



NIGERIAN CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY

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ALL OPERATORS LETTER (FSG 001/20)

Ref: NCAA/FSG/AOL/20/001
Date: 16th March, 2020
To: All AOC Holders
From: Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority
Attn: Accountable Manager / Quality Assurance Manager
Subject: **EVALUATION OF NIGERIAN AOC HOLDERS APPLICATIONS AND DOCUMENTATIONS BY THE NCAA PRIOR TO SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FOR EASA THIRD COUNTRY OPERATOR (TCO)**

INTRODUCTION

This All Operators Letter (AOL FSG001/20) supersedes AOL FSG 001 referenced NCAA/FSG/AOL/17/001 dated 23rd May 2017 (hereafter referred as AOL FSG001/17) which was issued to prevent further situations where AOC holders from Nigeria apply for EASA TCO authorization with outdated and incomplete documentations. This poses a risk of some applicants being banned from flying into the EASA Part-TCO areas.

REASON FOR RE-ISSUING OF THE AOL

1. AOL FSG001/17 was applicable to only **designated Scheduled Operators** to fly to other countries.
2. AOL FSG001/17 was not very effective as some non-scheduled airlines filed applications for EASA TCO Authorization with EASA without first contacting the Authority. This was contrary to the intention of AOL FSG001/17 that required interested applicants to first consult with NCAA before filing any EASA TCO applications to EASA.
3. EASA Third Country Operator (TCO) is applicable to all AOC holders intending to operate scheduled and charter commercial operations into and out of European Union States and or EASA Part-TCO areas.

NEW REQUIREMENTS

1. This AOL is meant to address the concerns above.
2. The requirements of NCAA AOL FSG001/17 are now applicable to all AOC holders (both scheduled and unscheduled operators) intending to operate into and out of European Union (EU) States and or EASA Part-TCO areas.

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3. Operations to European Union States and/ or EASA Part TCO areas will now be restricted on each AOC holder's Operations Specification paragraph B16 (Authorized Areas of Geographical Operations) until NCAA has evaluated the individual AOC holder to ensure they meet the EASA TCO requirements.

ACTIONS REQUIRED

1. NCAA will commence immediate amendment of all applicable AOC holders Operations Specification Paragraph B16 (Authorized Areas of Geographical Operations) to bring all AOC holders to compliance with respect to authorized areas of operations. This process is expected to be completed by 30 May, 2020.
2. Any AOC holder intending to apply for EASA TCO Authorization between now and when their Operations Specification Paragraph B16 is amended, must first seek and obtain a written clearance from the NCAA before submitting any EASA-TCO Authorization applications to EASA.
3. After amendment of paragraph B16 of the Operations Specifications, intending applicants for EASA TCO Authorizations must apply and be evaluated by the Authority, and EASA Part-TCO area/Europe specifically included in paragraph B16 of the AOC Operations Specification as an authorized area of operation before applicants can file an application for EASA TCO Authorization with EASA.

NOTE: For avoidance of doubt, a completed EASA Part-TCO Application Form submitted to EASA by email is considered to have been initiated even if the applicant has not been granted any login details to the EASA-TCO portal by EASA.

Please take note and comply accordingly.

Capt. A.M. Sidi
Director, Operations & Training
For: Director General/CEO.

Acronyms:

AOC-Air Operators Certificate
EASA-European Aviation Safety Agency
TCO-Third Country Authorization

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