

Notices to Aircraft Owners and Maintenance Engineers, issue special directions not inconsistent with the Indian Aircraft Act, 1934 or these rules, relating to the operation, use, possession, maintenance or navigation of aircraft flying in or over India or of aircraft registered in India.

Part XIII.—Air Transport Services

134. Air Transport Services.—(1) Except as provided in the Air Corporations Act, 1953 (27 of 1953) it shall not be lawful for any person other than the Corporation or their associates to operate any Scheduled air transport service from, to, in, or across India.

(2) The Central Government may permit any air transport undertaking of which the principal place of business is in any country outside India to operate an air transport service from, to, or across India in accordance with the terms of any agreement for the time being in force between the Government of India and the Government of that country, or, where there is no such agreement, of a temporary authorisation by the Government of India.

(3) No air transport service, other than a Scheduled air transport service or an air transport service, to which the provisions of sub-rule (1) or (2) apply, shall be operated except with the special permission of the Central Government and subject to such terms and conditions as it may think fit to impose in each case.

Rules 135, 135A, 135B, 135C, 135E, 135F, 136, 137, 138, 139 and 139A shall be omitted.

140. Minimum requirements to be complied with.—Any Scheduled air transport service operated by the Corporation shall comply with the safety requirements with respect to air routes, aircraft and aircrew prescribed in Schedule VIII to these rules.

140A. Director General's sanction to introduction of any new routes or alteration in any existing routes of Scheduled air transport services.—Before operating a Scheduled air transport service on a new route or making a substantial alteration in, or effecting the discontinuance of, any of the existing routes of such services, or introducing a new time-table for such service, the Corporation shall obtain the concurrence of the Director-General, in so far as such operation or, as the case may be, such discontinuance affects, or is likely to affect, the air route or aerodrome facilities, and give at least three days' previous notice to the Director-General before the date proposed for the operation of the new route or for the substantial alteration of an existing route or for the introduction of a new time-table or, as the case may be, for the discontinuance of an existing route.

140B. Operations Manual.—(1) An Operations Manual in the form approved by the Director-General, shall be maintained by the Corporation.

(2) The Operations Manual shall, in addition to any other relevant information, contain the following that is to say:—

- (a) instructions outlining the responsibilities of operations personnel pertaining to the conduct of flight operations,
- (b) the flight crew for each stage of all routes to be flown including the designation of the succession of command,
- (c) in-flight procedure,
- (d) emergency flight procedure,