

Type Acceptance Certificates

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RELATED REQUIREMENTS

This Circular relates to OTAR Part 21 Subpart B.

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1 Introduction

- 1.1 This Circular provides background information and guidance with regard to an application for an aircraft Type Acceptance Certificate (TAC). The Type Acceptance Certificate is a document required under the AN(OT)O Article 23 and describes the certification basis of a product acceptable to the CAACI. The TAC is a prerequisite for the issue of a Certificate of Airworthiness.
- 1.2 The TAC serves three main purposes:
 - (a) To establish essential links between the CAACI and the Original Type Certificate holder for the product, ensuring that mandatory continued airworthiness data is secured by the CAACI; and
 - (b) To ensure that the CAACI has knowledge of the product including that of any special certification requirements; and
 - (c) To establish the arrangements between the CAACI and the applicable NAAs for mandatory and continued airworthiness data.
- 1.3 Currently a TAC will be granted only for a complete aircraft.

2 Application

- 2.1 The application for a Type Certificate for an aeronautical product should provide sufficient information for the CAACI to gain knowledge of the product to enable its effective regulatory oversight of the aircraft type. An application Form given in Appendix A to this Circular set's out the information required. The CAACI has an Online application system currently in development that may be utilised however it is recommended that the CAACI be contacted regarding the appropriated method of application during this period of transition.
- 2.2 It is the responsibility of the aircraft Type Certificate holder to make the application for a TAC. It should be noted that the Type Certificate Holder may not be the original aircraft manufacturer.
- 2.3 An owner or operator who wishes to register an aircraft in an Overseas Territory and gain a Certificate of Airworthiness for an aircraft for which a TAC has not yet been granted is responsible for contacting the Type Certificate holder to request that an application for a TAC is made by the Type Certificate Holder to the CAACI.
- 2.4 The CAACI will need to establish a formal contact with the aircraft Type Certificate holder and the appropriate NAA. The owner/operator must provide the necessary contact details to the CAACI.

3 Certification Standards

- 3.1 Only aircraft that have been Type Certificated by a National Aviation Authority identified in OTAR Part 21.25 are acceptable for the issue of a TAC.

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- 3.2 The certification standards quoted at original Type Certification and any generated by subsequent Type Certification by a NAA referenced above are the certification standards that must be complied with.
- 3.3 The Type Design must be in compliance with ICAO Annex 16 Environmental Standards.

4 Investigation

- 4.1 The investigation for the grant of a TAC will normally be associated with the process of aircraft registration. If it is determined that the application for a TAC cannot to be accepted any associated aircraft registration process will also be suspended.
- 4.2 The CAACI will review the application and associated documentation to ensure that the required information from the Type Certificate holder has been made available.

5 Arrangements with the Type Certificate holder & NAA

- 5.1 Arrangements with the Type Certificate holder and the applicable NAA(s) for receipt by the CAACI of continued airworthiness data for the aircraft type must be established before a TAC can be issued. The continued airworthiness data would typically include the following, although the list is a guide only:
- (a) A full listing of all the documents, which should be current and to the latest revision status.
 - (b) The Maintenance Schedule/Programme, including structural inspections.
 - (c) Instructions for continued airworthiness to include any design changes.
 - (d) A current list of Service Bulletins and Service Letters with ready access to the original documents.
 - (e) The Approved Flight Manual to include relevant supplements.
 - (f) The maintenance and inspection standards.
 - (g) Corrosion control standards and philosophy.
 - (h) Access to Airworthiness Directives and associated Bi-weekly listings.
 - (i) Master Minimum Equipment List (MMEL).
 - (j) Copy of the Type Certificate and Type Certificate Data sheet (TCDS).

6 Issue of a Type Acceptance Certificate

At the satisfactory conclusion of the investigation by the CAACI and the recognition that acceptable arrangements are in place with the applicable NAA and the Type Certificate holder the CAACI will signify the acceptance of the Type Certificate approval by the issue of the associated Type Acceptance Certificate. The CAACI will also issue a corresponding Type Acceptance Data Sheet which forms part of the TAC and records the basis of the certification acceptance.


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7 Type Certificate holder's responsibilities

- 7.1 The Type Certificate holder is responsible for advising the CAACI of any intention to relinquish the Type Certificate and thus its continued airworthiness responsibilities under the requirements of ICAO. In the event the Type Certificate holder relinquishes such responsibilities the TAC will be revoked.
- 7.2 Where there are changes to the holder of the Type Certificate, an application must be made for the reissue of the TAC and a new investigation at an appropriate level would be required.
- 7.3 Where a known unsafe condition exists which the Type Certificate holder has not addressed, the CAACI will give consideration to suspending the TAC.

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Appendix A Type Acceptance Certificate Application

<p>APPLICATION FORM FOR THE GRANT OF A TYPE ACCEPTANCE CERTIFICATE</p> <p>Civil Aviation Authority of the Cayman Islands</p>		
This application should be made by or on behalf of the Type Certificate Holder		
<i>TC HOLDER CONTACT DETAILS ADDRESS</i>		
Aircraft Designation		
Type Certificate Holder		
State of Construction		
	State of design Type Certificate	Accepted NAA Type Certificate (OTAR Part 21.25)
Type Certificates		
Type Certificate data sheets		
Note: type certificates accepted – refer to OTAR Part 21.25 for acceptable NAAs		
Please supply details of the following: (details can be supplied by reference to attached documentation)		
Continued Airworthiness department contact details:		
Certification department contact details:		
Details of compliance with the requirements of ICAO Annex 16:		
Details of any special continued airworthiness requirements:		
Details of any equivalent safety decisions, special conditions, airworthiness limitations:		

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Details of any operational restrictions:		
Details of Flight Manual including options and configurations:		
Maintenance and continued airworthiness documentation. Note, arrangements for electronic access preferred:	Illustrated Parts Catalogue:	
	Maintenance Manual:	
	Service Data Engines and Propellers:	
	Maintenance Programme requirements	
Applicant:	Name	Position
Signed		Dated
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