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CERTIFICATION OF AGRICULTURAL AIRCRAFT OPERATORS

1. Introduction

1.1 The Belize Department of Civil Aviation (BDCA) is committed to regulating and overseeing the safe operation of aircraft in Belize. In line with this mandate, the BDCA is issuing this Aeronautical Information Circular (AIC) to address the certification process requirement for agricultural aircraft operators, both manned and unmanned, in accordance with the Belize Civil Aviation Regulations, BCAR 137.

2. Purpose

2.1 The purpose of this AIC is to ensure that all agricultural aircraft operators comply with the certification process for the issuance of an operating certificate.

3. Applicability

3.1 This AIC applies to all agricultural aircraft operators in Belize, utilizing both manned and unmanned aircraft. It is mandatory for all operators to submit an application for an operating certificate in accordance with the provisions of BCAR 137, Part II and BDCA Advisory Circular BDCA-OPS-003-2024.

4. Requirements for Certification

4.1 All agricultural aircraft operators, whether utilizing manned or unmanned aircraft, are required to submit an application for an operating certificate to the BDCA. The certification process will be conducted in accordance with the Belize Civil Aviation Regulations, BCAR 137 and BCAR 119. Operators must ensure compliance with all relevant regulations and standards to obtain the operating certificate.

5. Feedback Mechanism

5.1 The BDCA supports a feedback mechanism to receive comments, questions, or concerns from stakeholders regarding the certification process for Agricultural Aircraft Operations. This feedback loop allows for continuous improvement, ensuring that future certifications benefit from the collective knowledge and experience of the agriculture aircraft aviation community. All feedback should be forwarded to the BDCA at info@civilaviation.gov.bz for review.

6. Conclusion

6.1 The BDCA expects all agricultural aircraft operators, whether utilizing manned or unmanned aircraft, to be in compliance with the certification process and to possess an operating certificate to conduct operations no later than March 31st, 2025. Compliance with the certification process is vital to ensure the safe and lawful operation of agricultural aircraft in Belize.

This AIC serves as a formal notification to all agricultural aircraft operators and stakeholders regarding the certification requirements and the timeline for compliance.

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