POLICY STATEMENT 29 | REGISTRATION OF AN EMERGENCY LOCATOR TRANSMITTER (ELT)

Effective Date of Implementation: 8 April 2014

Rationale:

For the purpose of this policy statement, the term ELT includes any 406 MHz capable beacon, as referenced in Part I, II and III of Annex 6 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation.[1]

Overseas Territories Aviation Requirements (OTAR) Parts 91, 121, 125 and 135 specify the requirements standards for ELT carriage.

Arrangements shall be promulgated within the respective Overseas Territories requirements, policies and procedures to ensure compliance with applicable OTAR Parts and ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs).

Policy Statement:

(a) Overseas Territories that have a beacon registry meeting the SARPs of Annex 10[2] to the Convention, should ensure procedures and processes are in place for ELTs to be registered with the recognised beacon registration authority.

(b) For any Overseas Territories Aviation Authority (OTAA) that has not established a beacon registry satisfying the above SARPs, the OTAA, or Air Safety Support International (ASSI), as applicable, shall request that the aircraft operator use the UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA), or the Cospas-Sarsat International Beacon Registration Database (IBRD).

(c) The responsible OTAA or ASSI, as applicable, shall promulgate arrangements for the registration of ELTs to be applied by Owners/Operators of aircraft. This will also include ensuring the correct 'Country Code' is applied when programming ELTs.

(d) In all cases, register information regarding ELTs must be immediately available to search and rescue authorities and the register must updated whenever necessary.

Additional Information:

UK Beacon Registry is managed by the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA). Contact details for ELT registration:

www.gov.uk/register-406-beacons

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[1] ICAO Annex 6, Part I, II & III, Ch.1 – Definitions for ELT.
[2] ICAO Annex 10, Vol.III, Part II, Ch.5, Para.5.1.8 states that "States shall make arrangements for a 406 MHz ELT register. Register information regarding the ELT shall be immediately available to search and rescue authorities. States shall ensure that the register is updated whenever necessary."

The International Beacon Registration Database is managed by Cospas-Sarsat. Contact details for ELT registration:

www.406registration.com

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Consideration should be given to the registration of other types of 406MHz beacons, such as Personal Locator Beacons (PLBs) and Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacons (EPIRBs) for personal and marine use, which may be carried onboard an aircraft to ensure harmonised procedures for registration and immediate availability of registration data to search and rescue authorities.