



FAA
Aircraft Certification Service International Office (AIR-40)

DGCA-India: Obtaining Foreign Design Approval / Acceptance of U.S. Products and Articles

Purpose

To inform Aircraft Certification Service (AIR) offices (see distribution list) and U.S. applicants of changes to the India Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) certification system

- In March 2014, the DGCA notified AIR-40 of changes to their certification system which impact their validation of foreign design approvals
- Specifically, the DGCA revised procedures and issued new rules applicable to applications for type acceptance
- All FAA offices involved in submitting requests for foreign design approval/acceptance on behalf of U.S. design approval holders (DAH) are asked to review these changes and inform U.S. DAHs, as applicable

Effective dates of changes

- February 28, 2014: Aero Engineering Handbook of Procedures. Part 8 (AED HDBK)
- February 14, 2014: Aircraft Rules, 1937, Part VI, Airworthiness, 49 and 62

Summary of changes

Prior to submitting an application for design acceptance to the DGCA, Aircraft Certification Offices and applicants are requested to review changes to DGCA Aero Engineering Handbook Part 8 and Aircraft Rules. A summary of the changes is provided below:

- AED HDBK Part 8: Validation of Type Certificate and Acceptance of Type Certificate / Supplemental Type Certificate Issued by Foreign Authority (Enclosure 1, pages 136-148)
 - Part 8 changed in its entirety
 - Refer to AED HDBK Part 8, Section 3 and the IPA, Section 3 to ensure applicant submits required information/documents. New procedures for application reviews may require DGCA familiarization visits that are more comprehensive than previously experienced
 - DGCA incorporated checklists into Part 8: ANNEX II (TC); ANNEX III (STC). DGCA reviewing official will use the referenced checklists as the basis for inspections, determination of applicant site visit, and submission of the report to process a letter of (TC / STC) acceptance

- DGCA indicates that for TC applicants, site visit to the applicant's facility is required
- DGCA indicates that for STC applicants, a site visit to the applicant's facility is required only in case of significant structural/ aircraft system changes
- [The Aircraft Rules, 1937, Part VI, Airworthiness, 49 and 62](#)
 - Rule 49E. Recognition of Type Certificate of an aeronautical product issued by a Contracting State
 - Rule 49G. Recognition of Supplemental Type Certificate issued by a Contracting State
 - Rule 62. Fees – The DGCA introduced a new fee schedule
 - Recognition (acceptance) of Type Certificate - refer to 62. (C), then (B), then (A)
 - Recognition (acceptance) of Supplement Type Certificate - refer to 62. (G), then (F)

Contact Information

Questions may be addressed to the AIR International Office - India Country Manager, via email at: 7-AWA-AVS-AIR-040@faa.gov

Enclosure 1: [DGCA, Aircraft Engineering Directorate, Aero Engineering Handbook Part 8](#)

Enclosure 2: [The Aircraft Rules, 1937, Part VI, Airworthiness, 49 and 62](#)

References

- [India - Implementation Procedures for Airworthiness](#)
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