OPERATIONS ADVISORY NOTICE (OAN)

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Transport Malta

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1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 This notice stems from recent inspection findings conducted by FOI team and further confirmed by SAFA inspection remarks on Malta AOC operators and aircraft registered in Malta performing non commercial flights.
- 1.2 It has been noted during recent inspections and confirmed through several SAFA inspections that a common mis-interpretation of filing requirements exist. In particular deficiencies have been noted when completing required information for Item 10 and Item 18.

2.0 Items 10 18 of ATC Flight Plan

- 2.1 ICAO Doc 444 Appendix 2 date 15/11/12 refers.
- 2.2 Appendix 2 has been updated in November 2012 to accommodate the new ICAO requirements in compiling and filing of ATC flight plans.

3.0 Equipment and Capabilities

3.1 Appendix 10 explains clearly the requirements if this item. Quote:

"Capabilities comprise the following elements:

- a) presence of relevant serviceable equipment on board the aircraft;
- b) equipment and capabilities commensurate with flight crew qualifications; and c) where applicable, authorization from the appropriate authority."

4.0 Action by Operators

- 4.1 The above text clearly implies that the ATC flight plan entries, should NOT contain the capabilities of the aircraft (from a certification and airworthiness) aspect, but **shall only** reflect the capabilities commensurate with flight crew qualifications, and what has been authorised in the AOC Operations Specification document **OR** authorisation letters in case of aircraft engaged in non commercial operations.
- 4.2 All operators/owners are urged to update the ATC flight plans in accordance with approved capabilities as stated above.

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