I assent.

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GEORGE HYZLER
Acting President

17th May, 2002

ACT No. VIII of 2002

AN ACT to amend the Civil Aviation (Air Operators' Certificates) Act, Cap. 218.

BE IT ENACTED by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the House of Representatives, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:-

Title and commencement.

1. (1) The short title of this Act is the Civil Aviation (Air Operators' Certificates) (Amendment) Act, 2002.

Cap. 218.

(2) This Act shall be read and construed as one with the Civil Aviation (Air Operators' Certificates) Act hereinafter referred to as the "principal Act", and shall come into force on such date as the Minister responsible for civil aviation may by notice in the Gazette appoint.

Amendment of article 3 of the principal Act.

2. In subarticle (1) of article 3 of the principal Act, the words ", and having a maximum total weight authorized of more than 2268 kilograms," shall be deleted.

Amendment of article 4 of the principal Act.

3. Article 4 of the principal Act shall be amended as follows:

(a) the present provision shall be renumbered as subarticle (1) thereof;

(b) in subarticle (1) thereof, as renumbered, immediately after the words "the purpose so specified.", there shall be added the words "In assessing a person's competency to operate aircraft, the Director will take into account that person's capability of meeting the relevant safety requirements

applicable, according to law, to his operation of aircraft."; and

(c) immediately after subarticle (1) as renumbered and as amended, there shall be added the following new subarticle:

"(2) For the purposes of this article, the person applying for an air operator's certificate shall provide full access to any documentation, records, equipment, aircraft and facilities which the Director may wish to inspect or examine.".

Amendment of article 9 of the principal Act.

4. Article 9 of the principal Act shall be amended as follows:

(a) in subarticle (1) thereof, for the words "of a judge, as chairman", there shall be substituted the words "of a lawyer with twelve years' experience, as Chairman"; and

(b) in subarticle (7) thereof, for the words "article 10", there shall be substituted the words "article 11".

Passed by the House of Representatives at Sitting No. 735 of the 14th May, 2002.

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Speaker

RICHARD J. CAUCHI
Clerk to the House of Representatives