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POLICY – 04

Dangerous Goods

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Amendment Record

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Purpose of this document

1. The purpose of this document is to set out the policy detailing the differing requirements for the carriage of Dangerous Goods.

Background

2. The Gibraltar legal requirements for the carriage of dangerous goods by air are contained within the Civil Aviation (Dangerous Goods) Regulations 2009. The Regulations require that dangerous goods be carried in accordance with the International Civil Aviation Organisation “Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air”. In addition, the Regulations place responsibility for the safe carriage of dangerous goods on all parties involved in their transportation; including passengers, shippers, freight forwarders, aircraft operators and couriers. The Regulations state that aircraft operators must obtain an approval from the Director of Civil Aviation prior to the carriage of dangerous goods.

3. Regulation (EC) No 1899/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council, dated 20 December 2006, which amends Council Regulation (EEC) No 3922/91, details the harmonisation of technical requirements and administrative procedures in the field of civil aviation within Member States of the European Union. It states that aircraft operated under an authorisation granted by a Member State in compliance with the common technical requirements and administrative procedures detailed in the sub parts of the Regulation may be operated under the same conditions in other Member States, without further technical requirements or evaluation by those other Member States. The Regulation covers a number of different areas including the carriage of Dangerous Goods by Air and thus an aircraft issued a Dangerous Goods approval in one Member State can operate in all Member States with the same approval.

4. The Technical Requirements for the carriage of Dangerous Goods laid out in Regulation (EC) No 1899/2006 would apply in Gibraltar, but for a Gibraltar Airport exclusion clause in the EC Legislation. However, the Technical Requirements detailed in the EC Regulation are equivalent to those outlined in the Civil Aviation (Dangerous Goods) Regulations 2009 and thus aircraft operators registered in a EU Member State who hold a valid Dangerous Goods approval within the EU Ops AOC issued by that State, will not be required to seek a separate Gibraltar approval.

Policy

- Aircraft Operators registered in an EU Member State will not be required to seek a Dangerous Goods approval in Gibraltar, but will be required to provide a copy of their EU-Ops AOC issued in their country of registration, which must include provision for the carriage of Dangerous Goods, to the Director of Civil Aviation prior to the carriage of such goods to or from Gibraltar. The Director of Civil Aviation will acknowledge having received the copy of the EU-Ops AOC.

- Aircraft operators registered in non-EU Member States will be required to obtain a Dangerous Goods approval from the Director of Civil Aviation prior to the carriage of dangerous goods. The Procedures to be followed are set out in [DCA Procedure 04](#).