

FEDERATION OF INDIAN PILOTS

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To, Shri Arun Kumar, IAS Director General of Civil Aviation Office of Director General of Civil Aviation, Aurobindo Marg, opp. Safdarjung Airport, New Delhi, Delhi 110003.

Sub: NOC for Foreign Licence Conversion.

Dear Sir,

We wish to bring to your kind attention the problems faced by pilots who wish to convert their Indian Flight Crew License to a foreign license.

When someone who holds an Indian Flight Crew License tries to convert his/her license to a foreign license the respective regulatory authorities insist on the verification of Indian Flight Crew Licenses by sending an email to the office of the DGCA as per provisions of ICAO Annex 1 and ICAO Doc 9379. It has been the experience of many of our members that the office of the DGCA does not respond in a timely manner to such requests thus causing immense hardship to pilots.

In 2019, DGCA issued a Public Notice (F.NO.AV.11012/5/2018-DTL-DGCA dated 19th June 2019) that all applicants must produce a certificate of Accident/incident free record in 10/3 years issued by the employer and in case of any involvement in any accident/incident, to provide evidence of 'clearance for normal operation' from DGCA.

Sir, it may be noted that the foreign regulatory is, at this point, only interested in verifying the authenticity of the licence and nothing more. Further the office of the DGCA itself has all records of any incident/ accidents and any enforcement action against all the pilots in the country. When such is the case, we fail to understand why any pilot has to produce any document from an employer in this regard. As stated in your own notice, the process of verification is without prejudice to any mutual contract between the employer and the employee.

We therefore request you to make the process a simpler one by expunging the requirement for an employer to provide any document in this regard.

This will make the process a simpler and pragmatic one.

Assuring you of our cooperation at all times.

Thanking you,

Yours Faithfully,

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