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NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE MAKING
NPRM NO: 2026-03

MCAR-Air Operations
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MCAR-CAT (Commercial Air Transport Operation)
MCAR-SPA (Specific Approvals for Air Operations)
MCAR-ARO (Authority Requirements for Air Operations)
MCAR-NCC (Non-commercial operations with complex motor-powered aircraft)

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1 Purpose of this NPRM

The purpose of this NPRM is to consult with the industry before promulgating MCAR-Air Operations Issue 7 and its associated regulations.

2 Background to the Proposal

1) MCAR-Air Operations Issue 6 has the following regulations where Organisation and personnel involved in the operation of certain aircraft shall comply with the relevant essential requirements set out in MCAR-Air Operations Issue 6 and the following regulations applicable:
   a) MCAR-ORO (Organisation Requirements for Air Operations)
   b) MCAR-CAT (Commercial Air Transport Operation)
   c) MCAR-SPA (Specific Approvals for Air Operations)
   d) MCAR-NCO (Non-Commercial Air Operations with Other-than-complex Motor-powered aircraft)
   e) MCAR-ARO (Authority requirements for Air Operations)
   f) MCAR-NCC (Non-commercial operations with complex motor-powered aircraft)

2) The main changes brought to the regulations are.
   a) Incorporation of changes to ICAO Annex 6.
   b) Incorporation of changes to EASA Air Operations rule.
   c) The provisions for cruise relief co-pilots in MCAR Air Operations Regulations should be revised to establish appropriate operating procedures for the transfer of authority between flight crew members.
   d) Establishing a lower applicability threshold for the requirement to have a flight data analysis programme as per ICAO standards. The revised threshold has been identified to cover most large commercial passenger aeroplanes currently in operation, with a maximum certified take-off mass greater than 15,000 kg.
   e) Updating flight plan definitions and clarifying references to flight plans in the relevant parts of the Regulation to ensure consistency and clarity
   f) Introducing provisions to allow derogations from the prescribed aircraft weighing intervals, subject to specified conditions and regulatory approval.
   g) Amending MCAR Air Operations to accommodate the future integration of manned aircraft capable of vertical take-off and landing (VTOL) into the transportation system. The relevant requirements for VTOL will be addressed separately through an NPRM.
   h) Addressing inconsistencies in requirements introduced by new rules.

3) The following ICAO Annex 6 Amendments were incorporated:
   a) Amendment 49 to Annex 6, Part I
   b) Amendment 50 to Annex 6, Part I
   c) Amendment 41 to Annex 6, Part II
   d) Amendment 42 to Annex 6, Part II
   e) Amendment 25 to Annex 6, Part III
   f) Amendment 26 to Annex 6, Part III
   g) Amendment 51 to Annex 6, Part I
   h) Amendment 43 to Annex 6, Part II
   i) Amendment 27 to Annex 6, Part III

4) The Following EU rules were adapted:

a) Commission implementing regulation (EU) 2024/1111 of 10 April 2024.
b) Commission implementing regulation (EU) 2024/2076 of 24 July 2024.

3 Key Stakeholders

The following are identified by the CAA as key stakeholder(s) in the proposed amendments to regulations contained in this NPRM:

- Air Operators (Airlines) in Maldives
- Approved Training Organizations
- Foreign Air carriers operating to Maldives

4 Submissions on the NPRM

4.1 Submissions are invited

Interested persons are invited to participate in the making of the proposed rules by submitting written data, views, or comments. All submissions will be considered before final action on the proposed rulemaking is taken.

4.2 How to make a submission

Comments on this proposal may be forwarded (preferably by e-mail), using the NPRM Submission Form given in Appendix 1. The NPRM Submission Form is also available on the CAA website www.caa.gov.mv.
Submissions may be sent by the following methods:

By mail: 2nd Floor, Velaanaage
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4.3 Final date for submissions

Comments must be received before 15th December2026.

4.4 Availability of the NPRM

Any person may obtain a copy of this NPRM from:
CAA website: https://www.caa.gov.mv/rules-and-regulations/notice-of-proposed-rule-making

or from:
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5 Proposed Rule Amendments

- Amend ASC Air Operations 01
- Amend MCAR Aircrew

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