



CIVIL AVIATION SAFETY AUTHORITY OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA

SAFETY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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TITLE: PACIFIC AEROSPACE LIMITED – STATUS OF PNG TYPE ACCEPTANCE
CERTIFICATE FOR PAC 750XL AIRCRAFT FLEET

OBJECTIVE: This Safety Information Bulletin (SIB) serves to inform all Air Operators and Maintainers of PAC 750XL aircraft in Papua New Guinea (PNG) of the status of PNG Type Acceptance Certificate (TAC) for PAC 750XL aircraft. The original equipment manufacturer (OEM) of PAC 750XL aircraft, Pacific Aerospace Ltd based in New Zealand has recently declared financial distress leading to the suspension of their CAR 145, 146 and 148 certificates by the Civil Aviation Authority of New Zealand (CAA NZ).

APPLICABILITY: This SIB is applicable to all Air Operators and Maintainers of PAC 750XL aircraft in PNG.

BACKGROUND: On 10th February 2021, the Civil Aviation Authority of New Zealand was informed about Pacific Aerospace Ltd (PAL)'s financial status and since then CAA NZ has been working through what the implications are for PAL aircraft operating in New Zealand and around the world.

PAL is the holder of New Zealand Type Certificates for PAC 750XL aircraft. In accordance with section 17 of the Civil Aviation Act 1990 of New Zealand, the Civil Aviation Authority of New Zealand has temporarily suspended the Part 145 Maintenance Organisation, Part 146 Design Organisation and Part 148 Manufacturing Organisation certificates of PAL, as of **11 February 2021**.

As a consequence of this, the status of the Type Certificates is being reviewed by CAA NZ and may result in either:

- The conditions for lifting of PAL's suspension being met and PAL resuming their responsibilities as holder; or
- CAA NZ assuming the continuing operational safety responsibilities of the holder; or
- Transfer of the Type Certificate to a new holder that is willing to fulfil the responsibilities of a holder; or
- Suspension or revocation of the Type Certificate if no other mitigating factor is possible.

The current PNG Type Acceptance Certificate remains valid at this time however, CASA PNG is closely monitoring the above situation and may take action on the Papua New Guinea Type Acceptance Certificate depending on CAA NZ action(s) in the coming months.

The current PNG Airworthiness Certificates for the PAC 750XL aircraft remain valid unless a subsequent serious safety/airworthiness issue is identified that would otherwise require significant design changes by the Type Certificate holder. Until such time as otherwise notified, NZ remains the State of Design for the applicable Type Certificates.

During this time of liquidation, PAL's ability to supply some parts has been affected, but they are hopeful that a quick resolution and a return to normal operations as soon as possible is forthcoming. PAL's on-line technical publications is still available to customers however; no new technical publications will be released at this time.

Initial consultation by CASA PNG with PNG operators of PAC 750XL aircraft in PNG have indicated that operations in the short term is not adversely affected as they have stock of spare parts and many items can be sourced from third party suppliers. However, they indicated serious concerns of their operations in the long term when spare parts stocks run low.

CASA PNG is closely monitoring this developing situation directly with air operator's Maintenance Controllers.

RECOMMENDATION: If any defects or occurrences are found with the applicable aircraft, then a CA005 Accident and Incident Occurrence Report form should be completed and submitted to CASA PNG. Please include details of findings and any other relevant technical information in your report.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Announcements of any further development of this situation will be made on this bulletin. CASA is conscious that other issues may arise for you, that may be unique to your operation. If you foresee the inability to comply with a safety regulatory requirement due to the impact of the interim liquidation of PAL, then please engage with us early. We will take a flexible and pragmatic approach to working with you and assisting you to find solutions to the unprecedented challenges we face as an aviation sector, particularly, during this pandemic.

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