



## CIVIL AVIATION SAFETY AUTHORITY OF PNG

### SAFETY AND OPERATIONAL DIRECTIVE

**Number:** SOD-2019/001

**Effective Date:** 14<sup>th</sup> March 2019, 0500UTC (1500hrs local time)

**Subject:** Suspension of Flight Operations

**Applicability:** Boeing 737-8 “MAX” and B737-9 “MAX” aeroplanes, all serial numbers.

**Manufacturers:** The Boeing Company, Commercial Airplanes Group

#### **1 Reason:**

- 1.1 This Safety and Operational Directive is made in the interest of safety of operation and to protect the public following the accident of an Ethiopian Airlines Boeing Model 737-8 “MAX” aircraft on 10 March 2019. External reports are drawing similarities between this accident and Lion Air Flight 610 on 29 October 2018 involving the same type of aircraft. At this stage the cause of the accident is not known as investigation into its cause has just begun.

#### **2 Description:**

- 2.1 Given the similarity of the two accidents, it has been decided that as a precautionary measure that all Boeing 737-8 “MAX” and Boeing 737-9 “MAX” operations in Port Moresby Flight Information Region by foreign AOC holders and carriers, are prohibited until appropriate safeguards are put in place. This is needed to assure CASA that the aircraft involved are fully compliant with internationally recognised safety standards.

#### **3 Compliance/Action to be taken by operators**

- 3.1 The Director of Civil Aviation, in the exercise of his powers under section 17 of the *Civil Aviation Act 2000* (as amended), directs operators of any Boeing 737-8 “MAX” and Boeing 737-9 “MAX” aircraft which are registered in a third country, not to conduct any flights in PNG airspace from the effective date and time stated on this Safety and Operational Directive.

**4 Queries:**

- 4.1 Any queries or requests for further guidance as a result of this communication should be address to the Civil Aviation Safety Authority of Papua New Guinea, Safety Regulation Division at [flyingoperations@casapng.gov.pg](mailto:flyingoperations@casapng.gov.pg).

**5 Cancellation:**

This Safety and Operational Directive will remain in force until further notice.

**Signed:**



**WILSON SAGATI, OBE**  
Director of Civil Aviation

**Date: 14 March 2019**