WELLINGTON NEW ZEALAND

PURSUANT to Sections 28, 29, and 30 of the Civil Aviation Act 1990

I, HARRY JAMES DUYNHOVEN, Minister for Transport Safety,

HEREBY MAKE the following ordinary rules.

SIGNED AT Wellington

This fifth day of September 2006

by HARRY JAMES DUYNHOVEN

[Signature]

Minister for Transport Safety

Civil Aviation Rules

Part 121, Amendment 14

Air Operations—Large Aeroplanes

Docket 4/CAR/2 & 3/CAR/4
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Rule objective
The objective of amendment 14 to Part 121 is to improve aviation safety by reducing the potential consequences of an aeroplane undershooting the runway during landing or overrunning the runway during take-off or landing. The amendment requires operators of aeroplanes conducting regular air transport services to, from, or outside of New Zealand to—

- use runways that have a runway end safety area at each end of the runway; or

- if a runway end safety area is not provided, the aeroplane operator must adjust the take-off and landing performance data for the aeroplane to provide the equivalent of a safety area at the overrun end of the runway.

This amendment also incorporates minor technical changes to rule 121.71 extracted from the general Omnibus Rule Fix Up Project Docket 3/CAR/4, NPRM 05-07.

This amendment 14 to Part 121 is associated with amendment 5 to Part 139.

Extent of consultation
RESA
In January 2000 the Civil Aviation Industry Rules Advisory Group (CIRAG) Executive accepted a terms of reference for the establishment of a Technical Study Group (TSG) to participate in a rule making project to implement the ICAO requirements for runway end safety areas. The terms of reference covered the provision of RESA in relation to the New Zealand aerodromes that are used by aeroplanes conducting regular international air transport operations, and the consistency of the requirement for RESA across all New Zealand aerodromes. Participants for the TSG were drawn from the 7 aerodromes that would be affected by the rule proposal, the aircraft operators who were involved with the international air transport operations, aircrew representatives, the airways system operator, and the CAA.

An external consultant was also engaged to carry out a comprehensive cost benefit analysis on the proposal to require RESA at the 7
aerodromes that would be directly affected by the rule to determine that
the application of RESA would meet the criteria of the Act for safety at
reasonable cost.

The members of the TSG have been fully involved with the input
information that was required for the cost benefit analysis and, with the
exception of the requirements where an existing aerodrome is
certificated after the date of the rule, with the development of the
proposed rules.

A Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, NPRM 04-03 Runway End Safety
Areas (RESA), containing the proposed rules was issued for public

Notification of the publication of this NPRM for public submissions was
made in the CARRIL, on the CAA web site, and in the Gazette on 1 July
2004 and in the major metropolitan newspapers on Saturday 3 July
2004.  Copies of the NPRM were sent to 195 interested parties and
letters advising of the availability of the NPRM were sent to a further 34
organisations on 29 and 30 June 2004.

The period for public submissions was initially set to close on 16 August
2004, but following an industry request for an extension the period for
public submissions was closed on 30 August 2004.

Omnibus Rule Fix Up Project
A Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, NPRM 05-07, containing the
proposed changes to rule 121.71 as part of the Omnibus Rule Project
was issued for public consultation under Docket 3/CAR/4 on 23 June
2005.

The publication of this NPRM was notified in the Gazette on 23 June
2005 and advertised in the daily newspapers in the five main provincial
centres on 25 June 2005. The NPRM was published on the CAA web
site and mailed to identified stakeholders including representative
organisations who were considered likely to have an interest in the
proposal.

A period of 37 days was allowed for comment on the proposed rule.
New Zealand Transport Strategy

The amendments to Part 121 do not take into account the requirements of the New Zealand Transport Strategy (NZTS) because the development of the proposed rule changes and the publication of the NPRM for public submissions was undertaken before the requirements of the NZTS came into force on 1 December 2004 with the Civil Aviation Amendment Act (No 2) 2004.

Summary of submissions

RESA

A total of 41 responses to NPRM 04-03 were received. Twenty two were written submissions, and 19 were enquiries, congratulations, or updates by aerodrome operators on their progress toward meeting the proposed rules. The 22 written submissions comprised 12 from aerodrome operators, 4 from aircraft operators, 3 from aviation consultants, and 3 from flight crew representative organisations.

The submissions, comments and internal CAA feedback have been considered and as a result the following changes have been made to the rule proposals:

- The word international has been changed to reflect the definition used in The Interpretation Act 1999.

- References to the specified declared distances for determining aeroplane performance data have been changed to refer to “appropriate declared distances” to ensure that the aeroplane operator takes into account the most critical distance for the runway when determining aeroplane performance data.

- For aerodromes outside New Zealand the reference to the 90 metres for the length of RESA from the end of the runway strip has been changed to 150 metres from the end of the runway to ensure that the standard 60 metres for the runway strip at the end of the runway is included in the application of the requirement. The runway end is generally clearly defined and this simplifies measurement as some runways may not have the standard 60 metres of strip at the end of the runway.
Omnibus Rule Fix Up Project

Nine written submissions were received on NPRM 05-07 but none of these referred to the proposed amendments to rule 121.71.

Some editorial changes have also been made for the final drafting of the rules.

The rules as amended were then referred to Parliament’s Regulations Review Committee before being signed by the Minister for Transport Safety.

Examination of submissions

Submissions may be examined by application to the Docket Clerk at the Civil Aviation Authority between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm on weekdays, except statutory holidays.

Insertion of amendments

The amendments to the rules in this Part are reflected by revocation of existing rule 121.71 and insertion of amended rule 121.71.

Effective date of rule

Amendment 14 to Part 121 comes into force on 12 October 2006.

Availability of rules

Civil Aviation Rules are available from–

  CAA web site:  http://www.caa.govt.nz/
  Freephone:  0800 GET RULES (0800 438 785)
Rule amendments

Subpart B — Flight Operations

Rule 121.71 is revoked and replaced by the following new rule:

121.71 Use of aerodromes

(a) A holder of an air operator certificate must ensure that an aeroplane performing an air operation under the authority of the holder’s certificate does not use an aerodrome for landing or take-off unless—

(1) the aerodrome has physical characteristics, obstacle limitation surfaces, and visual aids that meet the requirements of—

   (i) the characteristics of the aeroplane being used; and

   (ii) the lowest meteorological minima to be used; and

(2) if the operation is a regular air transport service operating to, from, or outside of New Zealand after 12 July 2007—

   (i) each runway at an aerodrome within New Zealand that is used for the operation has a RESA at each end of the runway in accordance with the requirements of Part 139 Appendix A.1; or

   (ii) if the runway does not have a RESA as required in paragraph (a)(2)(i), the certificate holder must ensure that for operations conducted after 12 October 2011 the takeoff and landing performance calculations for the aeroplane are based on a reduction of the appropriate declared distances for the runway to provide the equivalent of a 90m RESA at the overrun end of the runway strip; and

   (iii) each runway at an aerodrome outside of New Zealand that is used for the operation has a RESA that extends to at least 150m from the overrun end of the runway, or an engineered equivalent that is acceptable to the Director; or
(iv) if the runway does not have a RESA or an engineered equivalent as required in paragraph (a)(2)(iii), the certificate holder must ensure that the take-off and landing performance calculations for the aeroplane are based on a reduction of the appropriate declared distances for the runway to provide the equivalent of the RESA required in paragraph (a)(2)(iii) at the overrun end of the runway.

(b) A holder of an air operator certificate must ensure that an aeroplane performing an air operation under the authority of the holder’s certificate does not use an aerodrome for landing or taking-off unless the aerodrome has—

(1) rescue fire equipment that is appropriate to the aeroplane type and is acceptable to the Director; and

(2) for turbojet and turbofan powered aeroplanes, an operating visual approach slope indicator system, except when the aeroplane is performing a precision instrument approach that includes glideslope guidance.

(c) A holder of an air operator certificate must ensure that an aeroplane performing an air operation under the authority of the holder’s certificate does not use an aerodrome for landing or taking-off unless the aerodrome is specified individually or by grouping in the certificate holder’s exposition.

(d) A holder of an air operator certificate must ensure that the following matters are specified for each of the aerodromes or groups of aerodromes specified in the certificate holder’s exposition under paragraph (c)—

(1) the route or segment of a route:

(2) the necessary level of flight crew training:

(3) the minimum flight crew experience:

(4) the flight crew pairing restrictions:
(5) the type of authorised flight operations.

(e) Notwithstanding paragraph (f)(1), an aerodrome specified under paragraph (c) that is to be used as an alternate aerodrome by an aeroplane that has a certificated seating capacity of more than 30 passengers and is engaged on domestic air operations may be a non-certificated aerodrome.

(f) Each aerodrome specified in the certificate holder’s exposition under paragraph (c) that is to be used by an aeroplane that has a certificated seating capacity of more than 30 passengers and is engaged on a regular air transport passenger service must be an aerodrome that—

(1) for New Zealand aerodromes, is associated with an aerodrome operating certificate issued in accordance with Part 139; or

(2) for aerodromes outside New Zealand, is associated with a certificate that meets a standard that is equivalent to that required under Part 139 and issued by an ICAO contracting State.

(g) A holder of an air operator certificate must maintain a register, as part of the route guide, of aerodromes that are to be used in accordance with paragraphs (e) and (f), containing—

(1) the aerodrome data; and

(2) procedures for ensuring that the condition of the aerodrome is safe for the operation; and

(3) procedures for ensuring that the condition of any required equipment, including safety equipment, is safe for the operation; and

(4) details of any limitations on the use of the aerodrome.

(h) Except as provided in paragraph (i), a holder of an air operator certificate must ensure that an aeroplane performing an air operation under the authority of the holder’s certificate does not land on or take-off from a runway unless—
(1) the width of the runway to be used is at least that width determined in accordance with Appendix C for the aeroplane; and

(2) the width of the runway strip for the runway to be used is at least that width determined in accordance with Appendix C for the aeroplane and the runway type.

(i) A runway that has a width that is less than that required under paragraph (h) may be used by an aeroplane performing an air operation under the authority of an air operator certificate if—

(1) a lesser minimum runway width is determined by certificated flight testing, is prescribed in the aeroplane’s flight manual; or

(2) a lesser minimum runway width was prescribed in the certificate holder’s air service certificate, issued under regulation 136 of the Civil Aviation Regulations 1953 before 6 January 1993, for the aeroplane.
Consultation details

(This statement does not form part of the rules contained in Part 121. It provides details of the consultation undertaken in making the rules.)

NPRM 04-03 Docket 4/CAR/2 - RESA

The consultation details relating to amendment 14 to Part 121 are contained in the consultation details of amendment 5 to Part 139. The submissions and all background material used in developing the rules are held on the docket file and are available for public inspection at Aviation House, 10 Hutt Road Petone. Persons wishing to view the docket should contact the Docket Clerk on Phone +64 560 9603 and ask for docket 4/CAR/2.

NPRM 05-07 Docket 3/CAR/4 – Omnibus Rule Fix Up Project

The amendment to rule 121.71 from the Omnibus Rule Fix Up Project was developed under docket 3/CAR/4 and published as NPRM 05-07.

The consultation detail relating to the amendments to Part 121 from the Omnibus Rule Fix Up Project is contained in the consultation details of amendment 13 to Part 121. None of the submissions related to the proposed changes to Rule 121.71. The comments and all background material used in developing the rules are held on the docket and are available for public inspection at Aviation House, 10 Hutt Road, Petone. Persons wishing to view the docket should contact the Docket Clerk on Phone 64-4-560-9603 and ask for docket 3/CAR/4.