Applicability

All AOCs approved by the state of Mauritius.

Introduction

This SD aims to clarify the dangerous goods requirements for all operators and thereby help prevent the carriage of undeclared dangerous goods by air.

Interpretation

The following is an extract from the DCA AOCR (CAT.MPA.200) and should be read to confirm your understanding:

(a) Unless otherwise permitted the transport of dangerous goods by air shall be conducted only in accordance with Annex 18 to the Chicago Convention as last amended and amplified by the Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air (ICAO Doc 9284-AN/905), including its supplements and any other addenda or corrigenda.

(b) Dangerous goods shall only be transported by an operator approved in accordance with (Part-SPA), Subpart G, except when:

(1) they are not subject to the Technical Instructions in accordance with Part 1 of those
Instructions; or
(2) they are carried by passengers or crew members, or are in baggage, in accordance with Part 8 of the Technical Instructions.

c) An operator shall establish procedures to ensure that all reasonable measures are taken to prevent dangerous goods from being carried on board inadvertently.

d) The operator shall provide personnel with the necessary information enabling them to carry out their responsibilities, as required by the Technical Instructions.

e) The operator shall, in accordance with the Technical Instructions, report without delay to the DCA and the appropriate authority of the State of occurrence in the event of:
   
   (1) any dangerous goods accidents or incidents;
   (2) the discovery of undeclared or mis-declared dangerous goods in cargo or mail; or
   (3) the finding of dangerous goods carried by passengers or crew members, or in their baggage, when not in accordance with Part 8 of the Technical Instructions.

f) The operator shall ensure that passengers are provided with information about dangerous goods in accordance with the Technical Instructions.

g) The operator shall ensure that notices giving information about the transport of dangerous goods are provided at acceptance points for cargo as required by the Technical Instructions.

In summary all operators must ensure passengers are aware of prohibited items, permitted carry-on or checked-in dangerous goods articles and substances whether a DCA dangerous goods approval held or not. All operators shall also ensure that all relevant personnel are trained appropriately, and appropriate reporting methods are in place as detailed in paragraph (e) above.

Authority:

This Safety Directive is issued by the Director of Civil Aviation under the provisions of Article 135 of CAR, and supersedes previous instruction. CAR and AOCRs will be amended in due course if required. If further clarification is required, please contact the DCA.

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for Director of Civil Aviation