

GAMBIA CIVIL AVIATION ACT, 2018

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PART 4 - AIRCRAFT REGISTRATION AND MARKING

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CHAPTER 1 - GENERAL

1. Applicability

(1) This Part prescribes the requirements for registration and marking of Civil Aircraft under the provisions of the Civil Aviation Act.

(2) This part does not apply to meteorological pilot balloons used exclusively for meteorological purposes or to unmanned free balloons without a payload.

2. Definitions

The definitions contained in Part 1 shall also apply in this Part as applicable.

3. Abbreviation

In this Part, the abbreviation-

RPA means Remotely piloted aircraft.

CHAPTER 2 - REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

4. Registration

(1) A person shall not operate a civil aircraft that is eligible for registration under the laws of The Gambia unless it has been registered by its owner or operator under the provisions of the laws of The Gambia and the Authority has issued a certificate of registration for that aircraft which shall be carried aboard that aircraft for all operations.

(2) The certificate of registration shall be in English.

(3) The certificate of registration will be issued by the Director General in the form as contained in Schedule 4.1.

5. Registration Eligibility

An aircraft is eligible for registration if it is owned by-

- (a) a citizen of The Gambia;
- (b) an individual citizen of another State who is a permanent resident of The Gambia;
- (c) a corporation incorporated and doing business under the laws of The Gambia;
- (d) a Government entity of The Gambia; and
- (e) not registered under the laws of any other State.

6. Application for Registration

(1) A person who wishes to register an aircraft in The Gambia shall submit an application for aircraft registration to the Director General in a form and manner acceptable to the Authority.

(2) An application shall-

- (a) certify as to citizenship as defined under these Regulations;
- (b) show evidence identifying ownership;
- (c) provide copy of the type certificate;
- (c) be signed in ink; and
- (d) show proof of de-registration, if applicable.

(3) Upon an applicant meeting all requirements for registration, a certificate of registration shall be issued by the Director General.

7. Aircraft Registry

(1) As required by the Civil Aviation Act, the Authority shall maintain an aircraft registry showing for each aircraft registered by the Authority, the information recorded on the certificate of registration and any other information required by the Authority.

(2) Upon request, the Authority shall provide information to another ICAO Contracting State or to ICAO as to aircraft registration and ownership of any particular aircraft registered in The Gambia.

8. Classification of Aircraft

- (1) Aircraft shall be classified in accordance with the Table in Schedule 4.2.
- (2) An aircraft which is intended to be operated with no pilot on board shall be further classified as unmanned.
- (3) Unmanned aircraft shall include unmanned free balloons and remotely piloted aircraft.

CHAPTER 3 - NATIONALITY AND REGISTRATION MARKS

9. Nationality and Registration Marks

- (1) A person shall not operate a civil aircraft registered in The Gambia unless it displays nationality and registration marks in accordance with the requirements of this regulation.
- (2) The letter and number "C5" are used to identify the nationality of The Gambia, to conform with the requirements outlined in Annex 7 to the Chicago Convention, followed by a hyphen and a series of three letters assigned by the Director General.
- (3) Unless otherwise authorised by the Authority, a person shall not place on any aircraft a design, mark, or symbol that modifies or confuses the nationality and registration marks.
- (4) Marks shall not be used which might be confused with the International Five Letter Code of Signals, Part II, the three-letter combinations beginning with Q used in the Q Code or Distress Codes or other similar, urgent codes.
- (5) Permanent marking of aircraft nationality and registration shall -
 - (a) be painted on the aircraft or affixed by other means insuring a similar degree of permanence;
 - (b) have no ornamentation;
 - (c) contrast in colour with the background of the aircraft;
 - (d) be legible; and
 - (e) be kept clean and visible at all times.
- (6) A person who is the registered owner of an aircraft registered in The Gambia shall forthwith inform the Authority in writing-
 - (a) of any change in the particulars which were furnished

to the Authority upon application being made for the registration of the aircraft;

- (b) of the destruction of the aircraft;
- (c) of its permanent withdrawal from use of the aircraft; or
- (d) if the aircraft is missing and the search for it is terminated.

10. Display of Marks

(1) The owner of an aircraft shall display on the aircraft marks consisting of the Roman capital letter C and the number 5 denoting nationality of The Gambia followed by a hyphen and thereafter by the registration number of the aircraft in Arabic numerals and a suffix letter used in the registration marks displayed must also be a Roman capital letter.

(2) The nationality mark shall be notified to the International Civil Aviation Organization.

11. Size of Marks

(1) An operator of an aircraft shall display marks on the aircraft meeting the size requirements of this regulation.

(2) The character marks shall be of equal height and if -

- (a) heavier-than-air aircraft shall be at least -
 - (i) 50 centimeters high if on the wings, and
 - (ii) 30 centimeters high if on the fuselage (or equivalent structure) and vertical tail surfaces; or
 - (iii) identified readily if the aircraft processes no wings and fuselage.
- (b) lighter-than-air aircraft other than unmanned free balloons shall be at least 50 centimeters high; and
- (c) the character marks of unmanned free balloons and other lighter-than-air aircraft that is not of sufficient size to accommodate marks of at least 50 centimeters high shall be determined by the Authority, taking into account the size of the payload

to which the identification plate is affixed.

(3) The characters shall be-

- (a) two-thirds as wide as they are high, except the number "1" and the letter "I", which must be one-sixth as wide as it is high; and the letters "M" and "W" which may be as wide as they are high; and
- (b) formed by solid lines one-sixth as thick as the character is high.

(4) The space between each character may not be less than one-fourth of the character width.

(5) The marks required by this Part for fixed-wing aircraft must have the same height, width, thickness, and spacing on both sides of the aircraft.

12. Location of Marks on Heavier-Than-Air Aircraft

(1) A person shall not operate a fixed-wing aircraft unless it displays the marks once on the lower surface of the wing structure as follows-

- (a) they shall be located on the left half of the lower surface of the wing structure unless they extend across the whole of the lower surface of the wing structure;
- (b) so far as is possible, the marks shall be located equidistant from the leading and trailing edge of the wings; and
- (c) the top of the letters and numbers shall be toward the leading edge of the wing.

(2) On a heavier than air aircraft with a fuselage (or equivalent structure) or a vertical tail surface, the marks shall appear on either the vertical tail surfaces or the sides of the fuselage as follows-

- (a) if displayed on the vertical tail surfaces, horizontally on both surfaces of a single vertical tail or on the outer surfaces of a multi-vertical tail;
- (b) if displayed on the fuselage surfaces, horizontally on both sides of the fuselage between the trailing edge of the wing and the leading edge of the horizontal

stabilizer; and

- (c) if engine pods or other appurtenances are located in the area described in paragraph (b) (2) and are an integral part of the aircraft, the marks may appear on those pods or appurtenances.

13. Location of Marks on Lighter-Than-Air Aircraft

(1) A person shall not operate an airship unless it displays marks on-

- (a) the hull, located lengthwise on each side of the hull and on its upper surface on the line of symmetry; or

- (b) the horizontal and vertical stabilizers surfaces-

- (i) for the horizontal stabilizer, located on the right half of the upper surface and on the left half of the lower surface, with the tops of the letters and numbers toward the leading edge, and

- (ii) for the vertical stabilizer, located on each side of the bottom half stabilizer, with the letters and numbers placed horizontally.

(2) A person shall not operate a spherical balloon unless it displays marks in two places diametrically opposite each other and located near the maximum horizontal circumference of the balloon.

(3) A person shall not operate a non-spherical balloon unless it displays marks on each side, located near the maximum cross-section of the balloon immediately above either the rigging band or the points of attachment of the basket suspension cables.

(4) A person shall not operate any lighter-than-air aircraft other than unmanned free balloons unless it displays marks visible both from the sides and from the ground.

(5) A person shall not operate any unmanned free balloon unless it displays marks on the identification plate.

14. Special Cases for Size and Location of Marks

(1) If either one of the surfaces authorised for displaying required marks is large enough for display of marks meeting the size requirements of this regulation and the other is not, the full-size marks shall be placed on the larger surface.

(2) If neither surface is large enough for full-size marks, the Authority may approve marks as large as practicable for display on the larger of the two surfaces.

(3) If, because of the aircraft configuration, it is not possible to mark the aircraft in accordance with this Part, the owner may apply to the Authority for a different procedure.

15. Sale of Aircraft and Removal of Marks

When an aircraft that is registered in The Gambia is sold, the holder of the Certificate of Registration shall, before its delivery to the purchaser, remove all nationality and registration marks of The Gambia, unless the purchaser is a citizen or other legal entity as prescribed in these Regulations.

16. Identification Plate

The operator shall affix to each aircraft registered under the laws of The Gambia an identification plate -

- (a) containing the aircraft type, model, serial number, marks of nationality, and name and address of owner;
- (b) made of fireproof metal or other fireproof material of suitable physical properties; and
- (c) secured to the aircraft in a prominent position, near the main entrance, or, in the case of a free balloon, affixed conspicuously to the exterior of the payload, or in the case of a remotely piloted aircraft, secured in a prominent position near the main entrance or compartment or affixed conspicuously to the exterior of the aircraft if there is no main entrance or compartment.

17. Duration of Certificate of Registration

(1) A certificate of registration shall remain in force until –

- (a) the aircraft is destroyed beyond economical repairs, lost or stolen and cannot be found; or
- (b) the aircraft is permanently withdrawn from service; or
- (c) the registration of the aircraft in respect of which such certificate of registration was issued, is cancelled by the Authority.

(2) The Authority may cancel the registration of an aircraft for the following reasons -

- (a) involvement of the aircraft in an unauthorised carriage of arms and munitions of war; or
- (b) if the aircraft is permanently located elsewhere and the Authority is unable to effectively carry out surveillance activities on the aircraft, and there is no agreement between the country of location and the Authority for effective control of the aircraft under ICAO Article 83 bis.

(3) The holder of a certificate of registration which has been cancelled by the Authority shall surrender the certificate of registration to the Authority within 14 days from the date of cancellation.

18. Transfer of Ownership of Aircraft

The registered owner of an aircraft may transfer ownership to another person the right of ownership of the aircraft such holder shall inform the Authority in a manner as prescribed by the Authority.

19. De-registration

(1) The Authority shall remove an aircraft from the Gambian Civil Aircraft registry if-

- (a) the owner of the aircraft no longer meets the eligibility requirements of these regulations;
- (b) when the registered owner or an authorized person applies in writing for de-registration of the aircraft;

(2) An application for de-registration shall be supported by the original copy of the certificate of registration appropriately endorsed by the registered owner.

(3) Where the Authority exercises its power of de-registration of an aircraft, the Certificate of Registration shall be cancelled and the entry of the aircraft in the aircraft register shall be deleted.

(4) Nothing in this section shall require the Authority to cancel the registration of an aircraft if, in its opinion, it would be inexpedient in the public interest to do so.

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SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO PART 4

(regulations 4 and 8)

4.1 Certificate of Registration

The certificate of registration issued by the Director General shall be as follows:

Certificate number	Form number	
<p>THE REPUBLIC OF THE GAMBIA</p>  <p>MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT, WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE GAMBIA CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY</p> <p>CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION</p>		
1. Nationality & Registration Marks	2. Manufacturer & Manufacturer's Designation of Aircraft	3. Aircraft Serial Number
C5 -		
4. Name of Owner:		
5. Address of Owner:		
6. It is hereby certified that the above-described Aircraft has been duly entered in The Gambia Register of Civil Aircraft in accordance with the Convention on International Civil Aviation dated 7 th December 1944, and with the Gambia Civil Aviation Act of 2018 and Regulations issued thereunder.		
<p>..... Date of Issue</p>		<p>.....signature..... Director General, Gambia CAA</p>
<p>Notes: (a) This Certificate of Registration is non- transferable; (b) No entries or endorsements may be made in this Certificate except by authorized personnel from The Gambia Civil Aviation Authority; and (c) Any erasure to this document renders it null and void</p>		

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**NOTICE OF CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP OF AIRCRAFT, SALE ABROAD,
DESTRUCTION OR PERMANENT WITHDRAWAL FROM USE**

SECTION I – CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP WITHIN THE GAMBIA

I give notice that with effect from.....day of.....20....., the ownership of the aircraft described over leaf has been transferred to:

Name:.....

Address:.....

Nationality:.....Date:.....

Signature:.....

(Signature of party named overleaf)

SECTION II – AIRCRAFT SOLD ABROAD AND TO BE REMOVED FROM THE GAMBIAN REGISTER

I give notice that with effect fromday of.....20....., the ownership of the aircraft described over leaf has been transferred to:

Name:.....

Address:.....and the aircraft should be removed from the Gambia Register of Civil Aircraft as it will be re-registered in

Date:.....Signature:.....

(Signature of party named overleaf)

SECTION III – AIRCRAFT DESTROYED OR PERMANENTLY WITHDRAWN FROM USE

Ihereby give notice that the aircraft described overleaf has been:

Destroyed Permanently withdrawn from use.

Date:.....Signature:.....

(Signature of party named overleaf)

NOTES – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

1. To comply with Part 4 of the Gambia Civil Aviation Regulations (GCARs), if there is any change in the particulars which were provided when the application was made for registration of the aircraft, the person(s) in whose name(s) the aircraft is registered as shown overleaf must forthwith inform the Gambia Civil Aviation Authority (GCAA) in writing. Failure to do so is an offence under the GCARs.
2. If there is a change in the ownership of the aircraft, or if it is destroyed, permanently withdrawn from use, or sold abroad, Section I, II or III above should be completed as appropriate and this Certificate must be returned immediately to the GCAA. The Registered owner is still deemed to be responsible for the aircraft until deregistration has taken place, it is in his or her interest to ensure that any change of ownership is notified without delay in the manner set out above. The signature required in Section I, II or III above is that of the person(s) in whose name(s) the aircraft is registered as shown overleaf. If that person is a body corporate the signature should be that of a Director, Secretary, or other Authorised Officer of the company. The position held in the company should be stated.
3. Applications for re-registration of the aircraft in the Gambia must be made on the appropriate form which can be obtained from the Gambia Civil Aviation Authority.

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4.2 Classification of Aircraft

