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# ADVISORY CIRCULAR

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**NOTE: THIS ADVISORY CIRCULAR IS PUBLISHED TO PROVIDE REGULATORY INFORMATION RELATED TO THE GENERAL AUTHORITY OF CIVIL AVIATION REGULATIONS (GACAR).**

## CHAPTER 1 – INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Purpose.

The purpose of this Advisory Circular is to provide information to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabian aviation industry concerning the applicability and use of FAA Advisory Circulars as they pertain to the General Authority of Civil Aviation Regulations (GACAR).

### 1.2 Applicability.

This Advisory Circular is applicable to persons required to comply with GACAR Parts 21, 23, 25, 26, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 43, 60, 61, 65, 66, 91, 117, 121, 125, 135, 141, 142, 145, or 147.

### 1.3 Cancellation.

This version 3 updates the GACA logo. All previous versions of the Advisory Circular are cancelled.

### 1.4 Related Regulatory Provisions.

GACAR Parts 21, 23, 25, 26, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 43, 60, 61, 65, 66, 91, 117, 121, 125, 135, 141, 142, 145, and 147.

### 1.5 Related Reading Material.

None.

## **1.6 Definitions of Terms Used in this Advisory Circular.**

Affected parties should refer to Subpart A of GACAR Part 1 for a full listing of defined terms used in the GACAR. This Advisory Circular does not introduce any new terms.

## **1.7 Approval.**

This Advisory Circular has been approved for publication by the Assistant President, Safety, Security and Air Transport Sector of the General Authority of Civil Aviation.

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## CHAPTER 2 – FAA ADVISORY CIRCULARS AND THE GACAR

### 2.1 General.

This chapter summarizes how to establish whether an FAA Advisory Circulars has relevance to the GACAR and how to access and use FAA Advisory Circulars effectively.

### 2.2 Applicability of FAA Advisory Circulars to the GACAR.

Many of the GACAR parts that pertain to flight operations and aircraft maintenance were modeled on corresponding parts in Title 14 of the United States Code of Federal Regulations. For this reason, many of the FAA guidance materials related to the operational approval of special flight operations and the approval of technical programs and systems are relevant to the GACAR. Additionally, many FAA Advisory Circulars address aviation subjects of a general nature that are of interest and relevance to all aviation personnel.

NOTE: In the case of conflict between the information in the FAA Advisory Circulars and the GACAR or a GACA Advisory Circular, the GACA documents must prevail.

#### FAA Advisory Circulars That **DO HAVE** Relevance to the GACAR:

Because most of the content in FAA Advisory Circulars that addresses technical subjects has relevance to civil aviation in a global context, in general, FAA Advisory Circulars that address the following subjects **DO** have relevance to the GACAR:

- Subjects related to standard practices and airmanship (e.g.AC 00-54, Pilot Windshear Guide; AC 20-35C, Tiedown Sense; AC 90-23G, Aircraft Wake Turbulence, etc.) [Series 00, 20, 60, 90];
- Subjects related to technical subjects associated with type certification of products and articles [Series 20, 21, 23, 25, 26, 27, 29, 33, 35];
- Subjects related to technical subjects associate with operational approvals (e.g. RVSM, ETOPS, Cat II, Cat III, ADS-B, EFB, etc.) [Series 91, 120];
- Subjects related to program or system approvals (e.g. training programs, fatigue management programs, operational control systems, etc.) [Series 117, 121, 135];
- Subjects related to maintenance practices and maintenance control [Series 43]; and
- Subjects related to repair stations [Series 145].

**FAA Advisory Circulars That DO NOT Have Relevance to the GACAR:**

Because guidance related to certification processes and procedures in FAA Advisory Circulars is specifically tailored to the United States legal system and the FAA organizational structure, in general, FAA Advisory Circulars that address following subjects DO NOT have relevance to the GACAR:

- Subjects related to processes and procedures associate with airworthiness certification [Series 21];
- Subjects related to processes and procedures associate with pilot school certification [Series 141];
- Subjects related to processes and procedures associate with air operator certification [Series 120, 125];
- Subjects related to processes and procedures associate with airman certification [Series 61, 65]; and
- Subjects related to processes and procedures associate with foreign air carrier certification [Series 129].

### 2.3 Substitution of Terms.

Because FAA Advisory Circulars are created specifically for use within the regulatory framework of the FAA, when used in the context of the GACAR it is necessary to substitute certain terms in order to gain the proper understanding in the context of the GACAR. To aid in this, the following is provided to facilitate the use of FAA Advisory Circulars in the context of the GACAR. This list is not all inclusive and addresses only the most common substitutions required. Users are cautioned that other FAA terms may need to be substituted.

FAA Word, Phrase or Reference:	Replace with:
<i>“Administrator”</i>	<i>“President”</i>
<i>“Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR)”</i>	<i>“GACAR”</i>
<i>“Federal Aviation Regulations”</i>	<i>“GACAR”</i>
<i>“Certificate Holder District Office”</i>	<i>“GACA Flight Standards Department”</i>
<i>“FAA”</i>	<i>“GACA”</i>

### 2.4 When in Doubt.

When it is not clear to you whether an FAA Advisory Circular does, or does not, have relevance to the GACAR, or where a term needs to be substituted that is not listed in paragraph 2.3 above, the best course of action is to contact the GACA (e.g. your Principal Inspector) for guidance.

### 2.5 How To Access FAA Advisory Circulars.

Direct access to certain FAA Advisory Circulars with specific relevance to the GACAR have been provided on the GACA website. All other FAA Advisory Circulars may be accessed on the FAA website at [www.faa.gov](http://www.faa.gov).