

GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF NORTH MACEDONIA

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In accordance with paragraph (6) of Article 41 of the Aviation Act ("Official Gazette of the Republic of North Macedonia No.14/24, 224/24 and 3/25), and in accordance with Article 3 of the Multilateral Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, the Republic of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Bulgaria, the Republic of Croatia, the Republic of Macedonia, the Republic of Iceland, the Republic of Montenegro, the Kingdom of Norway, Romania, the Republic of Serbia and the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo on the establishment of a European Common Aviation Area ratified with the Act of Ratification of Multilateral Agreement ("Official Gazette of the Republic of Macedonia No. 27/07, 98/09 and "Official Gazette of the Republic of North Macedonia No. 259/19) at the session held on 13 May 2025, the Government of the Republic of North Macedonia endorsed the following

REGULATION

ON THE SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS, METHOD AND PROCEDURE FOR GRANTING FLIGHT APPROVAL TO CIVIL AND STATE AIRCRAFT

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1

This Regulation stipulates the specific requirements, method and procedure for granting flight approval to civil and state aircraft.

This Regulation does not apply to unmanned aircraft operated in an open and specific category of operations.

Article 2

Particular terms used in this Regulations shall have the following meaning:

- 1) Air service means a flight or a series of flights carrying passengers, cargo and mail for remuneration and/or hire;
- 2) Commercial air transport means carrying passengers, cargo and/or mail for remuneration and/or rent;
- 3) Scheduled air service means an air service intended to the entire public and in accordance with a fixed time table or such regularity that constitute an easily recognizably systematic flight series;
- 4) Non-scheduled air service means any air service which is not a scheduled air service;
- 5) Charter transportation means a non-scheduled air transportation carried out with leased aircraft;
- 6) General aviation means a non-commercial flight operations (business transport (transport for own use) or other non-commercial transport, non-commercial specialised operations and private flights);
- 7) Specialized operations mean a commercial and non-commercial flight operations other than air transport, where the aircraft is used for specialized activities such as agriculture, construction,

photography, surveying, observation and patrol, advertisement, appliances` maintenance check and other;

8) ECAA means the European Common Aviation Area;

9) ECAA Agreement means the Multilateral Agreement on the establishment of a European Common Aviation Area;

10) Flight approval means an approval by which a foreign civil aircraft operator is granted commercial traffic rights, *i.e.* the Macedonian airspace flight freedoms, or a state aircraft is granted the right to operate in the Macedonian airspace;

11) Fifth freedom traffic rights mean rights granted to air carrier for carriage of passengers, cargo and mail from its own country to another country and to continue its journey to a third country;

12) Seventh freedom traffic rights mean rights granted to air carrier for carriage of passengers, cargo and mail between two foreign countries without operating air transport from and to its own country;

13) Humanitarian flight means a flight operated exclusively for humanitarian purposes which carry relief personnel and relief supplies such as food, clothing, shelter, medical and other items during or after an emergency and disaster, or are used to evacuate persons from a place where their life or health is threatened by such emergency or disaster to a safe haven in the same State or another State willing to receive such persons;

14) State aircraft means an aircraft that carry out military, police and/or customs activities;

15) Position (ferry) flight means a flight from one airport to another without passengers on board of the aircraft;

16) "Open" category of operations means a category of unmanned aircraft system operations as defined at Article 4 from the EU Regulation 2019/947; and

17) "Specific" category of operations means a category of unmanned aircraft system operations as defined at Article 5 from the EU Regulation 2019/947.

II. SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS, METHOD AND PROCEDURE FOR GRANTING FLIGHT APPROVAL FOR THE PURPOSE OF OPERATING SCHEDULED AIR SERVICE

1. The specific requirements for granting flight approvals for the purpose of operating scheduled air service to foreign air carriers

Article 3

(1) An air carrier of a country which is a Party to a bilateral Air Service Agreement concluded with the Republic of North Macedonia may operate scheduled air service in accordance with the freedoms of the air provided for in the respective bilateral Agreement, subject to the following additional requirements to those contained thereto:

- a) a valid Operating Licence in cases of an EU Member State air carrier,
- b) a valid Air Operator Certificate (AOC);
- c) a valid Certificate of Registration of the aircraft intended for the operation of air service to/from the Republic of North Macedonia;
- d) a valid Aircraft Radio Licence;

- e) a valid Noise Certificate;
 - f) a valid insurance for the passengers, baggage and cargo, as well as a third party liability coverage on ground according to the minimum insurance coverage defined in the EU Regulation 785/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 April 2004 on insurance requirements for air carriers and aircraft operators amended by EU Regulation 1137/2008, EU Regulation 285/2010, EU Regulation 2019/1243 and EU Regulation 2020/1118 (hereinafter: EU Regulation 785/2004) attached to Annex I which is integral part of this Regulation;
 - g) a valid Certificate of Airworthiness, *i.e.*, Airworthiness Review Certificate;
 - h) it is not on the air carrier list subject to operating ban;
 - i) the country of the air carrier is not on the ICAO Significant Safety/Security Concern list;
 - j) if require to operate scheduled air service from a country in which there is information or notification regarding state of war or emergency or other dangerous situation to the public safety in the Republic of North Macedonia, to have positive opinion from the Ministry of Internal Affairs and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trades and
 - k) if require to operate scheduled air service from a country in which there is information or notification regarding state of epidemic or other dangerous situation to the public health in the Republic of North Macedonia, to have positive opinion from the Ministry of Health *i.e.*, other body constituted to deal with the epidemic, respectively the pandemic.
- (2) Any air carrier under paragraph (1) of this Article may operate scheduled air service including freedoms of the air which are not included in the respective bilateral agreement, (fifth and seventh freedom traffic rights or cabotage), subject to compliance with the requirements specified in Article 4 of this Regulation.
- (3) If the air carrier, which has been granted approval to carry out scheduled air service, continuously in the last six months does not comply with the obligations arising from the concluded international agreements, regulations or inspection minutes, orders and operational directives of the Civil Aviation Agency (hereinafter Agency) for issues related to safety, security, protection of passengers rights and etc., will not carry out scheduled air services, *i.e.* will not be granted with a new flight approval by the Agency.

Article 4

An air carrier from a state that has no bilateral Air Service Agreement with the Republic of North Macedonia, *i.e.* an air carrier requesting air traffic freedom rights that are not provided in the bilateral agreement, may operate scheduled air service if it meets the requirements provided in paragraph (1) Article 3 from this Regulation and has a statement that the state undertakes to apply a reciprocal treatment in the event when the Republic of North Macedonia has a domestic air carrier.

2. Method and procedure for granting approval for the purpose of operating scheduled air service

Article 5

- (1) For granting flight approval for operating scheduled air service, the air carriers shall submit the application with time table to the Agency or to the legal entity authorised by the Agency in

accordance with indent 3, paragraph (1), Article 17 of the Aviation Act that should have adequate premises, equipment, staff and working procedures.

(2) The application from paragraph (1) of this Article is being submitted by regular mail or e-mail addresses published in the Aeronautical Information Publication.

Article 6

(1) The application from Article 5 of this Regulation shall contain the following data:

- a) Name and address of the air carrier;
- b) Aircraft type, registration marks and flight number;
- c) Airport and time of departure and arrival, including an UTC or Local indication; and
- d) Nature and amount of cargo, country of origin and destination, if the application refers to transport of cargo.

(2) With the application, the air carrier is obliged to enclose evidence regarding the compliance with the requirements set out in Article 3 of this Regulation, as well as the requirements provided for in the respective bilateral Air Service Agreements.

Article 7

(1) The time table referred to paragraph (1), Article 5 of this Regulation shall be submitted to the Agency for approval within the time period provided for in the bilateral Air Service Agreements or at least 30 days prior to the intended date of commencement of the flights.

(2) The time table shall be approved for the Summer and the Winter Operating Season separately.

(3) Any amendments to the time table shall be approved in accordance with the procedure for its approval.

(4) Any request for additional flights shall be submitted by the respective air carrier to the Agency at least two working days prior to the date of the intended flights.

(5) Any request for change of already approved register mark of aircraft, merging of flights or change of the date of operation or route, shall be submitted by the air carrier to the Agency at least one working day prior to the intended flight.

(6) The days of weekend and holidays shall not be calculated in the periods provided in paragraphs (4) and (5) of this Article except in the case when other legal entity has been authorized by the Agency to issue flight approvals beyond its working hours in accordance with indent 3 paragraph (1) Article 17 of the Aviation Act.

(7) Merging of flights provided for in paragraph (5) of this Article may be required only in cases of force majeure *i.e.*, non-commercial reasons. Merging of scheduled with non-scheduled flights shall not be approved.

(8) In case of request for a change of already approved type of aircraft from paragraph (5) of this Article, with aircraft from the fleet of the air carrier operating the service on the route, together with the request shall submit the documents set out in items c), d), e), f) and g) paragraph (1) Article 3 of this Regulation.

(9) If a change is requested to an already approved register mark of aircraft from paragraph (5) of this Article, with wet lease-in from another air carrier based on the lease contract, together with the documents for the leased aircraft from paragraph (8) of this Article, the lease contract and the valid Air Operator Certificate – AOC of the air carrier operating wet lease – in, should be submitted.

Article 8

- (1) Upon receipt of the application provided for in Article 5 of this Regulation, the Agency shall implement the procedure for verification of the compliance with the prescribed requirements for granting approval.
- (2) The procedure for granting approval shall not include application of the Law on General Administrative Procedure.
- (3) The Agency shall issue approval to an air carrier that meets the requirements related to the operation of scheduled air service provided for in this Regulation, in one of the official languages of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) *i.e.*, in the English language and the approval shall be submitted to the air carrier by e-mail address.
- (4) If an application for approval to carry out scheduled air transport of dangerous goods has been submitted, the Agency shall issue the approval referred to in paragraph (3) of this Article if the air carrier meets the requirements of this Regulation and the by-laws regulating the transport of dangerous goods by air.
- (5) In case of change of an aircraft, inclusion of a new aircraft, modification of a day or a route or merging of flights, the Agency shall issue a confirmation that the previously issued flight approval refers to the modification required.
- (6) The approval provided for in paragraph (3) of this Article shall be submitted by the Agency to the ATM/ANS provider as well as to the Airport Operator.
- (7) Upon receipt of the approval provided for in paragraph (3) of this Article, the air carrier shall submit a flight plan to ATM/ANS provider.

Article 9

- (1) Any approval for operating scheduled air service issued by the Agency in accordance with this Regulation shall be valid only during the estimated time of entry into the Macedonian airspace and the estimated time of departure.
- (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1) of this Article, in extraordinary circumstances (force majeure or technical impediment), the air carriers may change its time table subject to prior approval granted by the Agency.
- (3) The air carriers shall coordinate the times of arrival and departure with the Airport Operator or with the entities referred to in Article 84 of the Aviation Act.

Article 10

- (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of this Chapter, the air carrier of the ECAA Member State, may operate scheduled air service between the Republic of North Macedonia and any Member State, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter III of EU Regulation 1008/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 September 2008 on common rules for the operation of air service in the Community, amended by EU Regulations No. 2018/1139 and 2019/2 (hereinafter: EU Regulation 1008/2008) attached to Annex 2, which is integral part of this Regulation;
- (2) The terms "Community", "Community Law", "Community Official Gazette", "Community air carrier", "Community airport", "Member States", and "Treaty establishing the European Community" referred to in Chapter III of EU Regulation 1008/2008, shall be read in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 of Annex II to the ECAA Agreement.

III.THE SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS, METHOD AND PROCEDURE FOR GRANTING FLIGHT APPROVAL FOR THE PURPOSE OF OPERATING NON-SCHEDULED (CHARTER) AIR SERVICE

1. Specific conditions for granting approvals for operating non-scheduled (charter) air service for foreign operators

Article 11

(1) Any foreign air carrier may operate non-scheduled (charter) air service subject to compliance the requirements set out in the bilateral agreement and/or Memorandum of Understanding governing non-scheduled (charter) air service and/or the following requirements *i.e.* to hold:

- a) a valid Operating Licence in cases of an EU Member State air carrier;
- b) a valid Air Operator Certificate (AOC);
- c) a valid Certificate of Registration of the aircraft intended for operation of air service to/from the Republic of North Macedonia;
- d) a valid Radio Station Licence;
- e) a valid Noise Certificate;
- f) a valid insurance for the passengers, baggage and cargo, as well as third party on ground liability coverage according minimum insurance coverage defined in the EU Regulation 785/2004;
- g) valid Certificate of Airworthiness, *i.e.*, Airworthiness Review Certificate;
- h) it is not on the air carrier list subject to operating ban;
- i) the country of the air carrier is not on the ICAO Significant Safety/Security Concern list;
- j) if require to operate non-scheduled (charter) air service from a country in which there is information or notification regarding state of war or emergency or other dangerous situation to the public safety in the Republic of North Macedonia, to have positive opinion from the Ministry of Internal Affairs and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trades and
- k) if require to operate non-scheduled (charter) air service from a country in which there is information or notification regarding state of epidemic or other dangerous situation to the public health in the Republic of North Macedonia, to have positive opinion from the Ministry of Health *i.e.*, other body constituted to deal with the epidemic, respectively the pandemic.

(2) If the air carrier, which has been granted approval to carry out non-scheduled (charter) air service , in the last six months continuously does not comply with the obligations arising from the concluded international agreements, regulations or inspection minutes, orders and operational directives of the Civil Aviation Agency for issues related to safety, security, protection of passengers rights and etc., it will not carry out scheduled air service, *i.e.* it will not be granted with a new flight approval by the Civil Aviation Agency.

2. Method and procedure for granting flight approvals for operating non-scheduled (charter) air service

Article 12

- (1) For granting flight approvals for operating non-scheduled (charter) air service, the air carriers shall submit the application to the Agency in accordance with indent 3, paragraph (1), Article 17 of the Aviation Act that should have adequate premises, equipment, staff and working procedures.
- (2) The applications are submitted by regular mail or e-mail addresses which are published in the Aeronautical Information Publication.

Article 13

- (1) The application from Article 12 of this Regulation shall include the following data:
 - a) name and address of the air carrier;
 - b) type of aircraft, registration marks and flight number;
 - c) date of flight;
 - d) airports of departure and arrival, time of departure and arrival, including UTC or Local indication;
 - e) purpose of flight;
 - f) nature and quantity of cargo, country of origin and destination and
 - g) name and address of the consignor and consignee of cargo.
- (2) The application of any air carrier shall include evidence of compliance with the requirements under Article 11 of this Regulation.

Article 14

- (1) The application for operating non-scheduled (charter) air service shall be submitted to the Agency as follows:
 - a) for one to four flights - at least three working days prior to the date of the intended flights;
 - b) for five or more flights - at least seven working days prior to the date of the intended flights;
 - c) for change of already approved register mark of aircraft, merging of flights or change of the date of operation *i.e.* change of the route - at least one working day prior to the intended flight. The days of weekend and holidays shall not be included in the time frame specified in this item, except in case when the other legal entity has been authorized by the Agency to issue flight approvals outside its working hours in accordance with indent 3 paragraph (1) Article 17 of the Aviation Act.
- (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1) of this Article, the Agency may, in cases of force majeure or other extraordinary circumstances, accept applications submitted in shorter periods of time than those set out in items a) and b), paragraph (1) of this Article.
- (3) Merging of flights under item c), paragraph (1) of this Article may be required only in cases of force majeure. Merging of non-scheduled with scheduled flights shall not be permitted.
- (4) In case of request for a change of already approved register mark of aircraft from item (d) paragraph (1) of this Article, with aircraft from the fleet of the air carrier operating the service on the route, shall submit, together with the request, the documents set out in items c), d), e), f) and g) paragraph (1) Article 11 of this Regulation.
- (5) In case of application for a change of already approved type of aircraft under item (c) paragraph (1) of this Article with wet leased-in aircraft from another air carrier based on the lease contract, in that case with the application along with the documents for the leased aircraft from

paragraph (4) of this Article, the applicant should also include, the lease contract and the valid Air Operator Certificate – AOC of the air carrier operating wet lease – in.

(6) In case of change of an aircraft, inclusion of a new aircraft, change of a day or a route or merging of flights, the Agency shall issue a confirmation that the previously issued flight approval refers to the change required.

Article 15

(1) Upon receipt of the application from Article 12 of this Regulation, the Agency shall implement the procedure for verification of the compliance with the prescribed requirements for granting approval.

(2) The procedure for granting approvals shall not include application of the Law on General Administrative Procedure.

(3) The Agency shall develop its own internal procedure prescribing the internal work organization in regard to granting flight approvals.

(4) The Agency shall issue approval to any air carrier in compliance with the requirements related to the operation of non-scheduled (charter) air service provided for in this Regulation, in one of the official languages of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) *i.e.*, in the English language and the approval shall be submitted to the air carrier by e-mail address.

(5) If an application for approval of non-scheduled (charter) dangerous goods air transport, or an application for approval to exempt the transport of dangerous goods that are prohibited for transport by air transport, is submitted, the Agency shall issue the approval referred to in paragraph (4) of this Article if the air carrier meets the requirements of this Regulation and the by-laws regulating the transport of dangerous goods by air.

(6) The approval provided for in paragraph (4) of this Article, the Agency shall also submit to the ATM/ANS Provider and to the Airport Operator.

(7) Upon receipt of the approval provided for in paragraph (4) of this Article, the respective air carrier shall submit a flight plan to the ATM/ANS Provider.

Article 16

(1) The approval for operating non-scheduled (charter) air service issued by the Agency in accordance with this Regulation shall be valid 72 hours, commencing with the estimated time of entry into the Macedonian air space or the estimated time of departure.

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1) of this Article, the transport of cargo by air, except in case of transport of dangerous goods, the Agency on air carrier request, may issue an approval for a period of one or more months, if the air carrier has submitted a list of aircraft operating the transport and evidence for complying with the conditions of Article 11 of this Regulation, for the requested period.

(3) The approval from paragraph (2) of this Article refers only to the aircraft stated in the list of aircraft submitted along with the request for approval and for the period for which it has been submitted.

(4) In case of inclusion of new aircraft, the Agency shall issue a confirmation that the previously issued approval also refers to the new aircraft.

(5) The air carriers shall coordinate the times of arrival and departure with the Airport Operator or with the entities referred to in Article 84 of the Aviation Act.

Article 17

(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of this Chapter air carrier of ECAA Member State, may operate non-scheduled (charter) air service between the Republic of North Macedonia and any ECAA Member State, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter III of EU Regulation 1008/2008.

(2) The terms "Community", "Community Law", "Community Official Gazette", "Community air carrier", "Community airport", "Member States", and "Treaty establishing the European Community" referred to in Chapter III of EU Regulation 1008/2008, shall be read in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 of Annex II to the ECAA Agreement.

IV. SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS, METHOD AND PROCEDURE FOR GRANTING FLIGHT APPROVAL FOR THE PURPOSE OF OPERATING NON-SCHEDULED AIR SERVICE THAT IS NOT CHARTER AND COMMERCIAL SPECIALIZED OPERATIONS

1. Specific requirements for granting flight approval for the purpose of operating non-scheduled air transport that is not charter and commercial specialized operations

Article 18

(1) For the purpose of operating non-scheduled air transport that is not charter (air taxi, panoramic flights and other types of non - scheduled commercial air service) or commercial specialised operations, the foreign aircraft operator shall meet with the following requirements *i.e.* to hold:

- a) a valid Certificate of Registration of the aircraft intended to operate, issued by the aeronautical authority of the state of the operator;
- b) a valid Certificate of Airworthiness / Airworthiness Review Certificate, or other suitable evidence proving the airworthiness of the aircraft, if applicable;
- c) a valid Certificate of Insurance for third party liability coverage;
- d) special authorization issued in accordance with paragraph (2), Article 44 of the Aviation Act, in cases of active aerial survey;
- e) if require to operate non - scheduled commercial air service, which is not charter (air taxi, panoramic flights and other types of non - scheduled commercial air service), from a country in which there is information or notification regarding state of war or emergency or other dangerous situation to the public safety in the Republic of North Macedonia, to have positive opinion from the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trades;
- f) if require to operate air taxi, panoramic flights and other types of non - scheduled commercial air service, which is not charter transportation, from a country in which there is information or notification regarding state of epidemic or other dangerous situation to the public health in the Republic of North Macedonia, to have positive opinion from the Ministry of Health *i.e.*, other body constituted to deal with the epidemic, respectively the pandemic;
- g) if require to carry out commercial specialised operations, to have paid a fee in accordance with the Agency's Tariff Regulation and

h) other documents related to the activity of aircraft.

2. Method and procedure for granting flight approval for the purpose of operating non-scheduled air transport that is not charter and commercial specialized operations

Article 19

(1) For the purpose of operating non-scheduled air transport that is not charter (air taxi, panoramic flights and other types of non - scheduled commercial air service) or commercial specialised operations, the foreign aircraft operator shall submit to the Agency or to a legal entity authorized by the Agency in accordance with indent 3 paragraph (1) Article 17 of the Aviation Act, an application supplemented by evidence of compliance with the requirements provided for in Article 18 of this Regulation, at least two working day prior to the scheduled time of take-off and/or scheduled time of entry into the air space of the Republic of North Macedonia except in the case when other legal entity has been authorized by the Agency to issue flight approvals outside its working hours in accordance with indent 3 paragraph (1) Article 17 of the Aviation Act.

(2) If the requirements from Article 18 of this Regulation are met, the Agency issues flight approval valid until the aircraft leaves the air space of the Republic of North Macedonia.

(3) The Agency on request by the operator, may issue approval for the purpose of operating non-scheduled air transport that is not charter (air taxi, panoramic flights and other types of non - scheduled commercial air service) or commercial specialised operations for the period of one or more months, if submits a list of aircraft performing the operations and evidence for complying with the requirements from Article 18 of this Regulation, for the requested period.

(4) The granted approval from paragraph (3) of this Article is referring only for aircraft listed in the application for approval and for the period for which it was submitted.

(5) In case of inclusion of a new aircraft, the Agency shall issue a confirmation that the previously issued approval also refers to the new aircraft.

(6) Upon receipt of flight approval, the aircraft operator for each particular flight, shall submit a flight plan to the ATM/ANS Provider.

V. SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR TRANSIT, TECHNICAL, POSITION (EMPTY) FLIGHTS, GENERAL AVIATION, MEDICAL, HUMANITARIAN FLIGHTS AND SEARCH AND RESCUE FLIGHTS

Article 20

(1) For operating non-scheduled transit air service, (overflights and landing for non-traffic purposes) in accordance with Article 5 of the Chicago Convention, as well as for operating scheduled transit air service (overflight and landing for non-positioning purposes) in accordance with the International Air Services Transit Agreement, the medical, humanitarian flights, search and rescue flights, general aviation, as well as positional (ferry) flights, the aircraft operators shall submit notification and flight plan to the ATM/ANS Provider at least three hours before the planned departure time.

(2) The timely submitted flight plan and notification referred to in paragraph (1) of this Article shall be considered as flight approval and as a result of that the Agency does not issue flight approval.

Article 21

- (1) For operation of technical flights of aircraft entered in the Aircraft Register of the Republic of North Macedonia but failing to comply with the airworthiness requirements due to damage or malfunction, the aircraft operator shall apply at the Agency, and the Agency shall act in accordance with the Regulations governing the airworthiness of aircraft.
- (2) For departure and landing of any foreign aircraft failing to comply with the airworthiness requirements from/to any airport in the territory of the Republic of North Macedonia, the aircraft operator shall submit an application at the Agency supplemented by evidence that the national aviation authority of the State of Register approves the required flight as well as the conditions for the operation of that flight.

VI. SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS, METHOD AND PROCEDURE FOR GRANTING FLIGHT APPROVALS TO FOREIGN STATE AIRCRAFT

1. Specific requirements for granting flight approvals to foreign state aircraft

Article 22

Any foreign state aircraft, the United Nations Organization's aircraft, aircraft operated for the United Nations Organization's purposes, as well as aircraft carrying persons of eminence, may fly within the Macedonian air space in accordance with approvals issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trades with previous consent of the Ministry of Defence.

Article 23

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trades shall grant the approval referred to in Article 22 of this Regulation if the following requirements have been met:

- (1) Diplomatic Note has been furnished including information on the type of aircraft, call sign, purpose of flight and date of operation of overflight or landing in the territory of the Republic of North Macedonia;
- (2) a flight plan has been furnished;
- (3) in case of an application related to aircraft carrying dangerous goods or weaponry, detailed descriptive information has been furnished in terms of the type and quantity of the dangerous goods or weaponry.

2. Method and procedure for granting flight approval to foreign state aircraft

Article 24

- (1) In order to obtain a flight approval for any foreign state aircraft, the United Nations Organization's aircraft, aircraft operated for the United Nations Organization's purposes, as well as aircraft carrying persons of eminence, any diplomatic mission in the Republic of North Macedonia or through a diplomatic representative mission of the Republic of North Macedonia in any other state, a Diplomatic Note requesting approval of the flight plan shall be furnished to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trades at the address stipulated in the Aeronautical Information Publication .
- (2) Upon receipt of any Diplomatic Note and flight plan, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trades forwards them to the Ministry of Defence for consent.
- (3) Upon receipt of the consent of the Ministry of Defence, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trades shall issue the approval.

(4) The approval provided for in paragraph (3) of this Article shall be issued in a form of a diplomatic note and furnished to the diplomatic representative mission that have submitted the requesting diplomatic note by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trades.

(5) The approval provided for in paragraph (3) of this Article along with diplomatic note requesting a flight plan approval shall be furnished by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trades to the ATM/ANS Provider and in case of landing approval to any foreign state aircraft, also to the Ministry of the Interior and to the Airport Operator.

Article 25

(1) In order to obtain a flight approval for any foreign state aircraft in cases where states in their application for obtaining annual flight approval calls for reciprocity or submitted a list of aircraft, for which after receiving the annual approval will not require individual flight approval, any diplomatic mission in the Republic of North Macedonia or through a diplomatic representative mission of the Republic of North Macedonia in any other state, a Diplomatic Note requesting approval of the flight plan shall be furnished to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trades at the address stipulated in the Aeronautical Information Publication.

(2) Upon the receipt of the Diplomatic Note for the annual flight approval in accordance with paragraph (1) of the present Article, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trades submits the request together with the list of foreign state aircraft to the Ministry of Defence in order to get consent.

(3) Upon receipt of the consent of the Ministry of Defence, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trades shall issue the annual approval.

(4) The submitted consent is only for the aircraft stated on the list from the request for foreign state aircraft annual flight approval.

(5) The provisions from Article 22 of this Regulation are applicable for the aircraft not listed in the foreign state aircraft annual flight approval.

(6) The state requesting individual flights for aircraft that are not listed in the request for annual flight approval in accordance with (1) of this Article shall submit the flight plan in a timely manner to the ATM/ANS Provider.

Article 26

(1) In order to obtain a flight approval for any foreign state aircraft in cases where there is a need to carry out repetitive flights in a certain period (military exercises and other activities), countries submit a request for obtaining periodical flight approval and submit a list of aircraft, for which after receiving the periodical approval will not require individual flight approval, any diplomatic mission in the Republic of North Macedonia or through a diplomatic representative mission of the Republic of North Macedonia in any other state, a Diplomatic Note requesting periodical approval of the flight plan shall be furnished to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trades at the address available in the Aeronautical Information Publication.

(2) A periodic flight approval may be issued for a maximum period of one month.

(3) Upon the receipt of the Diplomatic Note for the periodical flight approval in accordance with paragraph (1) of the present Article, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trades submits the request together with the list of foreign state aircraft to the Ministry of Defence in respect of giving consent.

- (4) Upon receipt of the consent of the Ministry of Defence, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trades shall issue the periodical approval.
- (5) The submitted consent is only for the aircraft stated on the list from the request for foreign state aircraft periodical flight approval.
- (6) The provisions from Article 22 of this Regulation are applicable for the aircraft not listed in the foreign state aircraft periodical flight approval.
- (7) The state requesting individual flights for aircraft that are not listed in the request for periodical flight approval in accordance with (1) of this Article shall submit the flight plan in a timely manner to the ATM/ANS Provider.

Article 27

- (1) For the purpose of granting overflight, take-off or landing approvals to any foreign state aircraft, aircraft of the United Nations Organization, aircraft operated for the United Nations Organization's purposes, as well as aircraft carrying persons of eminence, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trades shall establish annual flight approvals per states.
- (2) The Ministry of Defence shall develop an internal procedure prescribing its own internal work organization related to the approval of foreign state aircraft flights.

VII. TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 28

On the date of entry into force of this Regulation, the Regulation on Specific Requirements Manner and Procedure for Granting Flight Approvals ("Official Gazette of the Republic of North Macedonia" No. 264/21) shall cease to apply.

Article 29

This Regulation shall enter into force on the date following the date of its publication in the "Official Gazette of the Republic of North Macedonia".

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