

NOTICE TO ALL AVIATION STAKEHOLDERS

Please note that Civil Aviation Authority of Fiji is in the process of publishing an Extended Diversion Time Operations (EDTO) Standards Document (SD) to replace the existing Extended Range Operations by twin-engined aeroplanes (ETOPS).

These new EDTO provisions are based on best practices and lessons learned from extended range operations by aeroplanes with two turbine engines (ETOPS) to ensure that all operators and new entrants operate at the same level of safety in order to maintain the current track record of long-range operations.

In short, the new EDTO Standards:

- a) allow longer EDTO operations for aeroplanes with two turbine engines, based on the propulsion reliability and overall operational safety of current ETOPS twins. The related criteria have been evolved from the ETOPS Standards which previously existed in ICAO's Annex 6; and
- b) introduce similar measures to EDTO operations of aeroplanes with more than two turbine engines, through a few additional operational requirements (consideration of time-limited system (TLS)/policy for selection and monitoring of en-route alternates). There are neither additional maintenance requirements for EDTO operations of aeroplanes with more than two engines, nor any additional certification requirements. This means that for EDTO with more than two engines, neither the basic type certification nor the maintenance programme needs to be reviewed as both remain valid for EDTO operations.

Accordingly, this SD details the Standards, policies, procedures and guidelines for operations by transport category aeroplanes with turbine engines conducted beyond 60 minutes from a point on a route to an en-route alternate aerodrome, and for obtaining EDTO certification and/or EDTO specific approval for these aeroplanes to operate further than the applicable EDTO threshold time.

Hence, you are now invited to participate in this industry consultation process for the next 4 weeks. All submission to the Authority shall be made on Form QA109 addressed to the QAM on email to Deepak.Lal@caaf.org.fi and shall reach the CAAF no later than 20th of May, 2022.

Please refer to the link below for the draft SD for EDTO.

https://caaf.org.fj/industry-consultation-process/consultation