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Government of Samoa

MINISTRY OF WORKS TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE

Mr Taïeb Chérif
The Secretary General
ICAO
Montreal
CANADA

Dear Mr Taïeb Chérif,

Re: Samoa's Compliance Status with ICAO Resolution on English Language Proficiency Requirements

With respect, I submit on behalf of the Secretary for Transport/CEO Samoa a brief on the current status of Samoa's efforts to be compliant with the above requirements.

English Language Proficiency is required by ICAO Annex 1 and other related Annexes. Samoa has, under the auspices of its Civil Aviation Regulations 2000, adopted the new requirements for English language proficiency stipulated in NZ Civil Aviation Rule (CAR) Part 61 (Pilot licenses and ratings) and Part 65 (ATS Licenses and ratings) and their associated Advisory Circulars AC-61.1 and AC 65.1.

Presently, only Air Traffic Services licenses are issued by the Ministry of Works, Transport & Infrastructure. Foreign Pilot licenses, mostly New Zealand's, are validated by the Ministry based on the validity of pilot's medical. With the amendment of validity for ICAO Class I medical to two years, a decision on whether to limit the validations to one year is being considered.

ATS trainings for Samoa are mandated under CAR Part 65. The Samoa Airport Authority under the ambit of the Civil Aviation Act 1998 is the sole provider of ATS in Samoa. Under CAR Part 172, the trainings for ATS have to be delivered by a CAR Part 172 Certified Organization. Thus all ATS trainings for ICAO 051, 052 and 053 ATS Courses for the Airport Authority's new ATS recruits are delivered by the NZ Airways Corporation at their Training Center. The Airport Authority ATS Trainees after completions of the six months ICAO courses at the Airways Training Centre will have gained NZ Air Traffic Trainee Licenses (ATTL) with the Final Proficiency Assessments (FPA) to be conducted after three months at the Faleolo ATS Unit, by a CAR Part 65 Approved ATS Examiner. The NZ ATTL will be validated and issued with Samoan equivalent ATTL prior to commencement of OJT Training at the Faleolo ATS Unit.

Samoa will accept all ATS and Foreign Pilot Licenses issued prior to 05 March 2008 as meeting the English Language proficiency requirements. The NZ Airways Training Center, Regulatory Authority (NZCAA) will be requested by the Ministry to provide proof that the Training Center's ICAO 051, 052 and 053 Courses complies with the new

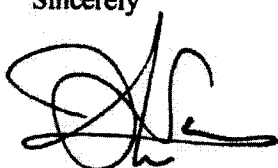
English Language requirements prior to any future ATS trainings for the Airport Authority. All Foreign Pilot licenses issued after 05 March 2008 and to be validated by the Ministry will have to include proof of passing the minimum requirement (Level 4) for the English Language proficiency.

The PASO Organisation, of which Samoa is a founding member, is currently negotiating with the University of the South Pacific, Vanuatu, Language Section, to provide English Language testing for its member countries if required.

With the Legislations already in place and the acceptance of ATS and Pilot Licenses issued before the 05 March 2008, Samoa is in a good position to comply with the ICAO Resolution on English Proficiency. Any English Language testing that will be required in the future can be addressed by the PASO initiative or the independent provider in New Zealand contracted by the NZCAA, Air Services Limited.

Attached is the Table in which the National Regulatory Framework for Samoa is outlined.

Sincerely



Magele Hoe Viali
Director of Civil Aviation



For: **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER/SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT**

Encl; Table 1 National Regulatory Framework



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Table 1 – National Regulatory Framework

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Compliance		
Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs)	YES, the Regulatory Framework is in place with References; CAR – Civil Aviation Rule Pt – CAR Part AC – CAR Advisory Circular	
Annex 1	1.2.9.1	CAR Pt 61.11 (b)
	1.2.9.2	CAR Pt 65.13 (2)
	1.2.9.4 Appendix 1, Attachment A	CAR Pt 61 AC 61-1 Section 7 to 11 CAR Pt 65 AC 65-1 Section 65.13
	1.2.9.6	CAR Pt 61 AC 61-1 Section 7 to 11 CAR Pt 65 AC 65-1 Section 65.13
	1.2.9.7 RP	CAR Pt 61 AC 61-1 Section 7 to 11 CAR Pt 65 AC 65-1 Section 65.13
	5.1.1.2 XIII	CAR Pt 61 AC 61-1 Section 9 CAR Pt 65 AC 65-1 Section 65.13.3.4
Annex 6	Part I – 3.1.8	CAR Pt 61.11 (b)
	Part III – 1.1.3	CAR Pt 61.11 (b)
Annex 10 Volume II	5.1.1.1	CAR Pt 172.105 & AC 172.1 & CAR Pt 91 AC 91-9
	5.2.1.2.1	CAR Pt 172.105 & AC 172.1 & CAR Pt 91 AC 91-9
	5.2.1.2.2	CAR Pt 172.105 & AC 172.1 & CAR Pt 91 AC 91-9
	5.2.1.2.3	CAR Pt 172.105 & AC 172.1 & CAR Pt 91 AC 91-9
Annex 11	2.27.1	CAR Pt 65.251 (1), CAR Pt 65.253 (1)
		CAR Pt 65.13

