

PART III

GENERAL REGULATIONS

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CHAPTER 1**1. RULES OF THE AIR****1.1 UAE APPLICATION OF RULES OF THE AIR**

1.1.1 This Part shall apply to all civil aircraft operating in the Emirates Flight Information Region (FIR), and all aircraft bearing the nationality and registration marks of the United Arab Emirates, wherever they may be, to the extent that they do not conflict with the rules published by the State having jurisdiction over the territory over-flown.

1.1.2 Each person operating a civil aircraft of United Arab Emirates registry over the high seas shall comply with these Regulations.

1.2 COMPLIANCE WITH RULES OF THE AIR

The operation of an aircraft either in flight or on the movement area of an aerodrome shall be in compliance with these regulations and, in addition, when in flight, either with:

- (a) the Visual Flight Rules, or
- (b) the Instrument Flight Rules.

1.3 RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMPLIANCE**1.3.1 Responsibility of Pilot in Command**

The pilot-in-command of an aircraft shall, whether manipulating the controls or not, be responsible for the operation of the aircraft in accordance with these regulations

1.3.2 Deviation from Regulations

The pilot in command may depart from a Civil Aviation Regulation in circumstances that render such departure absolutely necessary in the interests of safety. The pilot in command shall submit a written report to the GCAA within 24 hours.

1.3.3 Pre-flight Action

Before beginning a flight, the pilot-in-command of an aircraft shall become familiar with all available information appropriate to the intended operation. Pre-flight action for flights away from the vicinity of the aerodrome, and for all IFR flights, shall include a careful study of available current weather reports and forecasts, taking into consideration fuel requirements and an alternative course of action if the flight cannot be completed as planned.

1.4 AUTHORITY OF PILOT IN COMMAND

The pilot in command of an aircraft shall have final authority as to the disposition of the aircraft while in command.

1.5 INTERFERENCE WITH CREW MEMBERS

No person shall assault, threaten, intimidate, or interfere with a crew member in the performance of the crew member's duties aboard an aircraft being operated.

1.6 PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCES

1.6.1 Testing For Psychoactive Substances

A crew member shall submit to a test to indicate the use of psychoactive substances and/or alcohol in the blood when the GCAA has a reasonable basis to believe that a person may have violated the provisions of CAR OPS 1.085 (e) or CAR OPS 3.085 (e), or as part of a GCAA authorized screening programme. That person shall, upon request by the GCAA, furnish the GCAA, or authorise any clinic, hospital, doctor, or other person to release to the GCAA, the results of each test taken. Refusal to submit to a drug or alcohol test is grounds for immediate suspension of that person's licence.

1.6.2 Test Information

Any test information obtained by the GCAA under paragraph 1.6.1 above may be evaluated in determining a person's qualifications for any pilot or flight engineer licence or possible violations of this Chapter and may be used as the basis for suspension or sanctions against that licence as well as evidence in any legal proceeding.

1.7 CARRIAGE OF ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES

No person shall operate an aircraft within the United Arab Emirates with knowledge that illegal substances, such as narcotic drugs, marijuana, depressant or stimulant drugs or substances, are carried in the aircraft.