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AIRWORTHINESS

MAINTENANCE

CESSNA 208 AND 208B MODELS (INCLUDING THE 208EX MODEL) SEAT CONFIGURATION

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 *It has come to the attention of the Director of Civil Aviation that some owners and or operators are erroneously presenting (to the market) the Cessna 208 and 208B models (including the 208EX model) as a 14 seat configuration.*
- 1.2 *This Aeronautical Information Circular (AIC) seeks to articulate the South African Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA) stance on the matter in an effort to correct the foregoing.*

2. INFORMATION

- 2.1 *The Cessna 208 and 208B models (including the 208EX model) are not recognised as commuter category aircraft.*
- 2.2 *The Cessna 208 and 208B models (including the 208EX model) were granted SACAA Type Acceptance based on the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Type Certificate number A37GE.*
- 2.3 *Consequently, all limitation prescribed by the State of Design and responsible Authority through Pilot Operators Handbook (POH) and Aircraft Flight Manual (AFM) were adopted as is for the 208 and 208B models. One of these limitations includes the permissible seating options and arrangement, which only allows for three possible seating configurations i.e. 6 Seats, 9+2 Seats and 8+2 Seats.*
- 2.4 *Utilization of the 13-place, 14-place and utility seating options are not permissible, by the State of Design's Authority i.e. the FAA. This stance is also shared by the State of Registry i.e. SACAA, as such, all owners and or operators operating the Cessna 208 and 208B models (including the 208EX model) with 14-place seating must comply to requirements of the South African Civil Aviation Regulations (SACAR) with immediate effect.*
- 2.5 *SACAR do make provision for approval of design or configuration changes from 11-place seat configuration to the 13-place, 14-place and utility seating options as prescribed in section 2 of this AIC.*

3. ALTERNATE MEANS OF COMPLIANCE

- 3.1 *Any desire to alter the seat configuration of the foregoing aircraft models to 13-place, 14-place and utility seating options shall be in accordance with the provisions detailed in AIC 61.6, which provides methods and information acceptable to the SACAA for showing compliance with Part 21 and Part 43 of the Civil Aviation Regulations, 2011, with respect to modifications to aircraft.*



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