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Proficiency in the English language used for
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Dear Sir,

Hereby I like to inform you about the implementation of the Language Proficiency endorsement (LPE) in the Netherlands.

The Netherlands is fully compliance with the ICAO language provisions.

As from 5 March 2008 the holders of PPL, CPL and ATPL with RT are obliged to have the Language Proficiency endorsement. They shall demonstrate the ability to speak and understand the language used for RT communications in accordance with Appendix 1 to JAR-FCL 1.010. The language proficiency required must be at least Operational Level (level 4) of the ICAO Language Proficiency Rating. The Language Proficiency endorsement in the Netherlands is only obligated in English. Other (ICAO) languages are optional.

The LPE has been regulated in the Netherlands in the modified regulation "Bewijzen van Bevoegdheid" which becomes effective by 5 March 2008. Because by 5 March 2008 the holders as mentioned above must have a LPE, a transitional measure for grandfather rights has been formally determined there. The holders of PPL, CPL and ATPL with RT will get automatically an official LPE with level 4 English for a period of 3 years till 5 March 2011. All holders concerned have to do a LPE test within that period of three years according to the official manner of the regulation "Bewijzen van Bevoegdheid" to prove their language skills. The same regime applies on persons who already started their training and already have passed the examinations for RT. For other persons who are in training and not yet have passed the examinations for RT, it has been considered that they have still time enough during their training to do a LPE test.

As long as the PPL, CPL and ATPL with RT proofs are considered to be valid, therefore up to 5 March 2011, the Civil Aviation Authority in the Netherlands (Inspectie Verkeer en Waterstaat) will endorse the LPE at the next replacement of the license. This endorsement is valid up to the latest 5 March 2011.

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Holders, who cannot wait to the next replacement of their licence, can submit a claim for the issuing of the LPE.

The endorsement will only be printed at the next replacement of the license. Until then, the licence will not physical reflect LPE, of which the Civil Aviation Authority in the Netherlands notifies the ICAO.

Will you please publish this information on your Internet site?

Best regards,

THE UNITMANAGER DEVELOPMENT AND INFORMATION,


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