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AVIATION SECURITY CIRCULAR

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Subject: Display of Aviation Security Identification Card

1.0 Purpose of the Aviation Security Circular

1.1 This Aviation Security Circular (ASC) is issued pursuant to provisions of Regulation 28 and 42 (1) (a) of the Civil Aviation (Security) Regulations 2019, for guidance and necessary actions to be taken in respect of display of Aviation Security Identification Card (ASIC) at airports of Mauritius.

2.0 Regulatory Framework

- 2.1 Regulation 28 of the Civil Aviation (Security) Regulations 2019 on access control stipulates that: "no person shall be given access to, or enter, or remain inside an airside, a security restricted area or a vulnerable point unless
 - (a) he is on official duty and conspicuously displays a valid aviation security identification card for unescorted access, on the outer garment, at chest level, during the time of stay inside the airside, security restricted area or vulnerable point.

3.0 Exemption

3.1 This provision does not apply to officers who by virtue of the nature of their duty have been exempted from the conspicuous wearing of their ASIC. An exempted ASIC holder shall always carry his ASIC and make it readily available for inspection by a security staff when gaining access inside an airside, security restricted area or vulnerable point.

4.0 Responsibility of organisations

- 4.1 It has been brought to our attention that some officers are not displaying their ASIC as required by Regulation 28 (a) of the Civil Aviation (Security) Regulations 2019.
- 4.2 We would like to draw your attention that this constitutes a breach of Regulations under Regulation 46 (1) (a) and 46 (2) (d) of the Civil Aviation (Security) Regulations 2019.
- 4.3 Regulation 46 (1) (a), stipulates that "where, in relation to any airside, security restricted area or vulnerable point, an offence under these regulations is committed by any person, the employer of that person shall also commit the like offence unless he proves that the offence was committed without his knowledge or consent and that he took all necessary steps to prevent the commission of the offence."
- 4.4 Regulation 46 (2) (d) stipulates that "Any person who without reasonable excuse or justification, fails to comply with Regulation 28 shall commit an offence."
- 4.5 Head of organisations are requested to ensure that their employees and contractors are made aware of these requirements.
- 4.6 Head of organisations are also requested to take all necessary measures at their end to ensure that their employees and contractors do not commit such offences.
- 4.7 The collaboration of everyone is sought in the implementation of the Aviation Security Circular for the enhancement of aviation security.
- 4.8 Non-compliance to the provisions of the Civil Aviation (Security) Regulations 2019 may entail judicial proceedings.

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