

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT**

**(NPA 01/2025)**

**CIVIL AVIATION REGULATIONS**

**CAR DEF**

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**1. INTRODUCTION**

* 1. The Gibraltar Civil Aviation Authority (GCAA) continues to develop operating regulations under the Civil Aviation Act, Section 34(1), which are easy for the aviation industry to understand and navigate.
	2. A Notice of Proposed Amendment (**NPA**) is a public notice that is issued when the GCAA wishes to add, remove, or change operating regulations as part of the rulemaking process. The following is a description of a new edition, any major change, (apart from minor editorial corrections) that were made to these regulations;
1. Addition of CAR DEF (Civil Aviation Regulations – Definitions), which is a new regulation developed from all applicable ICAO Annexes.

1.3 The purpose of this NPA is to:

1. introduce formal public consultation on the proposed CAR;
2. ensure the adequacy of legislation governing operations of Gibraltar registered aircraft in accordance with ICAO SARPS and international best regulatory practices; and

(c) determine the effect on the aircraft operators/organisations of the proposed legislation.

1.4 The GCAA now seeks comments on this NPA from the aviation industry and the concerned parties before proceeding further.

1.5 Abbreviations

GCAA Civil Aviation Authority Gibraltar

CARs Civil Aviation Regulations

NPANotice of Proposed Amendment

SARPS ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices

**2. OBJECTIVE**

2.1 The objective of this NPA is to advise all concerned parties of the proposed introduction of CAR DEF and to obtain comments regarding its introduction. The following regulatory criteria have been identified to guide the development of the new regulation, namely it should:

1. be clear, concise and unambiguous;
2. be consistent with the GCAA’s international obligations;
3. be harmonised with ICAO SARPS and international standards, unless unique GCAA circumstances require otherwise; and
4. be enforceable.

**3. EFFECT OF CHANGES**

3.1 The persons/organisations affected by the proposed new regulation are expected to be all persons and organisations involved with the aviation industry of Gibraltar. The new legislation will allow all stakeholders to easily find the ICAO definitions used in the safety related Annexes to the Chicago Convention in one place.

* 1. All persons affected by these regulations are requested to review the changes and determine the effect on their particular circumstances.
	2. The effective date for CAR DEF is planned for **01 December 2025**, although theCAR will be gazetted once all stakeholder comments have been received and considered.

**4. PRESENTATION**

4.1 Once promulgated, the new regulation will be available in electronic format on the GCAA and His Majesty’s Government of Gibraltar Laws of Gibraltar websites under “Civil Aviation Regulations” and in the .

**5. HOW TO SUBMIT COMMENTS ON THIS NPA**

All submissions must be received by 13 October 2025 and will be evaluated and assessed with a view to incorporating any necessary changes to the regulations prior to their formal promulgation.

In order to simplify collation and summarising of comments, the GCAA will accept an email or letter together with the Response Sheet (refer to page 4/5) and any additional comments attached as necessary. Responses may be sent to;

Email: dca@gibraltar.gov.gi

Letter: Suite 631, Europort, Gibraltar

The GCAA may contact persons in respect to submissions in order to clarify issues but is not obliged to individually acknowledge or respond to comments or submissions. If no response is received by the due date it will be considered as “acceptable without comment” from the recipient of the NPA.

 Your review of these regulations is very much appreciated.



Christopher Charles Purkiss

Director General Date: 15 September 2025

**RESPONSE SHEET**

**CAR DEF Promulgation**

Please submit this response sheet as soon as possibleprior to **01 October 2025**. Please indicate your acceptance or otherwise of the proposal by ticking [ü] in the appropriate box below. Any additional constructive comments, suggested amendments or alternative action will be welcome and may be provided on this response sheet or by separate correspondence.

[x]  The proposals are ***acceptable***.

[ ]  The proposals are ***acceptable but would be improved if the following changes were made:*** (Please provide explanatory comment).

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[ ]  The proposals are ***not acceptable but would be acceptable if the following changes were made***: (Please provide explanatory comment).

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[ ]  The proposals are ***not acceptable under any circumstances***. (Please provide explanatory comment).

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