

Regulatory Instrument issued in terms of Article 5 of the Air Navigation Act, Chapter 641 of the Laws of Malta

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This Regulatory Instrument is intended to ensure the safety and security of aircraft and their passengers.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Directorate has an obligation in the public interest to ensure adequate safety standards within the aviation industry. It is responsible for the oversight of aircraft operations, for ensuring the safety of all crew members, passengers and cargo on board. Accordingly, the Directorate is obliged to ensure the security, public order and the safety of air navigation in Malta. The Directorate is therefore required to take measures to address risks pertaining to safety, privacy, protection of personal data and security, arising from aircraft operations.

2.0 CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION

2.1 Decision of the Directorate

Following a request in writing by the owner or prospective owner of an aircraft, the Directorate may in its discretion authorise the issue of a [certified redacted version of the] certificate of registration of an aircraft, which omits the name, address and ownership interests or title of the owner of the aircraft, where there are reasonable grounds for the Directorate to believe that there is a tangible and proven risk that the disclosure of such data pertaining to the aircraft owner on the certificate of registration would prejudice the safety and security of the navigation of an aircraft and its passengers. The Directorate may request any supporting information or documentation required in order for it to reach a decision in accordance with this section.

It should be noted that this allowance does not in any way effect the ownership and title disclosure obligations in terms of the Aircraft Registration Act, Chapter 503 of the Laws of Malta.

2.2 Consent from interested parties

Any decision taken in accordance with section 2.1 hereof shall be subject to the prior consent in writing of all of the following, as applicable:

1. the operator or aircraft registrant,
2. the mortgagee/s (in respect of any mortgage that may be registered over the aircraft),
3. the authorised party (in respect of any irrevocable deregistration and export request authorisation registered over the aircraft),
4. the certified designee (in respect of any designation registered over an irrevocable deregistration and export request authorisation registered over the aircraft),
5. the attorney/s (in respect of any deregistration power of attorney registered over the aircraft), and
6. the holder of a prohibitory notice or any other security interest registered over the aircraft, which are or are in the processing of being registered in the aircraft register maintained by the Directorate.

2.3 Aircraft Register

On the basis of any decision taken in accordance with Section 2.1 hereof, the Directorate may also decide that any transcripts of the aircraft register made available to the public also omit the name, address and ownership interests or title of the owner of the aircraft.



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