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SAFETY BELTS AND THE CARRIAGE OF PASSENGERS

14.1 The Wearing of Seatbelts and Safety Harnesses

Seat belts or safety harnesses will be worn by all persons on board an aircraft:

- a. During take-off and landing.
- b. During an instrument approach.
- c. When an aircraft is flying at a height less than 1000 feet above the terrain.
- d. In turbulent conditions.

At least one pilot crew member must wear a seat belt or harness at all times during flight, i.e. the pilot of a single pilot aircraft must wear a seat belt or harness at all times.

In addition to the above, seat belts/safety harnesses are to be worn by all persons on board the aircraft:

- a. During agricultural operations
- b. During aerobatic manoeuvres



14.2 Security of Seat Belt or Safety Harness Prior to Solo Flight

In an aircraft fitted with dual controls, which is to be flown solo, the pilot in command must ensure that the safety harness and any other articles or equipment that could foul the controls are to be properly secured. If the second control column is detachable, it shall be removed.

14.3 Passenger Brief

The operator or the pilot in command shall ensure that all passengers are briefed before each take-off on the following.

- a. Smoking, including the prohibition of smoking in toilets
- b. The use and adjustments of seat belts
- c. The location of emergency exits
- d. The use of oxygen where applicable
- e. The use of flotation devices where applicable
- f. Stowage of hand luggage
- g. The presence on board of special survival equipment where applicable (Not the first aid kit).



14.4 Carriage of passengers in a Control Seat

If the Certificate of Registration for the particular aircraft states that the minimum crew required is one pilot, a person may occupy the other control seat provided:

- a. There is satisfactory communication between the pilot and the person.
- b. The pilot gives adequate instruction to that person to ensure that the controls are not interfered with during flight.

If the above aircraft is being used in Regular Public Transport Operations (RPT Ops) then the control seat referred to above may only be occupied by a licensed pilot or an employee of the operator.



14.5 Prohibition of Carriage of Passengers on Certain Flights



Passengers are not permitted to be carried on the following types of flight:

- a. Flying training given to a student pilot.
- b. Practice of emergency procedures in the aircraft.
- c. Low flying practice.
- d. Testing the aircraft or its components, power plant or equipment.