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**FLIGHT SAFETY OVERSIGHT**

The continuing State supervision of operations conducted by airline/aircraft operators is inherent in the system of certification and is an essential part of the state's responsibility to ensure safe and reliable commercial air transportation service to the public. Under the present regulations, the Department of Civil Aviation (BDCA) has the authority and responsibility for exercising continuing surveillance over such operations to ensure that acceptable safety standards are maintained. The nature of responsibilities is applicable to the State and operator for the safe, regular and efficient conduct of flight operations.

To achieve this objective, the BDCA must endeavor to discharge this responsibility by continuously monitoring operations to determine whether they are adhering to acceptable practices and proper procedures that will promote safety in operations

The required surveillance and the related inspections are planned by the Inspectorate staff and some of them have already been taking place. All the Inspectors authorized to conduct surveillance now possess appropriate credentials identifying them as Inspectors employed at the BDCA.

The above will assist the BDCA to meet Belize's obligations under the Convention on International Civil Aviation on matters relating to airworthiness and flight operations. It is also aimed to respond effectively to the Department's responsibilities for the development of the civil aviation industry.

The cooperation of all airline/aircraft operators and that of their staff is therefore strongly requested to assist the Inspectorate staff during the execution of their duties.

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