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Bosnia and Herzegovina Directorate of Civil Aviation

Notification on issuing an Operational Directive relating to the obligation to enter language proficiency check levels for the language used in radio-telephony communication into a pilot licence

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Explanation for the issued Operational Directive

The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) established an obligation to evaluate language proficiency levels for staff involved in radio-telephony communication in air navigation. This requirement is defined by ICAO Annex 1 (Annex 1 - Personnel Licensing – 1.2.9 Language Proficiency), and its implementation has been elaborated in a manual defining requirements for language proficiency checks - Manual on the Implementation of ICAO Language Proficiency Requirements. In addition, the obligation to test and evaluate language proficiency levels for holders of instrument flight ratings (IR/SE or IR/ME) are defined in the provisions of JAR-FCL 1.200 and 2.200 prescribed in JAR-FCL 1 and JAR-FCL 2 requirements.

This operational directive introduces the obligation to enter at least one official language in Bosnia and Herzegovina in an appropriate pilot licence, i.e. the obligation to enter an English language proficiency level in the pilot licence for all pilots in possession of instrument flight ratings for single-engine aircraft and multi-engine aircraft in the licence concerned. (IR/SE or IR/ME).

Flight crews participating in the execution of flight operations in the international air traffic shall be required to have their English language proficiency level entered in the appropriate pilot licence, except in countries where the official language for radio-telephony communication is one of the official languages in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The requirements to enter specific language proficiency levels for the language used in radio-telephony communication are as follows:

A. For a language officially used in Bosnia and Herzegovina and/or English language, through testing
   Pilots who after testing (checking) achieve a sufficient English language proficiency level (level 4/5/6) are entitled to have the proficiency level for the official languages of Bosnia and Herzegovina and/or for the English language, with an expiry date, entered in "XIII Remarks" in their licence (the testing shall be conducted by the BHDCA through language examiners authorised for the official languages in Bosnia and Herzegovina)
B. For the English language
   English proficiency Level 6 may be entered in a licence subject to meeting one of the requirements defined in the ICAO Manual on the Implementation of ICAO Language Proficiency Requirements, Chapter 6, item 6.2.8.11, which have been defined as follows:
   - it is the language that the candidate used during childhood in the family, in the community and in education, and/or
   - the candidate had long periods of residence (with proven participation) in communities where the language is used socially, professionally or in education, and/or
   - the candidate had extended periods of language study or higher education diplomas.

   The candidate shall submit to the BHDCA detailed evidence of his/her education or residence and work in a country where the language to be entered in the licence is spoken.

Failure to comply with this operational directive shall result in non-issuance of JAR-FCL flight licence to flight crew members covered by this operational directive.

Reason for the Issuing of the Operational Directive

In the period of full implementation of JAR-FCL requirements in the field of pilot licences, deficiencies have been identified that directly affect communication levels of flight crew members while conducting flight operations in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

By introducing this operational directive, the BHDCA shall fully ensure all prerequisites for the issuance of licences in accordance with ICAO and JAR-FCL 1 and 2 requirements.

Signature of Director General:_____