



MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 003-2025

TO : ALL AIR OPERATORS AND AIRCRAFT OWNERS

FROM : THE DIRECTOR GENERAL

SUBJECT : DEFERMENT OF THE APPLICABILITY DATE FOR THE
REQUIREMENTS IN PCAR PART 7: 7.6.9 – LOCATION OF AIRPLANE
IN DISTRESS

DATE : 20 JAN 2025

Philippine Civil Aviation Regulations (PCAR) Part 7: 7.6.9 (Location of an Airplane in Distress) stipulates that an airplane with a maximum take-off mass of over 27,000 kg, for which the certificate of airworthiness is first issued on or after 1 January 2024, must be equipped to autonomously transmit information that allows the operator to determine its position at least once every minute when in distress.

The Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP) has received several requests from both local and foreign air operators for a time-limited exemption to provide additional time to comply with the requirements of PCAR Part 7: 7.6.9 due to certification delays, production incorporation issues, and retrofitting availability.

In this regard, the CAAP conducted a review of the regulatory, operational, and technical challenges associated with the full implementation of the requirements under PCAR Part 7: 7.6.9. Based on the assessment, it has been determined that additional time is necessary to effectively address these challenges.

To ensure sufficient preparation and compliance by operators, the applicability date of the requirements under PCAR Part 7: 7.6.9 is hereby deferred **from 1 January 2025 to 30 September 2025**.

All air operators and aircraft owners are advised to continue their preparations for compliance with PCAR Part 7: 7.6.9.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately and remain in force until the new applicability date or until otherwise amended or revoked.

All Orders/Memoranda in conflict herewith are hereby rescinded.

For information and compliance.


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Director General

