



TUESDAY, 19 MARCH 2024

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**CAAM IMPLEMENTS IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION OF BLACKSHAPE
AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS IN MALAYSIA**

PUTRAJAYA – The Civil Aviation Authority of Malaysia (CAAM) has taken immediate action by suspending all flight operations involving Blackshape aircraft models BS 115, BK 160, BK 160-200, and BK 160TR, effective 20 March 2024, within Malaysian airspace. This suspension aligns with the Emergency Airworthiness Directive (EAD) (AD No.: 2024-0074-E) issued by the European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) on 18 March 2024, as the manufacturing state authority of those aircraft to suspend of all flight operations for the specified Blackshape aeroplanes, including all serial numbers, effective 20 March 2024.

The issuance of the EAD by EASA was prompted by recent fatal accidents involving Blackshape aircraft, highlighting significant safety concerns.

CAAM is committed to prioritizing aviation safety in Malaysia and will take all necessary actions to ensure the safe operation of flights.

DATO' CAPTAIN NORAZMAN BIN MAHMUD

Chief Executive Officer

Civil Aviation Authority of Malaysia