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**IMPLEMENTATION AN DISSEMINATION**  
**OF BELIZE CIVIL AVIATION REGULATIONS (BCARs)**

In realization of the forward-looking and comprehensive vision of the Government of Belize, the Minister responsible for Civil Aviation in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by Sections 4,5,8,9, and 32 of the Belize Civil Aviation Act, Chapter 239 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000-2003, enabled Statutory Instrument No. 126 of 2009 on the 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2009 which amends the present Belize Civil Aviation Regulations known as the BCARs.

The Government of Belize, through the Belize Department of Civil Aviation (BDCA) has identified a need to incorporate the most recent global best practice. Since the introduction of the BCARs in July of 2008, there have been many amendments to the International Civil Aviation Organization's (ICAO) Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) which Belize, as an ICAO Contracting State, is obliged to comply.

The issuance of this Statutory Instrument (S.I.) No. 126 of 2009 culminated in the promulgation of the amendment of some BCARs and the addition of others. The Belize Civil Aviation Regulations, Issue 2 as well as the new regulations entered into force as of 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2009.

The BDCA, in the appreciation of the complexity of incorporating new aviation regulations and the time the industry may need to meet all applicable Standards, has established a "phase-in period" for compliance.

The "phase-in period" will last for a period of six months and the date established for full compliance with the aforementioned regulations is 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2010. All new applicants and operators will have their respective applications processed in accordance with the BCARs as amended.

The general aviation public are hereby informed that an electronic copy of the BCARs Issue 2 is available at the offices of the Belize Department of Civil Aviation on or after 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2009.

The aforementioned S.I. duly amended, therefore incorporates the following new BCARs:

- a. BCAR Air Navigation Services (ANS)
- b. BCAR Air Traffic Services (ATS)
- c. BCAR Certification of Aerodromes (139)
- d. BCAR Aerodrome Design and Operations Vol. I (BCAR 14); and
- e. BCAR Aerodrome Design and Operations Vol. II (BCAR 14) Heliports.

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