



Deviation Number: 23-000768

Regulatory Docket: 2023/03-001

PUBLISHED DECISION ON PETITION FOR DEVIATION FROM PART 7, APPENDIX 1 TO 7.355 (A)(9) FLIGHT INSTRUCTION – COMPLEX (OR TURBINE-POWERED HELICOPTER)

This letter is to advise the public of a request made to the Authority for an Exemption from Rwanda Civil Aviation Regulations Part 7, Appendix 1 to 7.355 (a)(9) and elected to issue a Deviation based on the effect it will have on the helicopter industry. It transmits the Authority's decision, explains its basis, and gives you the helicopter industry the conditions and limitations of the Deviation, including the date it ends.

(a) The Basis of Our Decision

By application, submission of Safety Risk Analysis and supporting documents the Authority has reviewed the petitioner's request for exemption. The exemption would allow the petitioner to continue training under the exemption. However, upon further review, the Rwanda Civil Aviation Authority deemed a Deviation would better serve the helicopter industry.

(b) Discussion of Public Comments

The Authority has determined that good cause exists for not publishing a summary of the petition because the requested Deviation would not set a precedent, and any delay in acting on this petition would be detrimental to the petitioner.

(c) Equivalent level of Safety

The alternative means of compliance in line with this Deviation shall include;

- Additional hours of theoretical knowledge training on complex helicopter systems
- Test the candidates' theoretical knowledge and understanding of complex helicopter systems,
- Provide the pilots with an additional 30 hours of flight training in a non-complex aircraft,

(d) Our Decision

In consideration of the foregoing, the Authority finds that the grant of the Deviation does not impact the public interest. Therefore, pursuant to the authority contained in Rwanda Civil Aviation Regulations Part 1.190(a), delegated to me by the Minister, the petitioner, and by extension the helicopter industry is granted a Deviation from the requirements of Rwanda Civil Aviation Rwanda Appendix 1 to 7.355 (a)(9) Flight Instruction – Complex (or Turbine-powered Helicopter) to the extent necessary to allow the petitioner, and by extension the helicopter industry to continue in accordance with section (c) of this Deviation. skill test according to RCARs Part 7.



Conditions and Limitations

1. Submission of lesson plan to RCAA to commensurate with section (c) of this Deviation.
2. Submission of complex helicopter testing criteria.
3. Submission of attendance sheet.
4. Student record of the results of the revision classes inclusive of Long Briefing.
5. Signed log book entry additional 30 hours of flight training in a non-complex aircraft as per Safety -Risk Analysis.

This Deviation is effective as of 16TH MAY 2023 AND TERMINATES On 3RD NOVEMEBR 2023, unless sooner superseded or rescinded.

Issued by,


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Director General
Rwanda Civil Aviation Authority

