

**CHAPTER : 5**

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**SUBJECT: MANDATORY MODIFICATIONS/INSPECTIONS**

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**1.    INTRODUCTION**

1.1    This chapter specified the procedure for notification of mandatory modifications/inspections in respect of all civil aircraft, registered in Mauritius.

1.2    The responsibility for maintaining aircraft in an airworthy condition rests with the owners/operators of aircraft. In order to help them in this task the manufacturers of aircraft/aircraft components and items of equipment, from time to time, issue requirements in the form of service bulletins/inspections, to be complied with by the owners/operators of aircraft, depending on their service experience. It is, therefore, imperative that they arrange to receive such documents directly from the manufacturers and take action on these, in the light of their experience.

**2.    DEFINITION**

Mandatory modification/inspection means modification/inspection considered essential for airworthiness of aircraft and classified as mandatory of this Department or regulatory authority of the country of manufacture.

**3.    PROCEDURE**

3.1    This Department shall declare only such service bulletins/instructions as mandatory which are essential for airworthiness of aircraft and safety of their occupants. They shall be issued in the form of mandatory modifications/inspections and will be notified to each owner/operator of Mauritian registered aircraft to which these relate. The compliance date, limiting

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flying hours/cycles will be decided by this Department, where appropriate, in consultation with the operators/owners of aircraft. In taking this decision, the degree of urgency and availability of modified parts will be taken into account.

- 3.2 A consolidated list of modifications/inspections for all Mauritian registered aircraft will also be issued by this Department and a copy thereof can be obtained by the operators/owners and approved organisation, on request.
4. Notwithstanding the above, the owners/operators of aircraft shall also comply with the modifications/inspections communicated to them by the manufacturers of aircraft/aircraft components and items of equipment through alert bulletins/cables. In case, any change in the said modifications/inspections are considered necessary by them, prior approval of this Department will be necessary before any changes are adopted by them. Similarly this Department shall also communicate to the owners/operators any changes required to be made therein.
5. Arising from incorporation of such modifications, should any amendments to the maintenance schedules/flight manual or operations manual be necessary, the same shall be carried out forthwith.
6. All relevant records of mandatory modifications/inspections shall be made available to the representative(s) of this Department for examination, when required and these shall not be destroyed without authorisation from them.

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