



MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 016-2025

**SUBJECT :** AMENDMENT TO PHILIPPINE CIVIL AVIATION REGULATIONS  
PART 4  
**RE: CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION**  
**DATE :** 31 MAR 2025

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**REFERENCES:**

1. Philippine Civil Aviation Regulation Part 4.
2. Republic Act No. 9497
3. Regulations Amendment/Revision Procedure
4. Board Resolution No. 2012-054 dated 28 September 2012

Pursuant to the powers vested on the Director General of the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines under Republic Act No. 9497, otherwise known as the Civil Aviation Authority Act of 2008 and in accordance with the Regulations Amendment/Revision Procedure with Board Resolution No. 2012-054 dated 28 September 2012, I hereby approve the amendments to the Philippine Civil Aviation Regulations Part 4:

**AMENDED REGULATIONS:**

**PHILIPPINE CIVIL AVIATION REGULATIONS PART 4**

**4.1.1.3 ABBREVIATIONS**

- (a) The following abbreviations are used in Part 4:
- (1) ADIZ - Air Defense Identification Zone
  - (2) DEWIZ - Distant Early Warning Identification Zone
  - (3) ICAO – International Civil Aviation Organization
  - (4) IS – Implementing Standards
  - (5) RPA – Remotely Piloted Aircraft

**4.2 REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS**

**4.2.1.1 GENERAL APPLICABILITY**

- (a) ~~No person may operate a civil aircraft that is eligible for registration under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines unless it has been registered by its~~



~~owner/operator under the provisions of the laws of the Republic of the Philippines and the Authority has issued a Certificate of Aircraft Registration for that aircraft which shall be carried aboard that aircraft for all operations. This subpart prescribes the requirements for the registration of civil aircraft registered in the Republic of the Philippines.~~

(b) ~~The certificate of aircraft registration shall be in English.~~

#### **4.2.1.2 CERTIFICATE OF AIRCRAFT REGISTRATION**

- (a) No person may operate a civil aircraft that is eligible for registration under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines unless that aircraft has been registered by its owner or operator under the provisions of the laws of the Republic of the Philippines and the Authority has issued for that aircraft a certificate of aircraft registration that shall be carried aboard that aircraft for all operations.
- (b) The certificate of aircraft registration will be issued in English language.
- (c) The Authority will issue the certificate of registration in the form as prescribed in IS: 4.2.1.2 (a) and of a size determined by the Director General.

#### **4.2.1.23 REGISTRATION ELIGIBILITY**

#### **4.2.1.34 APPLICATION**

- (a) A person who wishes to register an aircraft in the Republic of the Philippines must submit an application for aircraft registration to the Authority in a form and manner acceptable to the Authority. Each application shall:
  - (1) Certify as to citizenship as defined under Subpart 4.2.1.23;
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- (c) Upon an applicant meeting all requirements for registration, a Certificate of Aircraft Registration will be issued by the Director General of Flight Standards Inspectorate Service.

### **4.3 NATIONALITY AND REGISTRATION MARKS**

#### **4.3.1.2 GENERAL**

- (b) ~~Unless otherwise authorized by the Authority, no~~ No person may place on any aircraft a design, mark, or symbol that modifies or confuses the nationality and registration marks. The marks Marks shall not be confused with the International Five Letter Code of Signals or Distress Codes used which might be confused with

the five-letter combinations used in the International Code of Signals, Part II, the three-letter combinations beginning with Q used in the Q Code, and with the distress signal SOS, or other similar urgent signals, for example XXX, PAN and TTT.

- (c) Permanent marking of aircraft nationality and registration shall be painted on the aircraft or affixed by other means insuring a similar degree of permanence, have no ornamentation:
- (1) Contrast in color with the background Be painted on the aircraft or affixed by other means ensuring a similar degree permanence; and
  - (2) Be legible. Have no ornamentation;
  - (3) Contrast in color with the background;
  - (4) Be legible; and
  - (5) Be kept clean and visible at all times.

#### **4.3.1.3 NATIONALITY AND REGISTRATION MARKS TO BE USED**

- (e) The nationality and registration marks borne by aircraft shall consist of the following:
- (1) The Roman capital letters "RP" immediately preceding identification number for aircraft used solely for governmental purposes, and or belonging to the Philippine government, provinces, municipalities, or political subdivisions (except those belonging to the Philippine Army Armed Forces of the Philippines).

#### **4.3.1.5 SIZE OF MARKS**

- (a) Each operator of an aircraft shall display marks on the aircraft meeting the size requirements of this section No person shall operate an aircraft unless that aircraft displays marks meeting the size requirements of this section.
- (b) Height HEIGHT. The character marks shall be of equal height and on-:
- (1) Heavier-than-air aircraft, shall be at least:
    - (i) At least 50 centimeters high if on the wings; and
    - (ii) At least 30 centimeters high if on the fuselage (or equivalent structure) and vertical tail surfaces; or
    - (iii) Determined by the State of Registry, taking account of the need for the aircraft to be identified readily, if the aircraft possesses no wings and

fuselage or if the parts are too small to accommodate the marks described in paragraphs 4.3.1.5 (i) and (ii) of this subsection.

- (2) Lighter-than-air aircraft other than unmanned free balloons, shall be at least 50 centimeters high.
- (3) Unmanned free balloons, and other lighter-than-air aircraft that are not of sufficient size to accommodate marks at least 50 centimeters high shall be determined by the Authority taking into consideration the size of the surface payload to which the identification plate is affixed.
- (c) ~~Width~~ **WIDTH**. The ~~Characters must~~ shall be two-thirds as wide as they are high, except the number "1", which shall must be one-sixth as wide as it is they are high, and the letters "M" and "W" which may be as wide as they are high.
- (d) ~~Thickness~~ **THICKNESS**. The ~~Characters and hyphens~~ shall be formed by solid lines and shall be of a color contrasting clearly with the background. The thickness of the lines shall be one-sixth as thick as the character is high of the height of a character.
- (e) ~~Spacing~~ **SPACING**. The space between each character may not be less than shall be at least one-fourth of the character width.
- (f) ~~Uniformity~~ **UNIFORMITY**. The marks required by this Part for fixed-wing heavier-than-air aircraft must shall have the same height, width, thickness, and spacing on both sides of the aircraft.

#### **4.3.1.10 SALE OF AIRCRAFT: REMOVAL OF MARKS**

- (a) When an aircraft that is registered in Republic of the Philippines is sold, the holder of the Certificate of Aircraft Registration shall remove, before its delivery to the purchaser, all nationality and registration marks of Republic of the Philippines, unless the purchaser is a citizen or other legal entity as prescribed in Subpart 4.2.1.23(a)(1).

#### **4.3.1.11 IDENTIFICATION PLATE REQUIRED**

- (a) ~~The operator shall affix to each aircraft registered under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines an identification plate~~ No person shall operate an aircraft registered under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines unless an identification plate is affixed to the aircraft:
  - (1) Containing the marks of nationality and registration;

- (2) Made of fireproof metal or other fireproof material of suitable physical properties;
- (3) Secured to the aircraft in a prominent position, near the main entrance, or, in the case of a free balloon, affixed conspicuously to the exterior of the payload. Sized between a minimum of 1-inch x 2-inches and a maximum of 6-inches x 3-inches, depending on the size of the aircraft type and size; and
- (4) Engraved using machine etching and not painted.

(b) Requirement of an aircraft identification plate

- (1) Material: Fireproof material, stainless steel is preferred but other fireproof material of suitable physical properties may be allowed;
- (2) Size: Size shall be minimum of 1-inch x 2-inches or a maximum of 6-inches by 3-inches, depending on the size of the aircraft. Size may differ for each aircraft type;
- (3) Location: Aircraft identification plate must be located inside the aircraft and near the main entrance door or alongside with the manufacturer's data plate;
- (4) Contents: At least the nationality and registration marks;
- (5) Markings: Machine etched not painted

(b) No person shall operate an aircraft registered under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines unless the identification plate is secured to the aircraft in a prominent position near the main entrance, alongside the manufacturer's data plate or:

- (1) In the case of an unmanned free balloon, affixed conspicuously to the exterior of the payload; and
- (2) In the case of an RPA, secured in a prominent position near the main entrance or compartment or affixed conspicuously to the exterior of the aircraft if there is no main entrance or compartment.

#### **IS 4.2.1.2 CERTIFICATE OF AIRCRAFT REGISTRATION**

- (a) The certificate of registration issued by the CAAP shall be as follows:



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY OF THE PHILIPPINES

CERTIFICATE NO.:

## CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION

1. Nationality and Registration Marks:	2. Manufacturer and Manufacturer's designation of aircraft:	3. Aircraft Serial No.:
4a. Issued To:		
Basis of Registration: <input type="checkbox"/> Ownership of Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Operator of Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain):		
4b. Address of Certificate holder:		
5. Name and Address of Owner, if different from Certificate Holder:		
6. It is hereby certified that the above-described aircraft has been duly entered on the Aircraft Registry Book No. _____ of the <b>Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines</b> in accordance with the Convention on International Civil Aviation dated 07 December 1994 and with the Philippine Civil Aviation Regulations 4.		
<div style="text-align: center;">_____ Director General</div>		
Date of Issue:	Conveyances must be attached to this form.	
<b>THE ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE SHALL BE CARRIED IN THE AIRCRAFT AT ALL TIMES. (WITH THE VALIDATING OFFICIAL RECEIPT)</b>		
Remarks:		
Form No.:	Revision. No.:	

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*Separability Clause.* If, for any reason, any provision of this Memorandum Circular is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other part or parts thereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

*Repealing Clause.* All orders, rules, regulations, and issuances, or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Memorandum Circular are hereby repealed, superseded, or modified accordingly.

*Determination of Changes.* To highlight the amendments and/or revisions in the Memorandum Circular, the deleted text shall be shown with strikethrough and the new inserted text shall be highlighted with grey shading, as illustrated below:

Text deleted: ~~Text to be deleted is shown with a line through it.~~

New text inserted: New text is highlighted with grey shading.

New text replacing existing text: ~~Text to be deleted is shown with a line through it~~ followed by the replacement text which is highlighted with grey shading.

*Effectivity.* This Memorandum Circular shall take effect 15 days after compliance with the requisite publication in a single newspaper of general circulation and a copy filed with the U.P. Law Center – Office of the National Administrative Register, these amendments shall be incorporated into the Philippine CAR, series of 2025.

Signed this 31 day of MAR 2025, CAAP, Pasay City

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*Director General*