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LOG OF VERSIONS

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This document contains a complete listing of all current and past published versions of the General Authority of Civil Aviation Regulations (GACAR). The specific changes for each version are shown in the parts as per the presentation of changes protocols prescribed in GACAR § 1.23. The most recent changes in this log of versions are **highlighted** below.

GACAR Foreword

Version 3.0 - First official version published.

Version 4.0 - Header and footer style updated. Formalizes the approval of the GACAR by the President.

Version 5.0 - Update the terms NTSC and EVP.

GACAR Part 1

Version 3.0 - First official version published.

Version 4.0 - Header and footer style updated.

Version 5.0 - Updated definition for incident. Added definition for *ultralight vehicle accident*.

Version 6.0 - Slight modification to presentation of changes in GACAR § 1.23. Added definition for *minimum sector altitude*.

Version 7.0 - Adoption of a new definition of “Small Unmanned Aircraft” to be incorporated,

Version 8.0 - Header and footer style updated.

Version 9.0 - Replace the term *Aviation Club* with the term *Aviation Recreation Organization*.

Version 10.0 - Amend the definition of Light-sport Aircraft to cater for a safe and flexible Light-sport Aircraft regulatory environment, Refer to docket number GR18-006 Dated 6/5/2019.

Version 11.0 - Complete New revision to streamline the GACA definitions with the ICAO Annexes’ definitions, Refer to docket number GR20-007 Dated 22/04/2021.

Version 12.0 - Amendment of some definitions as a result of ICAO SARPs amendments as follows:

- 1- Annex-6 Part-I : State Letter- AN 11/1.3.34-22/15- Dated- 30 March 2022.
- 2- Annex-6 Part-II : State Letter- AN 11/6.3.33-22/16- Dated- 31 march 2022.
- 3- Annex-6 Part-III State Letter- AN 11/32.3.16-22/13- Dated 31 March 2022.
- 4- Annex-8 State letter- AN 3/5.14-22/23 Dated 8 April 2022.
- 5- Annex-10 -Volume-IV- State Letter- AN 7/66.

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Docket No.(GR-22-003- Dated May 16th, 2022).

Version 13.0 - Amended to:

- include new definitions introduced as a result of revisions to ICAO Annexes 3, 4 ,6, 8, 10, 11, 15, & 16;
- ensure ongoing alignment with FAA definitions;
- delete Section §1.23 Presentation of Changes.

Docket Number [GR25-009] Dated 24/09/2025.

Version 14.0 - Initial issue introducing provisions governing the operations of Powered-Lift aircraft to enable the operation of Advanced Air Mobility in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Docket Number [GR25-010] Dated 08/10/2025.

GACAR Part 2

Version 3.0 - First official version published.

Version 4.0 - Header and footer style updated.

Version 5.0 - Full revised version, Docket Number [GR21-003] Dated 21/03/2021.

GACAR Part 3

Version 2.0 - First official version published.

Version 3.0 - Header and footer style updated.

GACAR Part 4

Version 1.0 - First official version published.

Version 2.0 - Full revised version of Part 4 "Occurrence Reporting and Safety Information System", Docket Number [GR21-008] Dated 13/06/2022.

GACAR Part 5

Version 2.0 - First official version published.

Version 3.0 - Header and footer style updated.

Version 4.0 - Applicability expanded to include ground service providers.

Version 5.0 - Emergency Response Planning expanded to include family assistance plan in GACAR § 5.27. Added new section to Appendix A and C.

Version 6.0 - Update the designation of a management representative in GACAR § 5.25 , refer to Docket number 18-016.

Version 7.0 - Amend in GACAR § 5.1 and GACAR § 5.25 , Docket Number [GR20-008] Dated 20/10/2020.

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Version 8.0 - Amend in GACAR § 5.25 and GACAR § 5.27 ,Docket Number [GR21-007] Dated 14/04/2021.

Version 9.0 - Major amendment to GACAR Part 5 to align it with the latest update to ICAO annex 19. The amendment is reflected in the following:

- 1- Applicability of GACAR 5 on GACAR part 21.
- 2- Safety policy requirement about the management commitment towards positive safety culture.
- 3- Safety objective requirement to reflect the certificate holder's commitment to continuously monitoring SMS and safety performance.
- 4- Documenting and communicating safety accountabilities and responsibilities of the certificate holder across the organization.
- 5- Inclusion of safety objectives, SMS requirements, accountability, responsibility, and authorities for SMS processes and procedures.
- 6- Reactive and proactive methods of hazard identification.
- 7- Introduction to Management of Change Process.

Docket [GR23-007] Dated 03/03/2023.

GACAR Part 7

Version 2.0 - First official version published.

Version 3.0 - Header and footer style updated.

Version 4.0 - Applicability expanded to include ground service providers.

GACAR Part 9

Version 2.0 - First official version published.

Version 3.0 - Header and footer style updated.

Version 4.0 - Amended to fully transpose provisions of Article 83 bis of the Convention on International Civil Aviation, relating to the transfer of responsibilities between the State of Registry and the State of the Operator when aircraft are leased. Docket Number [GR24-029] Dated 14/10/2025.

GACAR Part 11

Version 2.0 - First official version published.

Version 3.0 - Header and footer style updated.

Version 4.0 - Affected paragraphs : § 11.7 (d), (e), and (f), and §11.9 (a) Docket Number [GR21-001] Dated 11/01/2021.

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GACAR Part 13

Version 2.0 - First official version published.

Version 3.0 - Header and footer style updated.

Version 4.0 - GACAR § 13.45 revised to grant immunity to certain self-reported deviations from the regulations.

GACAR Part 21

Version 2.0 - First official version published.

Version 3.0 - Header and footer style updated. Document retention period revised in GACAR §§ 21.107 and 21.139.

Version 4.0 - Added GACAR § 21.111 concerning changes in type design of supplemental type certificates.

Version 5.0 - Corrected minor editorial error in GACAR § 21.111.

Version 6.0 - Introduce the concept and definition of a GACA Recognized National Aviation Authority (NAA) and Allow the registration of aircraft that are type certificated by any GACA Recognized NAA, refer to Docket number 18-012.

Version 7.0 - Amend § 21.161 (a)(1) and (a)(3)(v) to include Light-Sport Aircraft in the rule. Docket Number [GR20-010] Dated 29/11/2020.

GACAR Part 23

Version 2.0 - First official version published.

Version 3.0 - Header and footer style updated.

GACAR Part 25

Version 2.0 - First official version published.

Version 3.0 - Header and footer style updated.

GACAR Part 26

Version 2.0 - First official version published.

Version 3.0 - Header and footer style updated.

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Version 2.0 - First official version published.

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Version 2.0 - First official version published.

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Version 2.0 - First official version published.

Version 3.0 - Header and footer style updated.

GACAR Part 34

Version 2.0 - First official version published.

Version 3.0 - Header and footer style updated.

GACAR Part 35

Version 2.0 - First official version published.

Version 3.0 - Header and footer style updated.

GACAR Part 36

Version 2.0 - First official version published.

Version 3.0 - Header and footer style updated.

GACAR Part 37 - Reserved

GACAR Part 39

Version 2.0 - First official version published.

Version 3.0 - Header and footer style updated.

Version 4.0 - Re-established the applicability of mandated airworthiness directives based on the introduced concept of “GACA Recognized National Aviation Authorities” in part-21. refer to Docket number 18-012.

Version 5.0 - Amended to align with ICAO Annex 8, Airworthiness of Aircraft to require that:

- Airworthiness Directives issued by the President must be transmitted to the appropriate State of Design or State of Design of Modification;
- Security sensitive aviation information must be securely transmitted to the appropriate authority in the State of Design or State of Design of Modification

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Docket Number [GR25-001] Dated 24/06/2025.

GACAR Part 43

Version 2.0 - First official version published.

Version 3.0 - Header and footer style updated. Corrected several errors in GACAR §§ 43.1, 43. 11 and 43.15.

Version 4.0 - Simplify the rule concerning persons authorized to perform maintenance. refer to Docket number 18-012.

Version 5.0 - Initial issue introducing provisions governing the operations of Powered-Lift aircraft to enable the operation of Advanced Air Mobility in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Docket Number [GR25-010] Dated 08/10/2025.

GACAR Part 45

Version 2.0 - First official version published.

Version 3.0 - Header and footer style updated.

Version 4.0 - Minor reference correction in GACAR § 45.27.

Version 5.0 - Remove references to Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems and Model Aircraft, Refer to Docket number 18-004.

Version 6.0 - Layout adjustments.

Version 7.0 - Amended to align with ICAO Annex 7, Aircraft Nationality and Registration Marks regarding the form of display of the registration mark. Docket Number [GR24-037] Dated 26/06/2025.

GACAR Part 47

Version 2.0 - First official version published.

Version 3.0 - Header and footer style updated. Expiration of certificates of registration removed.

Version 4.0 - Applicability revised to exclude model aircraft.

Version 5.0 - Remove references to Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems and Model Aircraft, Refer to Docket number 18-004.

Version 6.0 - To Enable Saudi Air to register an aircraft owned by a non - Saudi Arabian entity refer to Docket number 18-014.

Version 7.0 - The purpose of this amendment is to stipulate the required regulations to comply with the KSA Royal Decree (No. M/106 Dated 10/9/1440 Hijra) to enable the holders of KSA Premium Residency to register his own aircraft in the Saudi aircraft registry (HZ). Docket Number [GR24-016] Dated 16/04/2024.

Version 8.0 - Amended to:

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- 1- Aligns § 47.2 with ICAO Annex 7, Aircraft Nationality and Registration Marks, Chapter 2, by adding provisions for the classification of aircraft;
- 2- Aligns § 47.17 with ICAO Annex 7, Aircraft Nationality and Registration Marks, Section 3.6 to prohibit the issuance of registration marks consisting of urgency signals;
- 3- Updates § 47.19 with respect to the name of the GACA Sector and office address (new location).
- 4- Removes several provisions that refer to Part 49 (third party physical possession of the aircraft, partial ownership, transfer of title, etc) as these provisions do not exist in KSA.

Docket Number [GR24-038] Dated 26/10/2025.

GACAR Part 48

Version 1.0 - First official version published, Refer to Docket number 18-004.

Version 2.0 - Layout adjustments.

Version 3.0 - This revision is made to add new registration requirements of (SUA) under 250g and model aircraft equipped with security interrogating sensors. Docket Number [GR23-021] Dated 26/02/20.

Version 4.0 - Reissued to align with GACAR Part 107. Major changes include:

- 1) no differentiation between Unmanned Aircraft Systems and Model Aircraft; and
- 2) no differentiation between recreational and commercial operations with Unmanned Aircraft.

Docket Number [GR24-031] Dated 12/03/2025.

GACAR Part 49 - Reserved

Version 2.0 - First official version published.

Version 3.0 - Header and footer style updated.

This part was removed until a complete and comprehensive legal evaluation by the appropriate GACA legal authority is performed, removed on 15/08/2016.

GACAR Part 60

Version 2.0 - First official version published.

Version 3.0 - Header and footer style updated.

Version 4.0 - Initial issue introducing provisions governing the operations of Powered-Lift aircraft to enable the operation of Advanced Air Mobility in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Docket Number [GR25-010] Dated 08/10/2025.

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Version 2.0 - First official version published.

Version 3.0 - Removes minimum academic qualifications (GACAR § 61.52).

Version 4.0 - Many adjustments concerning Armed Forces pilots. Minimum flight time added for PIC aircraft type rating. Practical tests now required in all cases.

Version 5.0 - Several adjustments to change medical certification requirements for student pilots seeking a sport pilot certificate, sport pilots and flight instructors with sport pilot rating to Class 3 or above (from Class 2 or above). Revised GACAR §§ 61.53 and 61.109 regarding English language proficiency requirements for student pilots.

Version 6.0 - Removed all references to Armed Forces pilots of foreign ICAO Contracting States in GACAR § 61.93.

Version 7.0 - amended to:

- 1- Issuance ATP Licenses and mandates of the ATP Certification Training Program (ATP-CTP).
- 2- Establishing the rules for Foreign ATP license conversion.
- 3- Conversion of Foreign pilot licenses.
- 4- English Language Proficiency.
- 5- Requirements imposed on GACA certificated Flight/Ground Instructors.
- 6- Licensing of applicants with KSA Armed Forces experience & qualifications.

Refer to Docket number GR19-002 Dated [7/4/2019].

Version 8.0 - Affected paragraphs : § 61.61 (a)(4), § 61.89 (3)(iii), § 61.133 (d)(4), § 61.153 (c)(4), and § 61.193 (d)(3). Docket Number [GR20-012] Dated 06/01/2021.

Version 9.0 - This revision is to remove the requirement of an expiration date for any certificate issued to a Saudi pilot. Docket Number [GR23-025] Dated 31/10/2023.

Version 10.0 - Initial issue introducing provisions governing the operations of Powered-Lift aircraft to enable the operation of Advanced Air Mobility in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Docket Number [GR25-010] Dated 08/10/2025.

Version 11.0 - Amended to revise the applicability to exclude operations under GACAR Part 107 Unmanned Aircraft Systems. Docket Number [GR24-010] Dated 22/08/2024.

GACAR Part 64

Version 3.0 - First official version published.

Version 4.0 - Header and footer style updated.

Version 5.0 - Minor adjustment in GACAR § 64.11.

Version 6.0 - Minor editorial corrections in several sections.

Version 7.0 - This amendment is made due to comply with ICAO SARPs in Annex (1) latest

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amendment related to Air Traffic Controllers and resolve the regulatory gaps related to the licensing of ATS Personnel considering ICAO PANS Training (Doc9868) and recognized best practices. Additionally, new licenses and endorsements are introduced in this amendment. Docket Number [GR23-026] Dated 07/01/2024.

GACAR Part 65

Version 2.0 - First official version published.

Version 3.0 - Editorial correction to remove incorrect reference to GACAR Part 67 in GACAR § 65.43.

Version 4.0 - Restored requirement for aircraft dispatchers to hold a Class 3 medical certificate.

Version 5.0 - The purpose of this rulemaking docket is to amend GACAR Part-65 by removing the requirements of Medical Certificates for Cabin Crew Members and Flight Dispatchers. Docket Number [GR24-003] Dated 28/01/2024.

GACAR Part 66

Version 2.0 - First official version published.

Version 3.0 - Header and footer style updated. Restored full privileges to the airframe rating and powerplant rating. LSA repairman now includes two ratings - maintenance and inspection.

Version 4.0 - Minor refinements.

Version 5.0 - This revision is to remove the requirement of an expiration date for any certificate issued to a Saudi Mechanic. Docket Number [GR23-025] Dated 31/10/2023.

GACAR Part 67

Version 2.0 - First official version published.

Version 3.0 - Header and footer style updated.

Version 4.0 - Added GACAR § 67.99 addressing replacement of lost or destroyed medical certificates. Affected paragraphs : § 67.7. Docket Number [GR21-002] Dated 15/02/2021.

GACAR Part 68

Version 1.0 - New Part First official version published.

Version 2.0 - Updated entire Part No substantive change in regulatory requirements.

Version 3.0 - Full revision of Part-68 to address:

1- The applicability of Part 68.

2- This amendment aims to introduce a significant amendment to GACAR Part-68.

3- This amendment includes the stipulation of the training requirements to obtain any GACA Ground Service Permit as stipulated in GACAR Part-68.

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4- Harmonization with other rules and regulations.

Docket [GR23-009] Dated 31/07/2023.

Version 4.0 - Full revision of Part-68 to address the following:

1. Title change from “Ground Services Personnel Work Permit” to “Certificated Aerodromes Ground Services Personnel.”
2. The removal of all Work Permit requirements.
3. The responsibility of certificated aerodromes is to ensure that no person may perform any ground service function unless that person complies with Part 68. Docket [GR24-017] Dated 30/10/2024.

GACAR Part 71

Version 2.0 - First official version published.

Version 3.0 - Header and footer style updated.

GACAR Part 77

Version 2.0 - First official version published.

Version 3.0 - Header and footer style updated. Several changes to the criteria of obstacles requiring notice in GACAR § 77.15. Use of designated obstacle assessors now permitted.

GACAR Part 91

Version 2.0 - First official version published.

Version 3.0 - Header and footer style updated. Corrected error in GACAR § 91.449(f)(1).

Version 4.0 - Corrected errors in GACAR § 91.201(b)(3) and GACAR § 91.229. Added GACAR § 91.267 concerning in-flight fuel management. Appendix B, Section I revised to note that ammonia inhalants are optional items for all first aid kits.

Version 5.0 - Amended GACAR § 91.209 concerning radio communication failure under IFR as a result of rulemaking amendment 91-1.

Version 6.0 - Corrected GACAR § 91.57(c) and (d).

Version 7.0 - Amended GACAR § 91.1 Applicability of small unmanned aircraft, Refer to Docket number 18-004.

Version 9.0 - Amendments to ADS-B OUT equipment installation and operation rules:

1- § 91.239.

2-§ 91.303 (f).

3-§ 91.477 (b).

4- Appendix C to GACAR Part-91.

Docket Number [GR19-007] Dated 18/12/2019.

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Version 10.0 - Amend GACAR § 91.404 And Appendix D to cater for Performance Based Communication and Surveillance (PBCS). Docket Number [GR20-005] Dated 02/02/2020.

Version 11.0 – Amend ADS-B out aircraft installation requirement to January 1st 2023. Docket Number [GR20-009] Dated 20/10/2020.

Version 12.0 - Amend Appendix C paragraph V (e), Performance and Installation Standards for certain required equipment (ELT). Docket Number [GR21-010] Dated 23/05/2021.

Version 13.0 - Amendment to § 91.453 (c) (1) Transponder Test and Inspection. Docket Number [GR21-011] Dated 24/05/2021.

Version 14.0 - Amendment for the installation requirements of CVRs with 25 hours recording capacity. Docket Number [GR21-005] Dated 20/12/2021.

Version 15.0 - Introduce changes to GACAR (§ 91.165 Basic VFR Weather Minimums) to be aligned with the ICAO Annex-2 Standards stipulated in (3.9,4.1,4.2 and table 3.1), Docket Number [GR22-006] Dated 23/06/2022.

Version 16.0 - Removal of the prohibition of flight operations in Baghdad (ORBB) Flight Information Region (FIR). Docket Number [GR23-004] Dated 05/04/2023.

Version 17.0 - Amendment of § 91.165 Basic VFR Weather Minimums, Docket Number [GR23-003] Dated 06/04/2023.

Version 18.0 - Affected paragraph APPENDIX D TO GACAR PART 91 – SPECIAL FLIGHT OPERATIONS AUTHORIZATIONS -VI. REMS Operations (d) REMS operating minimums. The amendment to item (d) REMS operating minimums where the rule was revised with a new table and additional paragraphs to enable Safe REMS operation. Docket [GR23-001] Dated 16/08/2023.

Version 19.0 - This amendment is to enhance the required training programs for pilot performing Night Vision Imaging Systems (NVIS) operation. Docket Number [GR24-004] Dated 23/06/2024.

Version 20.0 - This amendment changes the Altitude stipulated in § 91.223 Use of Oxygen from FL250 to FL410. Consequently, if a flight crew member leaves their control position above FL 410, the remaining crew member must wear an oxygen mask. Docket [GR24-039] Dated 22/05/2025.

Version 21.0 - This amendment removes the prohibition of flight operations to/from Damascus (OSTT) Flight Information Region (FIR) from the list provided in Appendix-A, Section-II of GACAR Part-91. Docket [GR25-004] Dated 12/06/2025.

Version 22.0 - Amended to add requirement for turbine engined airplanes of a maximum certificated take-off mass in excess of 5 700 kg, engaged in commercial air transport operations for which an individual certificate of airworthiness is first issued on or after 1 January 2026, to be equipped with a Runway Overrun Awareness and Alerting System (ROAAS). Docket Number [GR25-015] Dated 28/12/2025.

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Version 23.0 - Amended to add a new provision § 91.410 and Appendix D, Section X to address requirements for steep approach operations. Docket Number [GR25-012] Dated 06/10/2025.

Version 24.0 - Initial issue introducing provisions governing the operations of Powered-Lift aircraft to enable the operation of Advanced Air Mobility in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Docket Number [GR25-010] Dated 08/10/2025.

Version 25.0 - Amended to revise the applicability to exclude operations under GACAR Part 107 Unmanned Aircraft Systems. Docket Number [GR24-010] Dated 22/08/2024.

GACAR Part 93

Version 2.0 - First official version published.

Version 3.0 - Header and footer style updated.

GACAR Part 97

Version 2.0 - First official version published.

Version 3.0 - Header and footer style updated.

GACAR Part 99

Version 2.0 - First official version published.

Version 3.0 - Header and footer style updated.

GACAR Part 100

Version 1.0 - Initial issue introducing provisions governing the operations of Powered-Lift aircraft to enable the operation of Advanced Air Mobility in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Docket Number [GR25-010] Dated 08/10/2025.

GACAR Part 101

Version 3.0 - First official version published.

Version 4.0 - Header and footer style updated. Several sections in Subparts E and F revised.

Version 5.0 - Several significant changes in Subpart E related to model aircraft and in Subpart F related to unmanned aircraft systems, Refer to Docket number 18-004.

Version 6.0 - Several significant changes in Subpart E related to model aircraft and in Subpart F related to unmanned aircraft systems.

Version 7.0 - Header and footer style updated.

Version 8.0 - Replaced the term Aviation Club with the term Aviation Recreation Organization, Refer to Docket number 18-003.

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Version 9.0 - Correction typing refer to Docket number 18-004.

Version 10.0 - This revision is made to remove 101.83c which conflicts with the new GACAR part 48 titled “Registration and marking requirements for model aircraft and small unmanned Aircraft”.
Docket [GR23-022] Dated 26/02/2024.

Version 3.0 - This revision is made to add new registration requirements of (SUA) under 250g and model aircraft equipped with security interrogating sensors. Docket Number [GR23-021] Dated 26/02/20.

Version 11.0 - Revised to exclude operations under GACAR Part 107 by:

1) cancellation of Part 101 Subpart E, as model aircraft are now fully addressed under Part 107; and

2) no differentiation between recreational and commercial operations with Unmanned Aircraft.

Docket [GR24-034] Dated 11/05/2025.

GACAR Part 103

Version 2.0 - First official version published.

Version 3.0 - Header and footer style updated.

Version 4.0 - Replaced the term Aviation Club with the term Aviation Recreation Organization, Refer to Docket number 18-003.

GACAR Part 105

Version 2.0 - First official version published.

Version 3.0 - Header and footer style updated.

GACAR Part 107

Version 1.0 - First official version published.

Version 2.0 - Layout adjustments.

Version 3.0 - Amendment to GACAR Part-107 to cater for Small Unmanned Aircraft (SUA) operator training providers. Docket Number [GR22-012] Dated 21/11/2022.

Version 4.0 - This new release of GACAR Part 107 replaces the existing Version 3.0. Changes include rules governing the operation of UA Systems (UAS), including model aircraft, in the Open and Specific Categories of operation, as well as for remote pilots and organizations involved in those operations. Docket Number [GR24-010] Dated 22/08/2024.

Version 5.0 - Amended to:

- introduce Standard Scenarios for the operation of unmanned aircraft systems in the Specific Category (Subpart J);

- remove the remote pilot certification requirement to conduct a practical training course for

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operations in the Open Category;

- remove the possibility for individuals/persons to apply for approval of operations in the Specific Category.

Docket Number [GR25-008] Dated 26/06/2025.

GACAR Part 109

Version 2.0 - First official version published.

Version 3.0 - Header and footer style updated.

Version 4.0 - Clarified text concerning the terms "preparation" and "shipper".

Version 5.0 - Affected paragraphs : § 109.3, § 109.7, and § 109.21, Docket Number [GR21-006] Dated 28/03/2021.

GACAR Part 115

Version 1.0 - First official version published, Docket Number [GR21-012] Dated 05/10/2021.

GACAR Part 117

Version 2.0 - First official version published.

Version 3.0 - Header and footer style updated.

GACAR Part 119

Version 2.0 - First official version published.

Version 3.0 - Header and footer style updated.

Version 4.0 - Corrected reference in GACAR § 119.45(b).

Version 5.0 - Added requirement to leasing of aircraft in GACAR § 119.53(d), Refer to Docket number 18-001.

Version 6.0 - Header and footer style updated.

GACAR Part 121

Version 2.0 - First official version published.

Version 3.0 - Header and footer style updated.

Version 4.0 - Republished to correct formatting errors in GACAR § 121.513. Added item concerning mandatory reporting in Appendix G, Section I.

Version 5.0 - Corrected error in GACAR § 121.5(b) and GACAR § 121.193(d).

Version 6.0 - Corrected error in GACAR § 121.741 concerning pilot age limits. Added requirement that management personnel in GACAR § 121.45 must be acceptable to the President.

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Version 7.0 - Added GACAR § 121.681 addressing contract maintenance as a result of rulemaking amendment 121-1. Corrected formatting error in GACAR § 121.919(d) and revised equipment requirements for commuter category airplanes in GACAR § 121.513(m). Revised GACAR § 121.781 concerning flight engineers. Corrected errors in GACAR §§ 121.1353 and 121.1357.

Version 8.0 -

- 1- Amending flight crew safety belts and shoulder harnesses rules §121.1141.
- 2- Establishing a new date for Extended Envelope Training §121.889.
- 3- Establishing a new date for the installation of aircraft underwater location device §121.513.
- 4- Amending aircraft maintenance training program §121.695.

Docket Number [GR19-004] Dated 17/11/2019.

Version 9.0 - Affected paragraphs : § 121.847. Docket Number [GR20-013] Dated 06/01/2021.

Version 10.0 - Introduce changes specific to helicopter required Operating Experience stipulated under 121.789 IOE Operating Experience, Operating Cycles, and Consolidation of Knowledge and Skills [GR22-005] Dated 18/06/2022.

Version 11.0 - Amendment to the qualification of Rotorcraft Pilots (121.765). Docket Number [GR23-002] Dated 05/04/2023.

Version 12.0 - Affected paragraph § 121.5. This amendment was made to remove the maximum takeoff mass limitation from the definition of the GACAR Part-121 “Special Unscheduled Operations”. Docket [GR23-010] Dated 10/08/2023.

Version 13.0 - Affected paragraph § 121.513. Tht for THREE megaphones for is amendment was made to delete the requiremenairplanes with more than 200 passenger capacity. Docket [GR23-020] Dated 24/08/2023.

Version 14.0 - This revision is enabling GACA to issue an authorization allowing helicopters operating under PC2WE. Docket [GR24-002] Dated 25/04/2024.

Version 15.0 - The revision aligns with ICAO Annex-6 Part-I by updating the cockpit door requirements based on aircraft weight and passenger capacity. Docket [GR24-012] Dated 24/07/2024.

Version 16.0 - Amended to permit single pilot Rotorcraft Operations under certain prescribed conditions and thereby align with EASA and FAA provisions. Docket [GR25-003] Dated 30/07/2025.

GACAR Part 125

Version 2.0 - First official version published.

Version 3.0 - Header and footer style updated.

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Version 4.0 - Changes to requirements concerning management personnel in GACAR § 125.31 and fatigue management in GACAR § 125.425.

Version 5.0 - Added requirement that management personnel in GACAR § 125.31 must be acceptable to the President.

Version 6.0 - Corrected and updated fuel supply requirements and alternate aerodrome requirements in GACAR §§ 125.503, 125.509 and a new 125.510. Revised GACAR § 125.337 concerning flight engineers.

Version 7.0 - Correct a typographical error in §125.223(c) to provide the correct reference to GACAR Part-21. Docket Number [GR20-011] Dated 26/11/2020.

Version 8.0 - Affected paragraphs : § 125.379. Docket Number [GR20-013] Dated 06/01/2021.

Version 9.0 -Fully revised version to stipulate optimum regulations serving the interest of the non-commercial operators in KSA while in compliance with Annex 6 part 2 standards. The following are summaries of the revised aspects:

- 1- Aircraft Management for GA Operators.
 - 2- Accountable Executive/Post Holders Nomination.
 - 3- Qualification for Post Holders.
 - 4- Qualification for PIC/SIC.
 - 5- Filling the gap between ICAO SARPs and current Part 125.
 - 6- Streamlining of Operational and Airworthiness Requirements.
- Docket Number [GR24-011] Dated 04/08/2024.

GACAR Part 127

Version 2.0 - First official version published.

Version 3.0 - Header and footer style updated.

This part has been removed due to contradiction with GACAR Part 125 and ICAO Annex 6 Part 2 SARP, [Docket number 0010-2017/1439] removed on 14/12/2017.

GACAR Part 129

Version 2.0 - First official version published.

Version 3.0 - Header and footer style updated. Editorial corrections in GACAR § 129.1. Added a new section GACAR § 129.15. Minor changes in GACAR § 129.11.

Version 4.0 - Added a new section GACAR § 129.31. Added new Appendix A.

Version 5.0 - Full revision to maximize the alignment with the ICAO Annex-6 Part-I SARPs, and stipulate the rules for aircraft wet-lease-in by foreign operators, Docket Number [GR22-008] Dated 12/09/2022.

CHANGE HISTORY

GACAR Part 133

Version 2.0 - First official version published.

Version 3.0 - Header and footer style updated. Applicability limited to manned aircraft.

Version 4.0 - Amendment of GACAR Part-133 to allow for the authorization of aerial work operator certificated or authorized by a contracting state to the Convention on International Civil Aviation to engage in aerial work operations in KSA without being certificated under GACAR Part-133, Docket Number [GR21-01] Dated 22/01/2022.

GACAR Part 135

Version 2.0 - First official version published.

Version 3.0 - Header and footer style updated.

Version 4.0 - Affected paragraphs : § 135.331. Docket Number [GR20-013] Dated 06/01/2021.

Version 5.0 - Initial issue introducing provisions governing the operations of Powered-Lift aircraft to enable the operation of Advanced Air Mobility in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Docket Number [GR25-010] Dated 08/10/2025.

GACAR Part 137

Version 1.0 - First official version published, Docket Number [GR22-001] Dated 05/01/2022.

Version 2.0 - Amendment to the rules pertaining to the Accountable Executive and Post holders, Docket Number [GR22-007] Dated 10/08/2022.

GACAR Part 138

Version 1.0 - First official version published, Refer to Docket number 18-013.

Version 2.0 - fully revised version for compliance with ICAO Annex 14. Stipulates regulations for the certification and authorization of heliports and helipads in KSA, Refer to Docket number [GR21-013] Dated 22/08/2021.

Version 3.0 - Amendment to the rules pertaining to the Accountable Executive and Post holders, Docket Number [GR22-007] Dated 10/08/2022.

GACAR Part 139

Version 2.0 - First official version published.

Version 3.0 - Header and footer style updated. Rearranged Subparts. Added new Subpart for personnel requirements.

Version 4.0 - Corrected error in the table of contents.

Version 5.0 - Revised applicability for certification in GACAR § 139.1 and revised concept for ICAO Recommended Practices deviated from or not implemented in GACAR § 139.51.

CHANGE HISTORY

Version 6.0 - Replace the entire part with a new version to include all airports standards, Refer to Docket number 18-008.

Version 7.0 - fully revised version for compliance with ICAO Annex 14. Stipulates regulations for the certification and authorization of aerodromes in KSA, Refer to Docket number [GR21-013] Dated 22/08/2021.

Version 8.0 - Amendment to the rules pertaining to the Accountable Executive and Post holders, Docket Number [GR22-007] Dated 10/08/2022.

Version 9.0 - Amendments to the validity period of a certificate and a comprehensive revision that includes the alignment with Annex 14 Ninth Edition, July 2022. Docket Number [GR24-021] Dated 02/04/2024.

GACAR Part 141

Version 2.0 - First official version published.

Version 3.0 - Header and footer style updated.

Version 4.0 - Corrected error in GACAR § 141.49.

Version 5.0 -

1- Amending the contents of Appendix-D (ATP Course).

2- Addition of ATP-CTP course to Appendix-J.

Refer to Docket number GR19-002 [Dated 7/4/2019]

Version 6.0 - Amendment to Appendix-B regarding the prerequisites for enrollment in an approved instrument rating course, Docket Number [GR22-009] Dated 08/12/2022.

Version 7.0 - Initial issue introducing provisions governing the operations of Powered-Lift aircraft to enable the operation of Advanced Air Mobility in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Docket Number [GR25-010] Dated 08/10/2025.

Version 8.0 - Amended to revise the applicability to exclude operations under GACAR Part 107 Unmanned Aircraft Systems. Docket Number [GR24-010] Dated 22/08/2024.

GACAR Part 142

Version 2.0 - First official version published.

Version 3.0 - Header and footer style updated.

Version 4.0 - Corrected error in GACAR §142.56.

Version 5.0 - Affected paragraphs : § 142.1, § 142.5, § 142.9, § 142.11, § 142.55, § 142.57, § 142.59, § 142.61, § 142.62, and § 142.93 . Docket Number [GR20-013] Dated 06/01/2021.

Version 6.0 - Initial issue introducing provisions governing the operations of Powered-Lift aircraft to enable the operation of Advanced Air Mobility in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Docket

CHANGE HISTORY

Number [GR25-010] Dated 08/10/2025.

GACAR Part 143

Version 2.0 - First official version published.

Version 3.0 - Header and footer style updated. Editorial corrections including to fix paragraph numbers in Appendix C, Section III.

Version 4.0 - Editorial correction in GACAR § 143.99

Version 5.0 - Clarified that applicability includes training provided in support of air operator's training courses (GACAR § 143.35) and added student to instructor ratio may not exceed 25:1 unless authorized (GACAR § 143.39).

GACAR Part 144

Version 1.0 - First official version published.

Version 2.0 - Header and footer style updated.

Version 3.0 - Corrected editorial error in GACAR § 144.75(d).

Version 4.0 - Added GACAR § 144.77 for special curriculums.

GACAR Part 145

Version 2.0 - First official version published.

Version 3.0 - Header and footer style updated.

Version 4.0 - Changes in management positions must be notified to the GACA within 10 days.

Version 5.0 - Removing the requirement to submit a letter of intent when applying for a repair station certificate within KSA, affected paragraph 145.15. Docket [GR24-017 (Duplicate Number)] Dated 23/07/2024.

Version 6.0 - Added EASA approval as an option to qualify for a GACA foreign repair station certificate, provided that other GACA requirements have been satisfied. Docket Number [GR24-043] Dated 19/02/2025.

GACAR Part 147

Version 2.0 - First official version published.

Version 3.0 - Header and footer style updated.

Version 4.0 - Minor refinements in appendices and added instructor experience requirements in GACAR § 147.63.

Version 5.0 - Editorial correction in GACAR § 147.73.

GACAR Part 149

CHANGE HISTORY

Version 2.0 - First official version published.

Version 3.0 - Header and footer style updated.

Version 4.0 - Registration of model aircraft added.

Version 5.0 - change the title from Aviation Clubs to Aviation Recreation Organizations, refer to Docket number 18-003.

Version 6.0 - update of change the title from Aviation Clubs to Aviation Recreation Organizations, refer to Docket number 18-003.

GACAR Part 151

Version 1.0 - First official version published.

Version 2.0 - Updated entire Part. Added new Subpart on fatigue management. Training manager now required. Instructor and supervisory personnel experience requirements increased. Record retention periods increased.

Version 3.0 - Corrected references in GACAR 151.101(g).

Version 4.0 - Amendment of Ground Service Providers Certification (Docket No. 18-002).

Version 5.0 - Update the TOC and Titles.

Version 6.0 - Full revision of Part-151 to address:

- 1- The applicability of Part-151.
- 2- The differences between certificated Ground Services providers and Self-Handlers.
- 3- Harmonization with other rules and regulations.

Docket [GR23-008] Dated 31/07/2023.

Version 7.0 - Changes include the qualification requirements for Ground Services personnel and the validity of a Part 151 Certificate which changes from two years to five years. Docket [GR24-023] Dated 02/01/2025.

GACAR Part 156

Version 1.0 - This new set of regulations under GACA Regulations Part-156 is titled "Environmental Sustainability Regulations." These regulations comply with the Royal Order No. 13662 dated 30-3-1438 Hijra and reference the Council of Ministers Resolution No. 729 dated 16-11-1441 Hijra. The purpose of these regulations is to enforce the necessary measures related to environmental protection in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Docket Number [GR23-024] Dated 09/02/2024.

GACAR Part 157

Version 1.0 - First official version published. Docket Number [GR21-009] Dated 20/04/2021.

CHANGE HISTORY

GACAR Part 170

Version 2.0 - First official version published.

Version 3.0 - Header and footer style updated. Several sections refined without substantive changes.

Version 4.0 - Added GACAR § 170.9 related to security and GACAR § 170.26 related to foreign approvals.

Version 5.0 - Amendment to § 170.23 to exclude Instrument Flight Procedure Service Providers under GACAR Part-172 and Flight Inspection Service Providers under GACAR Part-173 from certain requirements. Docket Number [GR22-004] Dated 29/05/2022.

GACAR Part 171

Version 2.0 - First official version published.

Version 3.0 - Header and footer style updated. Several sections refined without substantive changes.

Version 4.0 - Minor refinements to rule text in many sections. Added GACAR § 171.272 related to contingency procedures and GACAR §171.596 related to incident reports.

Version 5.0 - Added GACAR § 171.83 and §171.85 related to check controllers.

Version 6.0 - Major Amendment to GACAR Part 171. This amendment was made to align Part 171 with the last amendments to ICAO Annexes 2, 11, and Doc-4444 and to introduce new requirements on remote aerodrome ATS considering the global and regional best practices. Docket number [GR23-013], Dated 19/06/2023.

GACAR Part 172

Version 2.0 - First official version published.

Version 3.0 - Header and footer style updated.

Version 4.0 - Fixes a publishing error - no other changes.

Version 5.0 - Minor refinements to rule text in several sections. Corrected duplicate entry of GACAR § 172.45. Added GACAR § 172.47 related to terrain data and GACAR § 17.48 related to visibility minima.

Version 6.0 - Amended to:

- 1) establish a dedicated subpart for Flight Validation Service Providers to streamline the certification process and the acceptance of Flight Validation Operations Manuals;
- 2) introduce the IFP Sponsor role, including its responsibilities and its coordination requirements with the IFP Custodian;
- 3) revise all sections to ensure full alignment with ICAO Standards and Recommended

CHANGE HISTORY

Practices.

Docket Number [GR25-013] Dated 01/12/2025.

GACAR Part 173

Version 2.0 - First official version published.

Version 3.0 - Header and footer style updated.

Version 4.0 - Minor refinements to rule text in several sections.

Version 5.0 - Editorial correction in GACAR § 173.233. Appendix B.3 revised to eliminate requirement for Category II far field monitor.

Version 6.0 - Editorial correction in GACAR § 173.35.

Version 7.0 - This amendment is made to align its requirement with the latest amendments made to ICAO Annex 10. Additionally, new technical requirements have been introduced to support the Provision of remote aerodrome ATS and local digital aerodrome Air Traffic Services, Introduction of data-link applications such as CPDLC and Delivery clearances (DCL), and Implementation of surveillance systems for managing aerodrome surface movements. Docket Number [GR23-027] Dated 07/01/2024.

GACAR Part 175

Version 2.0 - First official version published.

Version 3.0 - Header and footer style updated. Several sections refined without substantive changes.

Version 4.0 - Minor refinements to rule text in several sections.

Version 5.0 - Completely revised version to facilitate the amendment of ICAO Annex-15 (16th edition), and the ICAO PANS-AIM (Doc-10066). Docket Number [GR20-001] Dated 08/01/2020.

Version 6.0 - Fully reissued version incorporating the latest amendments to ICAO Annex 15, Annex 4, and ICAO PANS-AIM Doc 10066. Docket Number [GR24-018] Dated 16/09/2020.

GACAR Part 177

Version 1.0 - This new release of GACAR Part 177 replaces the existing GACA Regulation, Section 12, on Search and Rescue. It aligns with ICAO Annex 12, ensuring compliance and establishing a regulatory framework for the KSA Cospas-Sarsat Mission Control Centre (MCC) and the KSA Global Aeronautical Distress and Safety System (GADSS) point of contact. Docket Number [GR24-026] Dated 03/09/2024.

CHANGE HISTORY

GACAR Part 179

Version 2.0 - First official version published.

Version 3.0 - Header and footer style updated.

Version 4.0 - Clarified in GACAR § 179.1 that certification under GACAR Part 170 is required for any MET service provider, fixed duplicate GACAR § 179.21 and corrected minor format error in GACAR § 179.151

Version 5.0 - A complete reissue that incorporates recent amendments to ICAO Annex 3, Meteorological Service for International Air Navigation and introduces new or modified requirements for: space weather advisory information services; improvement in the provision of SIGMET information by meteorological watch offices (MWOs); information on the release of radioactive material into the atmosphere; SIGMET and AIRMET information; modifications of IWXXM representations of information; special air-reports on turbulence; dissemination of AIRMET and GAMET; the inclusion of heavy dust storms (HVY DS) in special air-reports; digital format for volcanic ash and tropical cyclone advisories and AIRMET information; the provision of METAR/SPECI, TAF and SIGMET information in digital format; the use of the Global Reporting Format for assessing and reporting runway surface conditions; GAMET forecasts; RVR assessments; and quality management systems; system-wide information management (SWIM); information security; aeronautical meteorological personnel qualification and competency, education and training. Docket Number [GR24-019] Dated 19/04/2025.

Version 6.0 - Amended to align with the provisions of ICAO Annex 3 Amendment 82 (21st Edition, effective 27 November 2025) and ICAO Procedures for Air Navigation Services - Meteorology (PANS-MET, Doc 10157). Key areas of enhancement include: Digital transformation through IWXXM implementation and SWIM integration; Improvement of requirements related to space weather services and centers; Enhancement of quality management systems aligned with ISO standards; Quantitative volcanic ash concentration information requirements; Updated definitions distinguishing meteorological authority from service provider; Modernized communication and data exchange protocols; Strengthened personnel qualification and training requirements. Docket Number [GR25-014] Dated 10/12/2025.

GACAR Part 183

Version 2.0 - First official version published.

Version 3.0 - Header and footer style updated. Added designated obstacle assessors and designated aviation club representatives.

Version 4.0 - Replaced the term Aviation Club with the term Aviation Recreation Organization, Refer to Docket number 18-003.

CHANGE HISTORY

Version 5.0 - Adding the rules relating to the approval for designated organization performing aviation safety related function on behalf of the president. Refer to Docket number GR-003 Dated 28/07/2019.

Version 6.0 - 1-Due to a rule change that requires a student pilot to hold a separate student pilot certificate issued by GACA in accordance with GACAR Part 61 Subpart D.

2-This rulemaking docket deletes the designated AME privileges to issue a student pilot certificate (.GACAR §183.29 (d).

Docket Number [GR20-006] Dated 16/06/2020.

Version 7.0 - Revised the table of contents from § 183.45 Fees To § 183.49 Fees. Add a new title: §183.45 Designated Ground Services Inspection Representatives. A new SUBPART E – Designated English Language Proficiency Testing center (ELPTC) addition. SUBPART F had been added titled – Designated Ground Services Inspection Organization and its associated subparagraphs. Docket Number [GR22-014] Dated 13/02/2023.

Version 8.0 - This amendment:

- 1- Updates existing terminology related to ATCO Examiners to align with new terms (ATC and FIS assessors) used in GACAR Part-64 and Part-171;
- 2- Deletes provision § 183.41 Designated Obstacle Assessors as the function will be performed solely by GACA;
- 3- Updates the title of Assistant President of the Aviation Standards to Executive Vice President of Aviation Safety and Environmental Sustainability;
- 4- Updates other minor text and gender references.

Docket Number [GR24-041] Dated 22/01/2025.

Version 9.0 - Amended to introduce a new Article § 183.32 “Remote Pilot Examiners”, enabling designation of Designated Remote Pilot Examiners (DRPEs) for practical skills tests in the UAS Specific Category. Docket Number [GR24-010] Dated 22/08/2024.

GACAR Part 193

Version 2.0 - First official version published.

Version 3.0 - Header and footer style updated.

GACAR Part 199

Version 2.0 - First official version published.

Version 3.0 - Header and footer style updated. Sets coming into force date in GACAR § 199.3 as March 1, 2016. Revises transitional provisions for GACAR Part 5, 45, 47, 61, 64, 65, 66, 139, and 170. Transition provisions added for ultralight vehicles (GACAR Part 103) and aviation clubs (GACAR Part 149). Several minor editorial corrections.

CHANGE HISTORY

Version 4.0 - Certain relief now provided for persons already approved to design instrument flight procedures. Grace period allowed under GACAR Part 97 increased to 24 months. New transition provisions added for GACAR Parts 101, 109 and 151.

Version 5.0 - Added transition provisions for GACAR Part 68 and revised transition provisions for GACAR Part 151.

Version 6.0 - Added new paragraph (a - 4) and (t - 2) to Transitional Provisions GACAR § 199.13.

Version 7.0 - Removed 127 references from this Document.

Version 8.0 - Replaced the term Aviation Club with the term Aviation Recreation Organization, Refer to Docket number 18-003.

Version 9.0 - Amendment of Transitional Provisions to establish the new date of 31st December 2018 for full compliance with the New GACARs, Repeal of GACAR Part 127, Coming into force of GACARs Part 48 and Part 107 and Repeal the Regulatory Interim Policy, Memo Number 2/4825 dated 12/6/1439 (Extension of the new GACARs Implementation date), Refer to Docket number 18-009.

Version 10.0 – The amendment is made as GACAR PART -151 and PART- 68 have undergone comprehensive revisions. The purpose of this rulemaking docket is to propose the coming into force dates for the amended GACARs Parts-151 and 68. The proposed coming into force dates were determined as a result of continuous consultation with the affected regulated entities. Docket Number [GR23-023] Dated 13/12/2023.

Version 11.0 – This amendment stipulates the effectivity dates for the application of the current GACAR Part 138 and GACAR Part 125 in terms of coming into force and transitional provisions. Docket Number [GR24-025] Dated 04/09/2024.

Version 12.0 - Initial issue introducing provisions governing the operations of Powered-Lift aircraft to enable the operation of Advanced Air Mobility in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Docket Number [GR25-010] Dated 08/10/2025.