LIFE JACKETS & LIFE RAFTS

1. Equipment which is required to be fitted or carried in Malaysian registered aircraft must, with a few exceptions, be of a type approved by the DCA. This also applies to most safety equipment, including life jackets and life rafts (life saving equipment). The accepted design standards are the applicable Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Technical Standards Order (TSO) and JTSo of JAA (Design Approval). For the purposes of this Notice, life saving equipment approved under the UK CAA Design Approval system is considered acceptable to the DCA.

2. It should be highlighted that the above-mentioned standards are design standards acceptable to DCA Malaysia. Aircraft owners and operators are reminded to ensure that items in equipment as required by MCAR Fifth Schedule in the appropriate scales, are included as part of the life saving equipment. Such items of equipment are reflected in MCAR Fifth Schedule Paragraph 3 (3a to 3m).

3. Aircraft owners/operators shall ensure that the survival equipment is maintained to the required standards as specified by the Design Approval.

4. Kindly refer to Airworthiness Division DCA Malaysia for guidance when in doubt.

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