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4.A GENERAL

4.A.105 Applicability

- (a) Part 4 prescribes the requirements for registration and marking of civil aircraft under the provisions of the Aeronautical Code of São Tomé and Príncipe.
- (b) This Part does not apply to meteorological pilot balloons used exclusively for meteorological purposes or to unmanned free balloons without a payload.

4.A.110 Definitions

- (a) For the purpose of Part 4, the following definitions shall apply:
 - (1) **Airship.** A power-driven lighter-than-air aircraft.
 - (2) **Balloon.** A non-power-driven lighter-than-air aircraft.
 - (3) **Common mark.** A mark assigned by the International Civil Aviation Organization to the common mark registering authority registering aircraft of an international operating agency on other than a national basis.
 - (4) **Common mark registering authority.** The authority maintaining the non-national register or, where appropriate, the part thereof, in which aircraft of an international operating agency are registered.
 - (5) **Fireproof material.** A material capable of withstanding heat as well as or better than steel when the dimensions in both cases are appropriate for the specific purpose.
 - (6) **Gyroplane.** A heavier-than-air aircraft supported in flight by the reactions of the air on one or more rotors which rotate freely on substantially vertical axes.
 - (7) **Heavier-than-air aircraft.** Any aircraft deriving its lift in flight chiefly from aerodynamic forces.
 - (8) **International operating agency.** An agency of the kind contemplated in Article 77 of the Convention on International Civil Aviation.
 - (9) **Lighter-than-air aircraft.** Any aircraft supported chiefly by its buoyancy in the air.
 - (10) **Ornithopter.** A heavier-than-air aircraft supported in flight chiefly by the reactions of the air on planes to which a flapping motion is imparted.

4.A.115 Abbreviations (reserved)

4.B REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

4.B.105 General

- (a) No person shall operate a civil aircraft, as classified in N.I: 4.10.B.05, within or fly over São Tomé and Príncipe unless:
 - (1) For an aircraft eligible for registration under the laws of São Tomé and Príncipe, the aircraft has been registered by its owner under the provisions of these Regulations and the Authority has issued a certificate of aircraft registration for that aircraft which shall be carried aboard that aircraft for all operations;
 - (2) It is registered in another Contracting State to the Convention on International Civil Aviation.
- (b) Subject to this Regulation, an aircraft shall not be registered or continue to be registered in São Tomé and Príncipe where:

- (1) The aircraft is registered outside of São Tomé and Príncipe;
 - (2) An unqualified person is entitled as owner to any legal or beneficial interest in the aircraft or to any share therein; or
 - (3) It would be inexpedient in the public interest for the aircraft to be or to continue to be registered in São Tomé and Príncipe
 - (4) The aircraft does not qualify to be issued with a certificate of airworthiness as specified in Part 5 of these Regulations.
- (c) A person shall not operate or fly an aircraft unless it bears painted thereon or affixed thereto, in the manner required by the law of the State in which it is registered, the nationality and registration marks required by that law.
- (d) An aircraft shall not bear any marks which purport to indicate that the aircraft is —
- (1) Registered in a State in which it is not in fact registered; or
 - (2) A State aircraft of a particular State if it is not in fact such an aircraft unless the appropriate authority of that State has sanctioned the bearing of such marks.

4.10.B.10 Eligibility for registration

- (a) An aircraft is eligible for registration if:
- (1) It is owned by a citizen of São Tomé and Príncipe, an individual citizen of a foreign State who is lawfully admitted for permanent residence in São Tomé and Príncipe, a corporation lawfully organized and doing business under the laws of São Tomé and Príncipe, or a government entity of São Tomé and Príncipe;
 - (2) It is not registered under the laws of any foreign country; and
 - (3) The aircraft holds an Acceptance Type Certificate issued in accordance with Part 5.
- (b) The following persons shall be qualified to be the owners of a legal or beneficial interest in an aircraft registered in São Tomé and Príncipe, or a share therein —
- (1) The Government of São Tomé and Príncipe;
 - (2) Citizens of São Tomé and Príncipe or persons *bona fide* resident in São Tomé and Príncipe; and
 - (3) Bodies corporate established under subject laws of São Tomé and Príncipe;
- (c) If an aircraft is leased or is the subject of a lease, charter or hire purchase agreement to a person qualified under paragraph (b), the Authority may register the aircraft in the names of the parties to the charter or hire purchase agreement upon being satisfied that the aircraft may otherwise remain so registered during the continuation of the lease, charter or hire-purchase agreement.

4.10.B.15 Application for a certificate of registration

- (a) An applicant intending to import a first of type aircraft to São Tomé and Príncipe shall apply to the Authority for the issuance of an Acceptance Type Certificate, in a form and manner prescribed by the Authority;
- (b) A person who wishes to register an aircraft in São Tomé and Príncipe must submit an application for aircraft registration to the Authority in a form and manner acceptable to the Authority. Each application shall —

- (1) Certify as to eligibility for registration as defined under 4.10B.10 a);
 - (2) Show evidence identifying ownership; and
 - (3) Be signed in ink.
- (c) The fee provided for by law will be submitted with the application for aircraft registration to the Authority.
- (d) An application for the registration of an aircraft in São Tomé and Príncipe may be made by, or on behalf of the owner provided that-
- (1) The applicant is legally entitled to the aircraft;
 - (2) A written notice is submitted to the Authority identifying the person making the application on behalf of the owner;
 - (3) In case of a body corporate, a written notice identifying an officer of the body corporate (and address) who may be served with documents, including the certificate of registration issued by the Authority;
 - (4) For imported aircraft with previous registration of a foreign country, a statement issued by the authority responsible for the registration of aircraft in that country stating when the registration was cancelled.

Note: See N.I: 4.10.B.15 for particulars regarding the application.

4.10.B.20 Aircraft registry

- (a) Upon receiving an application for the registration of an aircraft and being satisfied that the aircraft may properly be so registered, the Authority shall register the aircraft, and shall include in the register and on the certificate of aircraft registration the following particulars-
- (1) The number of the certificate;
 - (2) The nationality mark of the aircraft, and the registration mark assigned to it by the Authority;
 - (3) The name of the manufacturer and the manufacturer's designation of the aircraft;
 - (4) The serial number of the aircraft;
 - (5) The name and address of every person who is entitled as owner to a legal interest in the aircraft or a share therein, or, in the case of a lease agreement or financial arrangement, the names and addresses of lessee and lessor or as the case may be, the financier; and
 - (6) Conditions with regard to which it is registered.
- (b) The register of an unmanned free balloon shall contain:
- (1) The date, time and location of release;
 - (2) The type of balloon;
 - (3) The name of the operator;
- (c) As required by the Aeronautical Code of São Tomé and Príncipe the Authority shall maintain an aircraft registry showing for each aircraft registered by São Tomé and Príncipe the information recorded on the certificate of aircraft registration and any other information required by the Authority.

4.10.B.25 Certificate of aircraft registry

- (a) The Authority shall furnish to the person or persons in whose name or names the aircraft is registered (in this regulation referred to as the “registered owner”) a certificate of registration, which shall include the particulars specified in N.I: 4.10B.25 and the date on which the certificate was issued.
- (b) Subject to regulation 4.10.B.10, if at any time after an aircraft has been registered in São Tomé and Príncipe an unqualified person becomes entitled as owner to a legal or beneficial interest in the aircraft or share therein, or the ownership of that aircraft is transferred to a person not qualified under the provisions of regulation 4.10.B.10, the registration of the aircraft shall thereupon become void and the certificate of registration shall forthwith be returned by the registered owner to the Authority for cancellation.
- (c) The certification of aircraft registration will be issued by the Authority in the form as contained in N.I: 4.10.B.25 in the size determined by the Authority.

Note: See N.I: 4.10B.25 for particulars regarding the certificate of aircraft registration.

4.10.B.30 Change of registration particulars

- (a) A person registered as the owner of an aircraft registered in São Tomé and Príncipe shall forthwith inform the Authority in writing of—
 - (1) Any change in the particulars which were furnished to the Authority upon application being made for the registration of the aircraft;
 - (2) The destruction of the aircraft or its permanent withdrawal from use;
 - (3) In the case of an aircraft registered in pursuance of regulation 4.10.B.10 (c) the termination of the lease, charter or hire-purchase agreement.
- (b) Reference to the registered owner of the aircraft includes in the case of a deceased person, his legal representative and in the case of a corporate body which has been dissolved, its successor

4.10.B.35 Change of aircraft ownership

- (a) Any person who becomes the owner of an aircraft registered in São Tomé and Príncipe shall forthwith inform the Authority in writing to that effect.
- (b) The Authority may, whenever it appears necessary or appropriate to do so for giving effect to these Regulations or for bringing up-to-date or otherwise correcting the particulars entered on the register, amend the register, or, cancel the registration of the aircraft, and shall cancel that registration if the Authority is satisfied that there has been a change in the ownership of the aircraft.

4.10.B.40 Suspension and revocation of a certificate of aircraft registration

- (a) The Authority may, where it considers it to be in the public interest, suspend provisionally, pending further investigation, any document issued, granted or having effect under these Regulations, provided that, whether or not such further investigation has been completed, a provisional suspension under this sub-regulation shall, if not otherwise terminated, cease to have effect after 28 days.

- (b) The Authority may, upon the completion of an investigation which has shown sufficient ground to its satisfaction and where it considers it to be in the public interest, revoke, suspend, or vary any document issued or granted under these Regulations.
- (c) The Authority may, where it considers it to be in the public interest, prevent any person or aircraft from flying.
- (d) A holder or any person having the possession or custody of any documents which have been revoked, suspended or varied under these Regulations shall surrender them to the Authority within 14 days from the date of revocation, suspension or variation.
- (e) The end of activities or loss of the requirements set forth in 4.10.B.10 a) 1) shall result in the automatic cancellation of the registration.
- (f) The breach of any condition subject to which any document has been granted or issued under these Regulations shall render the document invalid during the continuance of the breach.

4.C NATIONALITY AND REGISTRATION MARKS

4.10.C.05 Applicability

- (a) This Subpart prescribes the requirements for the identification and marking of civil aircraft registered in São Tomé and Príncipe.

4.C.110 General

- (a) A person shall not operate a civil aircraft registered in São Tomé and Príncipe unless it displays nationality and registration marks in accordance with the requirements of this section.
- (b) Unless otherwise authorized by the Authority, a person shall not place on any aircraft a design, mark, or symbol that modifies or confuses the nationality and registration marks.
- (c) The marks shall not be so similar to international marks as to be confused with the International Five Letter Code of Signals or Distress Codes or other similar urgent codes.

Note: For reference to these codes see the currently effective International Telecommunications Regulations.

- (d) Permanent marking of aircraft nationality and registration shall—
 - (1) Be painted on the aircraft or affixed by other means insuring a similar degree of permanence;
 - (2) Have no ornamentation;
 - (3) Contrast in colour with the background; and
 - (4) Be legible, and
 - (5) Be kept clean and visible at all times.

4.10.C.15 Display of marks: general

- (a) An owner of an aircraft registered in São Tomé and Príncipe shall display on that aircraft the nationality mark “D4”, denoting nationality of São Tomé and Príncipe, followed by the registration number of the aircraft consisting of three Roman Capital letters assigned by the Authority, with a hyphen placed between the nationality mark and the registration mark.

4.10.C.20 Measurements of marks

- (a) Each operator of an aircraft shall display marks on the aircraft meeting the measurements requirements of this section.
- (b) Height. The character marks shall be of equal height and:
- (1) In the case of fixed wing heavier-than-air aircraft –
 - (i) *Wings*. The height of the marks on the wing must be at least 50 centimetres; and
 - (ii) *Fuselage (or equivalent structure)*. The height of the marks on the fuselage (or equivalent structure) shall be at least 30 centimetres, without interfering with the outlines of the fuselage (or equivalent structure) and;
 - (iii) *Vertical tail surfaces*. The height of the marks on the vertical tail surface shall be at least 30 centimetres with a clearance of at least 5 centimetres from the leading and trailing edges of the tail surface.
 - (2) In the case of a rotorcraft -
 - (i) The marks shall be at least 30 centimetres in height, or
 - (ii) If the surface area of that part of the rotorcraft on which the marks are to be located is insufficient to enable compliance with (i), as high as possible;
 - (iii) In either case the mark must leave a clearance of 5 centimetres from the edge of that part of the rotorcraft on which the marks are located and must not interfere with the outlines of the rotorcraft.
 - (iv) The marks shall be vertical or sloping at the same angle being an angle of no more than 30 degrees to the vertical axis.
 - (3) The height of marks on lighter-than-air aircraft other than unmanned free balloons shall be at least 50 centimetres.
 - (4) The measurement of the marks on unmanned free balloons shall be determined by the Authority taking into account the size of the payload to which the identification plate is affixed.
- (c) Width. The width of each character (except the letter I and the number 1) and the length of the hyphen shall be two-thirds of the height of a character.
- (d) Thickness. Characters and hyphens shall be formed by solid lines with thickness of one-sixth of the height of a character.
- (e) Spacing. Each character shall be separated from that which it immediately precedes or follows, by a space of not less than one-quarter of a character width. A hyphen shall be regarded as a character for this purpose.
- (f) Uniformity. The marks required by this Part for fixed-wing aircraft must have the same height, width, thickness, and spacing on both sides of the aircraft.

4.10.C.25 Special cases for size and location of marks

- (a) If either one of the surfaces authorized for displaying required marks is large enough for display of marks meeting the measurement requirements of this section and the other is not, the operator shall place full-size marks on the larger surface.

- (b) If neither surface is large enough for full-size marks, the Authority may approve marks as large as practicable for display on the larger of the two surfaces.
- (c) If, because of the aircraft configuration, it is not possible to mark the aircraft in accordance with this Part, the owner may apply to the Authority for a different procedure.

4.10.C.30 Location of marks on heavier than air aircraft

- (a) The operator of a fixed-wing aircraft shall display the marks once on the lower surface of the wing structure as follows:
 - (1) They shall be located on the left half of the lower surface of the wing structure unless they extend across the whole of the lower surface of the wing structure.
 - (2) So far as is possible, the marks shall be located equidistant from the leading and trailing edges of the wings.
 - (3) The top of the letters and numbers towards the leading edge of the wing.
- (b) The operator of a heavier than air aircraft with a fuselage (or equivalent structure) and/or a vertical tail surface shall display the required marks on either the vertical tail surfaces or the sides of the fuselage as follows:
 - (1) If displayed on the vertical tail surfaces, horizontally on both surfaces of a single vertical tail or on the outer surfaces of a multi-vertical tail.
 - (2) If displayed on the fuselage surfaces, horizontally on both sides of the fuselage between the trailing edge of the wing and the leading edge of the horizontal stabilizer.
 - (3) If engine pods or other appurtenances are located in the area described in paragraph (b)(2) and are an integral part of the aircraft, the operator may place the marks on those pods or appurtenances.

4.10.C.35 Location of marks on lighter-than-air aircraft

- (a) Airships. The operator shall place marks on an airship to appear on—
 - (1) The hull, located lengthwise on each side of the hull and on its upper surface on the line of symmetry; or
 - (2) The horizontal and vertical stabilizers surfaces—
 - (i) For the horizontal stabilizer, located on the right half of the upper surface and on the left half of the lower surface, with the tops of the letters and numbers toward the leading edge; and
 - (ii) For the vertical stabilizer, located on each side of the bottom half stabilizer, with the letters and numbers placed horizontally.
- (b) Spherical balloons (other than unmanned free balloons). The operator shall apply marks to appear in two places diametrically opposite each other and located near the maximum horizontal circumference of the balloon.
- (c) Non-spherical balloons (other than unmanned free balloons). The operator shall apply marks to appear on each side, located near the maximum cross-section of the balloon immediately above either the rigging band or the points of attachment of the basket suspension cables.

- (d) Lighter-than-air aircraft (other than unmanned free balloons). The operator shall apply side marks to be visible both from the sides and from the ground.
- (e) Unmanned free balloons. The operator shall apply marks to appear on the identification plate.

4.10.C.40 Sale of aircraft: removal of marks

- (a) When an aircraft that is registered in São Tomé and Príncipe is sold, the holder of the certificate of aircraft registration shall formally request and obtain the aircraft de-registration and remove, before its delivery to the purchaser, all nationality and registration marks of São Tomé and Príncipe, unless the purchaser is a citizen or other legal entity as prescribed in 4.10.B.10 (a)(1).

4.10.C.45 Identification plate required

- (a) The operator shall affix to each aircraft registered under the laws of São Tomé and Príncipe an identification plate—
 - (1) Containing the aircraft type, model, serial number, nationality and registration marks;
 - (2) Made of fireproof metal or other fireproof material of suitable physical properties;
 - (3) Secured to the aircraft in a prominent position, near the main entrance, or, in the case an unmanned free balloon, affixed conspicuously to the exterior of the payload.

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N.I: 4.10.B.05 General

N.I: – IMPLEMENTING STANDARDS

(a) Classification of aircraft

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Table 1 – Classification of Aircraft

AIRCRAFT	Lighter-than-air aircraft	Non-power-driven: balloon	Free balloon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spherical free balloon Non-spherical free balloon 		
			Captive balloon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spherical captive balloon Non-spherical captive balloon¹ 		
		Power-driven	Airship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rigid airship Semi-rigid airship Non-rigid airship 		
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Land glider Sea glider² 		
	Heavier-than-air aircraft	Non-power-driven	Glider	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Land glider Sea glider² 		
			Kite ⁴			
		Power-driven	Aeroplane	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Landplane³ Seaplane² Amphibian² 		
				Rotorcraft	Gyroplane	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Landgyroplane³ Sea gyroplane² Amphibian gyroplane²
					Helicopter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Land helicopter³ Sea helicopter² Amphibian helicopter²
		Ornithopter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Land ornithopter³ Sea ornithopter² Amphibian ornithopter² 			


1. Generally designated "kite-balloon".
2. "Float" or "boat" may be added as appropriate.
3. Includes aircraft equipped with ski-type landing gear (substitute "ski" for "land").
4. For the purpose of completeness only.

N.I: 4.10.B.05 Application for a certificate of aircraft registration

- (a) The application shall contain the following information:
- (1) A description of the aircraft that identifies it by reference to its manufacturer, its type and model as designated by its manufacturer, and the serial number given to it by its manufacturer;
 - (2) If the aircraft has previously been registered in São Tomé and Príncipe or anywhere else, particulars of the registration,
 - (3) Particulars of the registration mark, if it has been reserved for the aircraft;
 - (4) The name and address of each person who holds a property interest in the aircraft and a description of the person's property interest;
 - (5) The name and address of the registered owner if different from paragraph (4);
 - (6) Physical station where the aircraft will be usually stationed;
 - (7) Name and signature of the applicant; and
 - (8) Date of the application.

N.I: 4.10.B.25. Certificate of aircraft registration

- (a) The Certification of Aircraft Registration
- (b) Issued by the Authority shall be as follows:

Número de Certificado <i>Certificate Number</i> xxx-CM-yyyy-kkk	REPUBLICA DEMOCRATICA DE S.TOMÉ E PRÍNCIPE INSTITUTO NACIONAL DE AVIAÇÃO CIVIL  INAC CERTIFICADO DE MATRÍCULA <i>CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OF CIVIL AIRCRAFT</i>	Classificação geral CLASSIFICATION
1. Marcas de nacionalidade e matrículas: <i>Nationality and registration marks:</i> S9 –	2. Constructor: <i>Manufacturer:</i> Modelo: <i>Mode:</i>	3. Número de série: <i>Serial number:</i>
4. Nome do Proprietário: <i>Name of Owner:</i>		Serviço de Registo Aeronáutico Nacional, <i>National Aeronautical Registry</i> Nome: <i>Name:</i> Assinatura: <i>Signature:</i>
5. Endereço do Proprietário: <i>Address of owner:</i>		
6. Nome do Operador: <i>Name of Operator:</i> 7. Endereço do Operador: Address of Operator:		
8. Certifica-se que a aeronave acima indicada foi devidamente inscrita no Registo Aeronáutico da República Democrática de São Tomé e Príncipe conforme as disposições da Convenção sobre Aviação Civil Internacional de 7 de Dezembro de 1944, com a Lei de Aviação Civil Nº 1/2009 datada de 14 de Janeiro de 2009 e o Regulamento de Aviação Civil de São Tomé e Príncipe – RAC 04. <i>It is hereby certified that the above described aircraft has been duly entered on National Aircraft Register of the Democratic Republic of São Tomé and Príncipe in accordance with the Convention on International Civil Aviation, dated 7 December 1944, with Civil Aviation Law Nr 1/2009 dated 14 January 2009 and São Tomé and Príncipe Civil Aviation Regulation – RAC 04.</i> 9. Nota importante: Este certificado original deve acompanhar sempre a aeronave em voo. <i>Important note: This original certificate must accompany the aircraft always in flight.</i>		
11. PROPRIEDADE <i>Property</i>	12. TIPO DE OPERAÇÃO <i>Operation Type</i>	13. AERODROMO HABITUAL <i>Habitual Airdrome</i>
10. Data de Emissão: <i>Date of Issue:</i> <div style="text-align: right;"><i>O Presidente, The President,</i></div>		
(Devolver a Autoridade de Aviação Civil de São Tomé e Príncipe em caso de venda ou destruição da aeronave.) <i>(To be returned to the Civil Aviation Authority of São Tomé and Príncipe in case of sale or destruction of this aircraft.)</i>		
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