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RESPONSIBILITIES, OBLIGATIONS AND DUTIES OF COMMANDER OF AIRCRAFTS

1. The commander of an aircraft shall comply with the following :
 - 1.1 The Civil Aviation Regulations 1996 [P.U(A) 139/1996] in particular Chapter 4 of Part VII - Conduct of Operations
 - a. Regulation 55 - Pre-flight action by commander of aircraft
 - b. Regulation 56 - Pilots to remain at controls
 - c. Regulation 57 - Duties of commander
 - d. Regulation 58 - Operations of radio in aircraft
 - 1.2 As complement to the above, the following shall be complied with particularly for Visual Flight Rules (VFR) flights ;
 - 1.2.1 The commander of an aircraft
 - a. ensure that the route selected for a flight is the route designated by the operator. If possible, all designated routes shall be in the vicinity of settlements, prominent landmarks, etc. ;
 - b. acquire up to date information on meteorological conditions of the area of operation, specifically the en-route weather, before executing any flight ;
 - c. calculate the aircraft fuel requirement accurately in order to reach the destination with sufficient fuel for any unavoidable diversion. Fuel calculation is as specified in AIC 2/2000 and 5/2000 ;
 - d. ensure that baggage, belongings, things, etc. carried by each passenger are properly weighed and screened before being loaded into the aircraft and recorded in the load sheet accordingly.
It shall be the duty of the commander of aircraft to ensure that the maximum all up-weight (AUW) of the aircraft is within the allowable limit as stipulated in the weight, altitude and temperature (WAT) performance graph ;

- e. ensure that two-way communications are maintained at all times. In areas where normal radio communications are unreliable the commander shall ensure that alternative means of communications such as HF radio and / or satellite telephone, etc., are provided by the operator ;
- f. ensure that radio call to appropriate authorities (through company frequency or Flight Information Service (FIS) is made immediately when any diversion from the designated route is unavoidable due to inclement weather, aircraft performance, etc.
Diversion of any flight while in flight at the request of any passenger is strictly prohibited ; and
- g. **The commander of any aircraft flying in or over Malaysia shall be responsible for and is the final authority in relation to the operation of the aircraft.**

2. All operators shall ensure that their pilots are aware of and comply with this AIC.

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