



GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

OFFICE OF DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION

Opposite: Safdarjung Airport, New Delhi-110003

AW Circular 1 of 2021

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Subject: Issue/ extension of Airworthiness Review Certificate (ARC) during the lockdown phase of COVID-19

1. Due to the on-going COVID-19 pandemic, Government has imposed several restrictions on activities including movement of persons from one location to another. However, there are no such restrictions on the operation of aircraft.
2. It has come to the notice of this office that the regional/ sub-regional offices are facing challenges in carrying out the ARC issue/ extension inspections as some of the aircraft may be located at places where there is no DGCA office.
3. Keeping the above in view and to ensure continued validity of ARC, following procedure may be adopted for extending the validity of ARC of such aircraft.
 - i) Operators shall apply for issuance/ extension of ARC well in advance and not less than 30 days prior to the expiry of ARC, to the concerned RAO/ SRAO.
 - ii) The Operator shall make available the aircraft for inspection at the concerned regional/ sub-regional location where the ARC application is made.
 - iii) Further, to facilitate operations, in case the aircraft cannot be positioned at the concerned regional/ sub-regional location, the Operator may position aircraft for inspection at the nearest regional/ sub-regional location from the current location of the aircraft. In such a case, the concerned RAO/SRAO where the application is made, will coordinate with the RAO/ SRAO where the aircraft is stationed/ being located for inspection.
 - iv) In case the aircraft is not made available at RAO/ SRAO location, DGCA will be not be in a position to issue/ extend the ARC. The inspection for ARC will be undertaken only when the situation improves and the officer is able to travel.
 - v) It may be noted that expiration of ARC would lead to grounding of aircraft and subsequently may also result in maintenance falling due for which the required maintenance facilities may not be available at that location.
4. This Circular is for information and compliance of all concerned.

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