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## **INFORMATION CIRCULAR**

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### **CAAS TO STOP ISSUING AIRCRAFT RADIO OPERATOR APPROVAL (AROA), AND INFO-COMMUNICATION MEDIA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (IMDA) WILL BE THE REGULATING AUTHORITY FOR OPERATION OF AIRCRAFT RADIO STATION**

1. This IC serves to inform Singapore air operator certificate (AOC) holders and owners of Singapore registered aircraft that with effect from 1 August 2019, ANO Paragraph 13A - Approval of Aircraft Radio Operator (AROA) will become ineffective, and CAAS will stop issuing the AROA. This is to avoid duplication of requirements by CAAS and Info-communication Media Development Authority (IMDA).
2. Henceforth, IMDA will be the regulator responsible for matters relating to the operation or use of an aircraft radio station when the aircraft is at rest on land or on water. Singapore air operator certificate (AOC) holders and owners of Singapore registered aircraft, as the licensees of the aircraft radio station licence (the "**Licensees**"), are to comply with the conditions stipulated in the aircraft radio station licence, and any other requirements laid down by IMDA in regard to the installation of the aircraft radio station and the personnel operating it.
3. CAAS has arranged with IMDA to address the existing prohibition in IMDA's regulations on the use of the aircraft radio station by the ground crew when the aircraft is at rest on land or on water, and the cooperative arrangement to transit from AROA to the authorization system by the Licensees after CAAS stops issuing the AROA.
4. The cooperative arrangement between CAAS and IMDA is as follows:
  - a. IMDA will be informing the Licensees on the use of aircraft radio station by the ground crew when aircraft is on ground. The Licensees will be responsible to ensure that when the aircraft is on the ground, the aircraft radio station is operated by ground crew who is qualified and authorised by, or on behalf of, the Licensees; and that such authorised ground crew operates the aircraft radio station in accordance with the conditions of the aircraft radio station licence as issued by IMDA.
  - b. CAAS will assist IMDA to provide surveillance to ensure that the ground crew operating the radio station on board a Singapore registered aircraft are indeed authorised by, or on behalf of, the Licensees. If necessary, CAAS will report non-compliance detected to IMDA.
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