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AC NO: GCAA AC/AVSEC-001-26**

SUBJECT: Utilization of National Identification Cards as an approved Travel Document for travel between Guyana and Barbados
INITIATED BY: Aviation Security Department

A. Purpose

This Advisory Circular (AC) provides guidance to air carriers operating services between The Co-operative Republic of Guyana and the Republic of Barbados regarding the implementation of the National Identification Card as an approved travel document for Citizens (passengers) travelling between the two States.

This AC outlines the transitional arrangements, interim processing procedures, and carrier expectations associated with the implementation of the new travel document requirements and is given power under the Guyana Immigration Act, Cap. 14:02.

This AC is the first to be issued on this subject.

B. Applicability

This Advisory Circular applies to all air carriers conducting commercial air transport operations between Guyana and Barbados.

The provisions contained herein apply to the acceptance, verification, processing, and carriage of eligible passengers travelling under the National Identification Card arrangements established by Guyana and Barbados.

C. Contact Information

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D. Acceptance Of National Identification Cards

Air carriers shall accept a valid National Identification Card issued by Guyana and Barbados as an approved travel document for eligible passengers travelling directly between Guyana and Barbados.

Carriers should ensure that passenger acceptance, boarding, and departure control procedures are updated accordingly to facilitate the processing of eligible Travellers.

E. Transitional Implementation Arrangements

Recognizing that carriers may require time to implement operational changes, including system enhancements, personnel training, and procedural amendments, the Guyana Civil Aviation Authority will facilitate a transitional implementation period for twelve (12) months.

During this period, carriers will be afforded reasonable flexibility to complete the necessary modifications required to support the National Identification Card processing.

No enforcement action or administrative penalties should arise solely from the acceptance of an approved National Identification Card by a carrier acting in good faith and in accordance with the guidance contained in this Advisory Circular during the transitional period.

F. Interim EDIFACT Processing Procedure

Pending implementation of permanent system enhancements, carriers may continue to utilize the interim EDIFACT processing solution provided by the Guyana Immigration Department.

Under this interim arrangement:

- a) The passport field may be populated with the notation "Not Carrying"; and
- b) The National Identification Card number may be entered in the designated secondary document field.

This interim procedure may remain in effect until carriers have successfully implemented and validated permanent system solutions capable of accommodating National Identification Card information.

G. Carrier Readiness Requirements

Carriers are encouraged to complete all necessary:

- a) Reservation and departure control system modifications;
- b) Passenger processing system enhancements;
- c) Staff training and awareness programmes;
- d) Operational procedure revisions; and
- e) Quality assurance and compliance activities.

Carriers should ensure that all personnel involved in passenger acceptance and boarding are familiar with the National Identification Card requirements prior to full implementation.

H. Reporting and Oversight

To facilitate oversight of the implementation process, the Authority may request periodic progress reports from affected carriers.

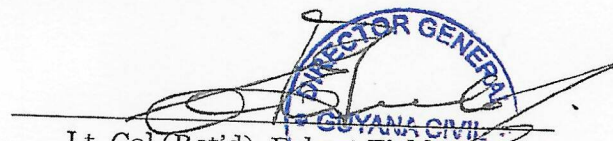
Such reports may include information relating to:

- a) System development and testing status;
- b) Staff training completion rates;
- c) Operational readiness assessments;
- d) Outstanding implementation challenges; and
- e) Estimated dates for full compliance.

I. Effective Date

This Advisory Circular will take immediate effect on July 1, 2026 when the operational acceptance of the National Identification Cards as approved travel documents for eligible Travellers between Guyana Barbados and commences.

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