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**CERTIFICATE OF RELEASE
SUBJECT: TO SERVICE**

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1. PURPOSE

This Advisory Circular (AC) provides information and guidance concerning an acceptable means of compliance with Regulation 14 of the Civil Aviation (Airworthiness) Regulations 2024 for the issuance of Certificates of Release to Service.

2. RELATED LAWS/REGULATIONS/REQUIREMENTS

The Civil Aviation Requirements for Airworthiness 2024, 5.7.3.

3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Advisory Circular affects all aircraft registered in Guyana and is effective August 01, 2026.

4. RELEVANT REFERENCES

- a. Regulation 14 of the Civil Aviation (Airworthiness) Regulations 2024.
- b. Requirement 5.7.3. of the Civil Aviation Requirements for Airworthiness 2024.

5. CONTACT INFORMATION

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6. AUDIENCE

This AC affects all owners and operators of aircraft registered in Guyana and also personnel who certifies aircraft maintenance in Guyana.

7. CANCELLATION

As of its effective date, this AC cancels Airworthiness AC #: 007 dated September 1, 2005.

8. CHANGES

To provide guidance with newly promulgated Regulations and Requirements.

9. WHAT A CRS CONTAINS

- a. Basic details of the maintenance carried out.
- b. The date such maintenance was completed.
- c. The identity, including the authorization reference, of the AMO and certifying staff issuing the certificate.

10. WHEN SHOULD A CRS BE ISSUED

- a. A Certificate of Release to Service shall be issued by appropriately authorised certifying staff/AME when satisfied that all required maintenance of the aircraft or aeronautical product has been properly carried.
- b. After any inspection, overhaul, repair, replacement or modification carried out on a Guyana registered aircraft, aircraft components, or equipment (including radio apparatus).
- c. When any aeronautical product that has undergone maintenance, preventive maintenance, rebuilding, or modification.
- d. A Certificate of Release to Service shall be issued after particulars of all work mentioned above has been recorded in the appropriate logbooks.

11. WHO CAN ISSUE A CRS

- a. Aircraft Maintenance Engineers (AMEs) when satisfied that all required maintenance of the aircraft or aeronautical product has been properly carried out.
- b. Approved Maintenance Organization (AMO) in accordance with its Maintenance Procedures Manual (MPM). Refer to Requirement 5.7.3 (a) and Regulations 14 (2).

Note: An aeronautical product which has been maintained off the aircraft requires the issue of a Certificate of Release to Service for such maintenance and another CRS in regard to being installed properly on the aircraft when such action occurs.

- c. A person whom the Authority has authorized to issue the certificate in a particular case under Regulation 19 of the Civil Aviation (Airworthiness) Regulations 2024.

12. DEFINITIONS

- a. **Maintenance** - The performance of tasks on an aircraft, engine, propeller or associated part required to ensure the continuing airworthiness of an aircraft, engine, propeller or associated part including any one or combination of overhaul, inspection, replacement, defect rectification, and the embodiment of a modification or repair.
- b. **Maintenance Release** - A document which contains a certification confirming that the maintenance work to which it relates has been completed in a satisfactory manner in accordance with appropriate airworthiness requirements.
- c. **Inspection** - The examination of an aircraft or aeronautical product to establish conformity with a standard approved by the Authority.

- d. **Modification** - A change to the type design of an aircraft, engine or propeller.

Note: - A modification may also include the embodiment of the modification which is a maintenance task subject to a maintenance release.

- e. **Major Modification** – In respect of an aeronautical product for which a Type Certificate has been issued, a change in the type design that has an appreciable effect, or other than a negligible effect, on the mass and balance limits, structural strength, engine operation, flight characteristics, reliability, operational characteristics, or other characteristics or qualities affecting the airworthiness or environmental characteristics of an aeronautical product.
- f. **Minor Modification** – A modification other than a major modification.
- g. **Overhaul** - The restoration of an aircraft/aeronautical product to a condition that will give a reasonable assurance of operation for a specified amount of time using methods, techniques, and practices acceptable to the Authority, including disassembly, cleaning, inspection, repair, reassembly; and testing.
- h. **Repair** - The restoration of an aircraft, engine, propeller or associated part to an airworthy condition in accordance with the appropriate airworthiness requirements after it has been damaged or subjected to wear.
- i. **Replacement** - The removal of an aeronautical product and the installation of a serviceable aeronautical product, in its place, in conformity with an approved standard.
- j. **Approved Standard** - A manufacturing design, maintenance, or quality standard approved by the Authority.

13. CERTIFICATE OF RELEASE TO SERVICE (CRS)

- a. In accordance with Regulation 14 of the Civil Aviation (Airworthiness) Regulations 2024, an aircraft registered in Guyana for which a Certificate of Airworthiness is in force shall not fly unless a Certificate of Release to Service has been issued in respect of any repair, overhaul, replacement, modification or scheduled maintenance inspection to any part of the aircraft or its equipment.
- b. A CRS shall be issued in respect of any maintenance carried out on an aircraft registered in Guyana and that has a Certificate of Airworthiness, except [Regulation 14 (1)] when the aircraft is at such a place where it is not reasonably practical to carry out the work (replacement or repair) in such a manner that a certificate of release may be issued, the commander may fly the aircraft to the nearest place at which the certificate can be issued, under a Permit for Flight issued by the DGCA, and under such conditions and limitations as the Authority may impose, and subject to a Fitness for Flight issued by a Licensed Aircraft Maintenance Engineer or an Approved Maintenance Organization.
- c. The Certificate of Release to Service issued at completion of any maintenance shall be signed in each of the license/authorization categories relevant to the work specialty of the particular maintenance except where otherwise approved by the Director General of Civil Aviation.

- d. The Certificate of Release to Service shall be signed only after the authorized signatory has satisfied himself that the work has been properly performed and that up-to-date instructions including manuals, drawings, tools and equipment have been used and in relation to the work completed, that the aircraft/component/equipment is airworthy and in a condition for safe operation. For authorized signatories working under the quality control of a maintenance organization approved by the Director General of Civil Aviation, the signatory must be satisfied that the relevant procedures in the company manual have been complied with.
- e. The Certificate of Release to Service shall contain full particulars of the work done including details of the aircraft/component involved. The certificate shall be worded as follows:

CERTIFICATE OF RELEASE TO SERVICE STATEMENT		
I hereby certify that the work recorded above has been carried out in accordance with the regulations and requirements issued by the Authority and that the aircraft/equipment is considered fit for release to service.		
Signed: _____ (AME)	License/Approval No _____	Date _____

14. RETENTION OF RECORDS

- a. When all the relevant work has been completed, a Certificate of Release to Service shall be issued and entered in/attached to the relevant Logbook or in any other manner in accordance with the record system approved by Director General of Civil Aviation.
- b. All such records shall be retained by the Operator/Owner of aircraft for a period of two years after the aircraft/engine/propeller has been destroyed or permanently withdrawn from service or for such other periods as agreed to by the Director General of Civil Aviation.

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