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ALL OPERATORS' LETTER (AOL 074)

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To: All Aircraft Operators

From: Directorate of Airworthiness Standards

Attn: Director of Maintenance/Quality Manager

Subject: **NCAA POLICY ON ISSUANCE OF ONE-TIME/INTERIM APPROVAL TO NON-NCAA APPROVED MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS**

Preamble

The Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority has observed that the number of foreign Approved Maintenance Organizations (AMOs) requesting for one-time/interim approvals to perform maintenance and release of Nigerian registered aircraft to service is increasing.

Many of these AMOs have neither held NCAA approval nor are they listed in Part D60 Operations Specifications of the Nigerian AOC holders whose aircraft they maintain.

NCAA's review of this anomaly has revealed the following:

- i. Operators fail to secure slots on time with NCAA approved maintenance organizations for performance of major maintenance on their aircraft; and/or
- ii. These AMOs solicit for contracts to maintain Nigerian registered aircraft with the full knowledge that they do not have the requisite NCAA approval.
- iii. In some instances, these AMOs fail to satisfactorily implement corrective actions to address deficiencies and findings raised by NCAA Inspectors. Their excuse being that since they have already secured the one-time/interim approval to maintain the specific aircraft involved, there is no incentive to conclude the certification process.
- iv. There are instances where NCAA certification inspections revealed that the AMOs do not fully meet the Nig.CARs requirements to perform maintenance on some specific aircraft types. Meanwhile, the AMO had already used the one-time approval to release the aircraft back to service

Action Required

Arising from the above observations, the following are required from Nigerian aircraft owners/operators:

1. All aircraft owners/operators shall contract out maintenance of Nigerian registered aircraft and engines to only AMOs with valid NCAA approvals.

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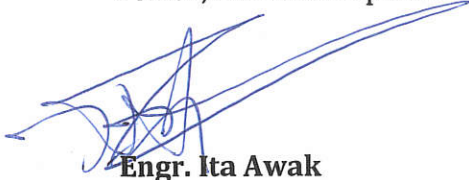
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2. Commercial airline operators shall contract out maintenance of Nigerian registered aircraft and engines in their fleet to only AMOs approved for them as listed in their Maintenance Control Manual and AOC Operations Specifications Part D60 required by Nig.CARs 9.1.1.7(d).
3. Airplanes operated in private category should be taken to only NCAA-approved maintenance organizations.
4. If the aircraft maintenance is to be contracted out to another AMO that already has NCAA approval but not listed in the AOC Operations Specifications Part D60, the AOC Operations Specification must first be amended to include the AMO prior to performance of the maintenance by the AMO
5. In the event that an alternative AMO that does not have valid NCAA approval is proposed to perform the maintenance, the AMO must be satisfactorily certified by NCAA followed by variation of the AOC Operations Specifications Part D60 to include the AMO prior to the performance of the maintenance by the AMO.

Policy

1. NCAA has determined that one-time/interim approval shall no longer be issued to foreign AMOs that have not been inspected and certified by NCAA Inspectors.
2. At the discretion of NCAA, specific one-time approval/extensions may be issued to foreign AMOs whose Nigerian approval has expired.

Please, ensure compliance accordingly.



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