State in which the overhaul, repair, replacement, modification or inspection has been carried out under intimation to Director of Civil Aviation.

or

- (d) By a person approved by the Director of Civil Aviation to issue such certificates and in accordance with that approval.

or

- (e) By a person authorised by the Director of Civil Aviation to issue such certificates in a particular case and in accordance with that authority.

4.2 In respect of the adjustment and compensation of direct reading magnetic compasses, by the holder of an Airline Transport Pilot's Licence (aeroplanes), or a Flight

Navigator's Licence granted or rendered valid under the
Civil Aviation Regulations.

5. RETENTION OF RECORDS

- 5.1 When all the relevant work has been carried out, a certificate of release to service shall be issued and entered in/attached to the relevant Log Book or in any other manner in accordance with the record system approved by Director of Civil Aviation.
- 5.2 When the work has been carried out by the owner/pilot, the pilot's licence number and the signature of the person carrying out the work shall be entered in the appropriate Log Book.
- 5.3 All such records shall be retained by the operator/ owner of aircraft for a period of two years after the aircraft/engine/ propeller has been destroyed or permanently withdrawn from service or for such other periods as agreed to by Director of Civil Aviation.

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