

United Kingdom Overseas Territories Aviation Circular

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Requirement for 25-hour duration Cockpit Voice Recorders on OTAR Parts 121 & 125 aeroplanes with a Maximum Certificated Take-Off Mass of over 27 000 kg

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GENERAL

Overseas Territories Aviation Circulars are issued to provide advice, guidance and information on standards, practices and procedures necessary to support Overseas Territory Aviation Requirements. They are not in themselves law but may amplify a provision of the Air Navigation (Overseas Territories) Order or provide practical guidance on meeting a requirement contained in the Overseas Territories Aviation Requirements.

PURPOSE

This OTAC has been issued to change the applicability date regarding 25-hour duration Cockpit Voice Recorders on OTAR Part 121 & 125 aeroplanes with a Maximum Certificated Take-Off Mass of over 27 000kg, the date for which the first certificate of airworthiness, for that individual aeroplane, was issued on or after, from 1st January 2021 to 1st January 2022. It amends the wording of OTAR Parts 121.760(c)(4) and 125.760(f)(4), pending formal amendment of the OTAR itself.

RELATED REQUIREMENTS

This Circular relates to OTAR Parts 121 and 125.

CHANGE INFORMATION

First issue.

ENQUIRIES

Enquiries regarding the content of this Circular should be addressed to Head of Policy and Rulemaking, Air Safety Support International, at the address on the ASSI website www.airsafety.aero, or to the appropriate Overseas Territory Aviation Authority.

1. Introduction

- a. Subpart F to OTAR Parts 121 and 125 contain instruments and equipment requirements for aircraft registered in the Overseas Territories. This OTAC serves as a temporary amendment to Subpart F of OTAR Parts 121 and 125 pending its reissue. This amendment is issued in order to change the applicability date, regarding 25-hour duration Cockpit Voice Recorders on OTAR Part 121 & 125 aeroplanes with a Maximum Certificated Take-Off Mass of over 27 000 kg, the date for which the first certificate of airworthiness, for that individual aeroplane, was issued on or after, from 1st January 2021 to 1st January 2022. i.e. a one-year extension. This is in accordance with ICAO Amendments 46 and 39 to ICAO Annex 6 Parts I and II, respectively.

2. Amendment to Subpart F, Instruments and Equipment, OTAR Part 121.760 - Flight recorders – cockpit voice recorder (CVR) and cockpit audio recording system (CARS):

Part 121.760(c)(4)

- a. From the date of issue of this OTAC, OTAR Part 121.760(c)(4) shall read as follows:
- b. All aeroplanes of a maximum certificated take-off mass of over 27 000 kg for which the first certificate of airworthiness, for that individual aeroplane, was issued on or after 1 January 2022 shall be equipped with a CVR capable of retaining the information recorded during at least the last 25 hours of its operation.

3. Amendment to Subpart F, Instruments and Equipment, OTAR Part 125.760 - Flight recorders – cockpit voice recorder (CVR) and cockpit audio recording system (CARS):

Part 125.760(f)(4)

- a. From the date of issue of this OTAC, OTAR Part 125.760(f)(4) shall read as follows:
- b. All aeroplanes of a maximum certificated take-off mass of over 27 000 kg for which the first certificate of airworthiness, for that individual aeroplane, was issued on or after 1 January 2022 shall be equipped with a CVR capable of retaining the information recorded during at least the last 25 hours of its operation.