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WEIGHT AND BALANCE

IMPORTANT NOTE

The weight and balance information contained in this Workbook is different from those in the (blue cover) Boeing 727 Performance & Operating Handbook used for calculating take-off & landing performance and fuel planning.

Use the data here for ONLY training to the ATPL weight & balance syllabus and ONLY in CASA ATPL weight & balance exams.

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SECTION 6 - WEIGHT & BALANCE

1. <u>STRUCTURAL LIMITING WEIGHTS</u>

| MAXIMUM TAXI WEIGHT (RAMP) | 89,675 KG |
|--------------------------------|----------------|
| MAXIMUM TAKE-OFF WEIGHT (MBRW) | 89,357 KG (*1) |
| MAXIMUM IN-FLIGHT WEIGHT: | |
| FLAPS 25 | 88,450 KG |
| FLAPS 30 | 73,028 KG |
| FLAPS 40 | 65,090 KG |
| MAXIMUM LANDING WEIGHT: | |
| FLAPS 30 | 72,574 KG |
| FLAPS 40 | 64,636 KG |
| MAXIMUM ZERO FUEL WEIGHT | 63,502 KG |

^{*1} Apply a linear reduction of 50 KG for each 1,000 ft airport pressure altitude above 2,000'.

The above design maximum weights may be reduced for a particular flight because of considerations such as pavement strength requirements and take-off performance characteristics.

2. MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE NUMBER OF PASSENGERS

The basic Passenger Capacity of the Boeing 727 - comprising adults, adolescents (13 – 16 years), children (4 - 12 years) and infants (0 - 3 years) IN ANY COMBINATION but excluding Cabin crew, Technical crew and anyone occupying any extra seats is 138. Cabin crew (standard) is 6.

The standard zone/row relationship for the passenger cabin is as follows:

Total seats Zone A Zone B Zone C Zone D Zone E 144 Rows 1-6 Rows 7-12 Rows 13-17 Rows 18-22 Rows 23-27

3. COMPARTMENT CAPACITIES AND LOADING LIMITATIONS

A. <u>Forward Cargo Hold</u>

| Limitation | Compartment 1 | Compartment 2 | Total |
|----------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|-------|
| Volume (cu. m) | 7.8 | 6.9 | 14.7 |
| Max Floor Loading (KG/m ²) | 732 | | |
| Max Running Load (KG/m run) | 839 | | |
| Max Compartment Load (KG) | 2273 | 1809 | 4082 |

B. Aft Cargo Hold

| Limitation | Compartment 4 | Compartment 5 | Total |
|----------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|-------|
| Volume (cu. m) | 8.0 | 7.3 | 15.3 |
| Max Floor Loading (KG/m ²) | 73 | | |
| Max Running Load (KG/m run) | 714 | 535 | |
| Max Compartment Load (KG) | 1827 | 1801 | 3628 |

4. **DEFINITIONS**

A. Empty Weight

The empty weight of the aircraft includes equipment which has a fixed location and is actually on the aircraft when it is weighed.

B. Operational Items

These are added to the Empty Weight to obtain the Basic Weight. They are an assessment of normal items expected on each revenue flight e.g. cockpit documentation, cabin equipment, etc. This INCLUDES Crew and Galley provisions.

C. Basic Weight

Basic Weight is the Empty Weight plus Operational Items for a DOMESTICALLY configured aircraft. This does NOT include fuel or payload.

D. Maximum Zero Fuel Weight

The Maximum Zero Fuel Weight is the maximum weight the loaded aircraft is permitted to weigh before useable fuel is added. Any weight in excess of the Maximum Zero Fuel Weight MUST consist of useable fuel only.

E. <u>Index Unit</u>

(1) An Index Unit is a simplified way of writing a moment. It is defined as:

IU = WEIGHT OF ITEM x DISTANCE OF ITEM FROM CG DATUM CONSTANT

(2) Index Unit adjustments can be positive (+) or negative (-). This depends on whether the item is in front of or behind the CG datum (which is just forward of the main landing gear) and whether it is added to or removed from the aircraft. If the adjustment tends to move the CG forward (give the aircraft a nose-down effect) then the adjustment is negative; the adjustment is positive if the result is a nose-up effect.

F. Fuel Load

The total amount of fuel loaded on the aircraft.

G. Taxi Fuel or Taxi Allowance

The amount of fuel consumed from engine start to lining up for take-off. A standard allowance of 150 KG is used.

H. Take-off Fuel

The amount of fuel on board less the fuel consumed before the take-off run i.e. Fuel Load less Taxi Fuel.

I. <u>Trip Fuel</u>

The amount of fuel planned to be consumed from take-off to the station of first intended landing plus 400 KG allowance for approach and manoeuvring.

5. CONFIGURATION LIST

The following table defines the configuration requirements for DOMESTIC and OVER WATER flights.

| ITEM | CONFIGURATION | | |
|----------------------|---------------|------------|--|
| TTEM | DOMESTIC | OVER WATER | |
| PASSENGER LIFE VESTS | IN | IN | |
| LIFE RAFTS | OUT | 4 | |
| EMERGENCY BEACONS | OUT | 2 | |
| ADDITIONAL AVIONICS | OUT | IN | |

6. <u>VARIATIONS TO OPERATIONAL ITEMS</u>

A. Life Vests

Weight of Life Vests is included in the aircraft Basic Weight. If the vests are <u>NOT</u> carried, the adjustment is:

SUBTRACT 104 KG FROM THE BASIC WEIGHT ADD 3.2 IU TO THE BASIC INDEX

B. Life Rafts and Emergency Beacons

When life rafts and emergency beacons are carried for over water operations, (2 x 42 person life rafts, one emergency beacon in the forward cabin ceiling, and 2 x 42 person life rafts and one emergency beacon in the mid-cabin overhead lockers) the following adjustment applies:

ADD 260 KG TO THE BASIC WEIGHT SUBTRACT 23.0 IU FROM THE BASIC INDEX

C. APU Removed

For operations with the APU removed the following adjustment applies:

SUBTRACT 214 KG FROM THE BASIC WEIGHT SUBTRACT 2.0 IU FROM THE BASIC INDEX

D. Additional Avionics

To account for the effect of the additional avionics required for overseas operations, apply the following adjustment:

ADD 64 KG TO THE BASIC WEIGHT SUBTRACT 6.8 IU FROM THE BASIC INDEX

E. Other Approved Items

When other approved items are to be carried in the cabin observe the following:

- (1) Obtain the weight of the item (even if it has to be weighed).
- (2) Unless special authorisation is issued, a load of 87 KG per seat position must not be exceeded. This means if the item is bolted under a seat that seat cannot carry a passenger.

NOTE: Account for the item's weight in the appropriate cabin zone and include this weight when calculating the number of "equivalent adults".

7. FUEL MANAGEMENT

A. <u>Useable Fuel Data</u>

The table below shows nominal useable fuel capacities for under wing refueling procedure (over wing fuel capacities for tanks 1 & 3 will be slightly less than shown). The fuel weights are based on a specific gravity of 0.79. Actual capacities will vary with fuel density.

| LOCATION | WEI | VOLUME | |
|--------------------|--------|-----------|----------|
| LOCATION | Pounds | Kilograms | (Litres) |
| WING TANKS (1 & 3) | 23,404 | 10,616 | 13,438 |
| CENTRE TANK (2) | 29,727 | 13,484 | 17,068 |
| AFT AUXILIARY TANK | 5,670 | 2,572 | 3,255 |
| FWD AUXILIARY TANK | 5,340 | 2,422 | 3,066 |
| TOTAL | 64,141 | 29,094 | 36,827 |

B. Fuel Loading

- (1) The fuel load in tanks 1 and 3 must not differ by more than 1,000 lbs (454 KG).
- (2) Load tanks 1, 2 & 3 equally. Tanks must be loaded simultaneously.
- (3) If tanks 1 and 3 are full and additional fuel is required, continue to load tank 2.
- (4) Tanks 1 and 3 must be full and tank 2 must contain at least 10,000 lbs (4,536 KG) more fuel than either 1 or 3 before the aft auxiliary tank is loaded.

(a) Aft Auxiliary Tank - Normal Loading

The aft auxiliary tank is normally loaded when the total fuel requirement exceeds the capacity of tanks 1, 2 and 3.

(b) Aft Auxiliary Tank - Alternative Loading

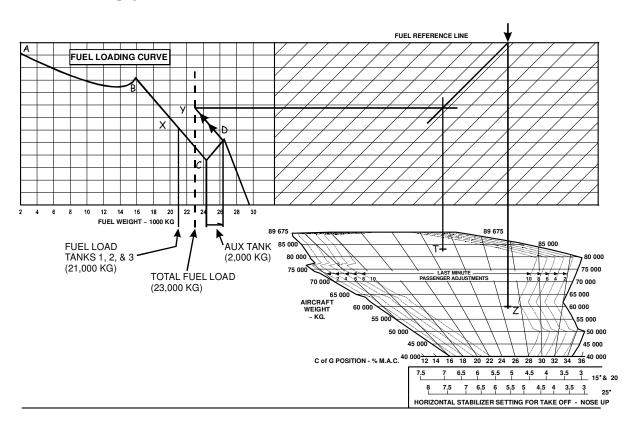
The aft auxiliary tank may be loaded when the total fuel requirement exceeds 45,500 lbs (20,600 KG), i.e. tanks 1 and 3 full and 22,500 lbs (10,200 KG) in tank 2. In comparison with the normal sequence with (a) above, this alternative fuel loading sequence will result in an aftward CG shift of up to 140 IU.

- (5) All other tanks must be full before the forward auxiliary tank is loaded, except when forward auxiliary fuel is used as ballast (refer (3) page 10).
- (6) A tabular presentation of both the normal and alternative fuel loading sequences is shown in the table "NOMINAL DISTRIBUTION OF LOADED FUEL". The table indicates the fuel tank loads for various total fuel loads (see page 7).

(7) The following instructions describe the method of determining the CG when there is fuel in the aft auxiliary tank and tank 2 is not full. This situation can occur either as a result of loading the aft auxiliary tank as in (4) (b) or when the fuel loaded in the aft auxiliary tank remains after a short sector flight.

The following example shows the method used to plot CG lines for a total fuel load of 23,000 KG with 21,000 KG in tanks 1, 2 and 3 and 2,000 KG in the aft auxiliary tank.

- (a) Plot the total fuel weight of tanks 1, 2 and 3 in the normal manner on the Fuel Loading Curve. This will produce point "X" on the line "BC".
- (b) The fuel weight of 2,000 KG in the aft auxiliary tank is now marked off from point "C" to intersect section "CD" of the Fuel Loading Curve to give its CG shift effect.
- (c) Draw a vertical line representing the total fuel load (23,000 KG).
- (d) From the point of intersection on "CD", [sub-para (b)] draw a line parallel to "BC" to intersect the total fuel load line at "Y". "Y" is then projected horizontally to the fuel reference line in the normal manner (sub-para (16) on page 13).



NORMAL FUEL LOADING (lbs)

| TOTAL FUEL LOAD | TANK No. 1 | TANK No. 2 | TANK No.3 | AFT AUX TANK | FWD AUX TANK |
|--------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 65,500 | 12,000 | 30,000 | 12,000 | 6000 | 5,500 |
| 64,000 | 12,000 | 30,000 | 12,000 | 6000 | 4,000 |
| 62,000 | 12,000 | 30,000 | 12,000 | 6000 | 2,000 |
| 60,000* | 12,000 | 30,000 | 12,000 | 6000 | |
| 58,000* | 12,000 | 30,000 | 12,000 | 4000 | |
| 56,000* | 12,000 | 30,000 | 12,000 | 2000 | |
| 54,000* | 12,000 | 30,000 | 12,000 | | |
| 52,000* | 12,000 | 28,000 | 12,000 | | |
| 50,000* | 12,000 | 26,000 | 12,000 | | |
| 48,000* | 12,000 | 24,000 | 12,000 | | |
| 46,000* | 12,000 | 22,000 | 12,000 | | |
| 44,000 | 12,000 | 20,000 | 12,000 | | |
| 42,000 | 12,000 | 18,000 | 12,000 | | |
| 40,000 | 12,000 | 16,000 | 12,000 | | |
| 38,000 | 12,000 | 14,000 | 12,000 | | |
| 36,000 | 12,000 | 12,000 | 12,000 | | |
| 34,000 | 11,333 | 11,334 | 11,333 | | |
| 32,000 | 10,667 | 10,666 | 10,667 | | |
| 30,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | | |
| 28,000 | 9333 | 9334 | 9333 | | |
| 26,000 | 8667 | 8666 | 8667 | | |
| 24,000 | 8000 | 8000 | 8000 | | |
| 22,000 | 7333 | 7334 | 7333 | | |
| 20,000 | 6667 | 6666 | 6667 | | |
| 18,000 | 6000 | 6000 | 6000 | | |
| 16,000 | 5333 | 5334 | 5333 | | |
| 14,000 | 4667 | 4666 | 4667 | | |
| 12,000 | 4000 | 4000 | 4000 | | |
| 10,000 | 3333 | 3334 | 3333 | | |
| 8000 | 2667 | 2666 | 2667 | | |
| 6000 | 2000 | 2000 | 2000 | | |

*ALTERNATE FUEL LOADING (lbs)

| TOTAL FUEL LOAD | TANK No. 1 | TANK No. 2 | TANK No. 3 | AFT AUX TANK |
|--------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 60,000 | 12,000 | 30,000 | 12,000 | 6000 |
| 58,000 | 12,000 | 28,000 | 12,000 | 6000 |
| 56,000 | 12,000 | 26,000 | 12,000 | 6000 |
| 54,000 | 12,000 | 24,000 | 12,000 | 6000 |
| 52,000 | 12,000 | 22,000 | 12,000 | 6000 |
| 50,000 | 12,000 | 22,000 | 12,000 | 4000 |
| 48,000 | 12,000 | 22,000 | 12,000 | 2000 |
| 46,000 | 12,000 | 22,000 | 12,000 | |
| | | | | |

The above figures may vary slightly with fuel density and individual tank capacity.

NOMINAL DISTRIBUTION OF LOADED FUEL

C. Fuel Usage

- (1) Essentially equal fuel in tanks 1, 2 and 3: Use tank to engine feed.
- (2) Tank 2 quantity greater than tank 1 or 3 quantities:
 - (a) Use tank 2 fuel feed.
 - (b) When fuel in tanks 1, 2 and 3 essentially equal, operate tank to engine.
- (3) Fuel in aft auxiliary tank:
 - (a) Use tank 2 for all operations until not less than 8,000 lbs (3,629 KG) has been used and the main tanks are essentially equal.
 - (b) Use fuel from the aft auxiliary tank.
 - (c) When the aft auxiliary tank is empty follow procedure (2) above.
- (4) Fuel in forward auxiliary tank:
 - (a) Use tank 2 for all operations until not less than 8,000 lbs (3,629 KG) has been used and the main tanks are essentially equal.
 - (b) Use fuel from the forward auxiliary tank.
 - (c) When the forward auxiliary tank is empty use fuel from the aft auxiliary tank.
 - (d) When the aft auxiliary tank is empty follow procedure (2) above.

D. Operation with Inoperative Aft Fuel Boost Pump in Tank 2

- (1) If required to operate with the aft fuel boost pump inoperative in tank 2, a minimum of 12,000 lbs (5,443 KG) of fuel must be in the tank at all times.
- (2) The 12,000 lbs (5,443 KG) of fuel in tank 2 is unusable and must therefore be considered as ballast. When compiling the load and trim sheet, the following procedure must be used:
 - (a) The maximum zero fuel weight will be reduced by 5,443 KG to 58,057 KG.
 - (b) The "fuel load" figure on the right hand side of the trim sheet will show the total fuel on board [i.e. fuel load for the flight plus 5,443 KG].
 - (c) Obtain Taxi Weight CG position as normal. To obtain Zero Fuel Weight CG position, complete the loading scales at the top of the trim sheet as required, but move the resultant CG position to the left by 139 IU (on the Basic Index Scale at the top of the trim sheet) to account for the 5,443 KG of ballast fuel.
- (3) Fuel Loading / Fuel Usage

Load fuel as per normal procedures. Fuel usage is as normal with the exception that 12,000 lbs (5,443 KG) of fuel in tank 2 must be considered unusable at all times.

8. **LOADING GUIDE**

Ballast Requirements

When loading the aircraft ballast may be required if the CG is found to be outside the CG envelope.

- (1) The following table lists the amount of ballast required for a desired IU change using only one of three presented options. That is ballast may be:
 - (a) Fuel in the forward auxiliary tank only, or
 - (b) Fuel in tank no. 2 only, or
 - (c) Deadweight in the forward cargo hold, compartment 1 only.

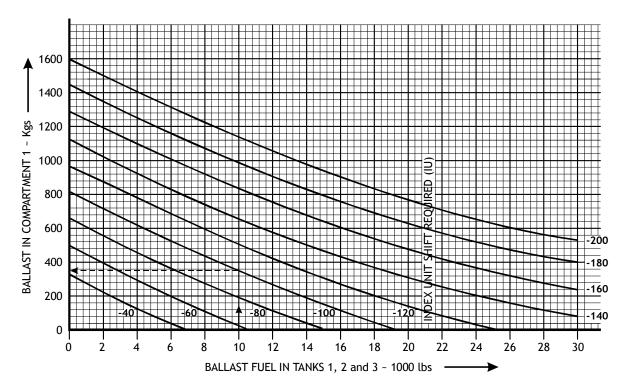
| | FUEL IN ADDITED FLIGHT PLANNING R | | |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| IU CHANGE REQU'D | FUEL REQU'D IN FWD AUX TANK ONLY (lbs) FUEL REQ'D OR IN TANK 2 ONLY (lbs) | | BALLAST REQU'D COMPT 1 ONLY (kgs) |
| -20 -40 -60 -80 -100 -120 -140 -160 -180 -200 | 640 1280 1920 2560 3200 3840 4460 5100 (Exceeds tank capacity) (Exceeds tank capacity) | 1770 3530 5160 6880 8600 10320 12040 13760 15480 17200 | 160 320 480 640 800 960 1120 1280 1440 1600 |

(2) The following graph is used when fuel in tanks 1, 2 and 3 **and** deadweight ballast in compartment 1 are used in combination to achieve a desired IU shift.

Example: Required IU shift = - 100 IU to bring aircraft inside aft CG limit.

Flight plan fuel load = 15,000 lbs.

From graph: If 10,000 lbs fuel ballast is carried above the 15,000 lbs fuel load then only 350 KG ballast is required in compartment 1.



(3) The following requirements apply to paragraphs (1) and (2) above.

When fuel is loaded as ballast, it must be considered to be unusable at all times.

When compiling a load and trim sheet, the following procedures must be used:

- (a) Before entering the trim scales of the load and trim sheet, increase the Basic Weight by the weight of the fuel loaded as ballast (unusable fuel) and adjust the Basic Index by the corresponding negative IU effect from paragraph (1) or (2).
- (b) When entering the Fuel Loading grid, reduce the total fuel on board by the weight of unusable fuel.
- (c) Show usable fuel only in the "Fuel Load" figure on the right hand side of the Load and Trim Sheet.
- (d) If the fuel is loaded as ballast in the forward auxiliary tank, then the Maximum Zero Fuel Weight is limited to 52,163 KG plus ballast fuel.

9. STANDARD PASSENGER AND BAGGAGE WEIGHTS

| ADULT | Male | 86 KG |
|---------------------|-------------|-------|
| | Female | 71 KG |
| | Standard | 81 KG |
| ADOLESCENT (13 | - 16 years) | 62 KG |
| CHILD (4-12 years) | | 45 KG |
| INFANT (0 - 3 years |) | 20 KG |

Notes:

- 1. All the above weights are inclusive of cabin baggage allowance.
- 2. Use of the standard adult weight (81 KG) is permitted. Using individual male and female weights will generally result in a lower total passenger weight. The mixing of Standard and Male/Female Adult weights on the same Load and Trim Sheet is **prohibited.**
- 3. Load and Trim Sheet use:
 - (a) The passenger scales are graduated on the basis of an adult passenger and are valid for Standard, Male and Female Adults.
 - (b) When children and adolescents are carried for **scale movement purposes** one child/adolescent is equivalent to half an adult. The correct weight must be accounted for in the weight column.
 - (c) For **scale movement purposes** infants are ignored. However the correct weight must be accounted for in the weight column.
- 4. It is not permissible to mix actual and standard weights on a flight, when obtaining either the total passenger or total baggage weight.
- 5. When it is felt that the passengers or their baggage, on any particular flight, do not fall into the "standard" category then ALL the passengers and/or baggage for that flight should be weighed.

10. LOADING SYSTEM

Use of the Load and Trim Sheet

- (1) The Basic Weight and Basic Index, for examination purposes, will be given in all circumstances, except where an adjusted Basic Weight and Basic Index are provided. Insert the appropriate values in the space provided at the lower left corner of the form.
- (2) If required, add any Variations to Operational Items to derive the adjusted Basic Weight and Basic Index. Transfer these figures to the space provided at the top of the form.
- (3) Enter the actual number of each type of passenger in the space provided on the left of the weight column on the top right hand side of the form. Calculate the number of equivalent adults to be used in the loading scales, (e.g. 12 adults / 3 adolescents / 5 children / 2 infants = 12 + 1.5 + 2.5 + 0 gives 16 equivalent adults).
- (4) Calculate the weight of the passengers in each Row Block and enter this figure in the appropriate weight column.
- (5) Enter each compartment weight in the weights column.
- (6) If there is extra crew enter 81 KG for each extra in the weight column.
- (7) Add the weights to obtain the Zero Fuel Weight: check this does not exceed the Maximum Zero Fuel Weight.
- (8) Enter Fuel Load and add to the Zero Fuel Weight to obtain Taxi Weight. Ensure that it does not exceed Maximum Taxi Weight (either structural or pavement limited).
- (9) Enter Taxi Fuel and subtract from Taxi Weight to obtain Take-Off weight. Ensure that it does not exceed Maximum Take-Off Weight (either structural, performance or pavement limited).
- (10) Enter Trip Fuel and subtract from Take-Off Weight to obtain Landing Weight. Ensure that it does not exceed Maximum Landing Weight (either structural, performance or pavement limited).
- (11) Enter the top scale with the Adjusted Basic Index and move vertically down to the first passenger scale.
- (12) Move, in the direction of the arrow, the number of "equivalent adults" calculated in (3). Then move vertically down to the next scale.
- (13) Continue to complete all the other scales **paying special attention to the scale** units and direction.
- (14) Draw a vertical line from this last scale down into the Weight vs CG envelope. The point where this line intercepts a horizontal line drawn at the Zero Fuel Weight represents the aircraft's Zero Fuel CG position.

- (15) From the point where the line just drawn intercepts the Fuel Reference Line, draw an oblique line parallel to the guide lines on the grid.
- (16) Now enter the Fuel Loading Curve with the Fuel Load for the flight and draw a vertical line up until it intercepts the loading curve. (Note the exception to this procedure on page 6). From this intersection draw a horizontal line to intersect the oblique line on the fuel grid (15). From this intersection draw a vertical line down into the Weight vs CG envelope. The point where this line intercepts a horizontal line drawn at the Take-Off Weight represents the aircraft's CG position at Take-Off.
- (17) Follow the radiating % MAC down to the % MAC grid line and draw a vertical line down to the Horizontal Stabilizer Setting line and obtain the Stabilizer Setting for Take-Off for the relevant flap setting.
- (18) Record the % MAC / Flap Setting / Stab. Setting figures in the box at the lower right hand corner.

Use of Last Minute Passenger Adjustments

- (1) In the CG envelope, fine dotted lines are drawn indicating the number of "Last Minute Passenger Adjustments" that may be made without needing to re-do the entire load sheet. The B727 permits a maximum number of Last Minute Passenger Adjustments of 10, be it an increase or decrease, using this procedure.
- (2) To determine the MAXIMUM number of last minute passenger adjustments, plot both the positions of the Taxi state, 'T' and the Zero Fuel State, 'Z' of the aircraft in the CG envelope. If both 'T' and 'Z' are in the central area, then up to 10 Last Minute Passenger changes may accepted. If either 'T' or 'Z' is outside this central area, then the number of Last Minute Passenger Adjustments is restricted to that number permitted by the dotted line that encloses both 'T' and 'Z'. In the sample Load & Trim sheet on page 14, the MAXIMUM number of Last Minute Passenger Adjustments would be 8 passengers, being limited by the position of 'Z'.
- (3) If the last minute passenger adjustment, results in an increase in weight, ensure that no weight limitations have been exceeded.
- (4) If the actual number of Last Minute Passenger Adjustments is greater than that permitted by the load sheet, then the Load & Trim sheet is not valid and must be re-drawn.
- (5) If the number of Last Minute Passenger Adjustments is equal to or less than that permitted, then the aircraft may depart and there is no requirement to re-draw the Load & Trim sheet.

