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AIR NAVIGATION ACT 1966

AIR NAVIGATION
(47 — AIRCRAFT REGISTRATION)
REGULATIONS 2026

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In exercise of the powers conferred by section 9 of the Air Navigation Act 1966, the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore, with the approval of the Acting Minister for Transport, makes the following Regulations:

PART 1
PRELIMINARY

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations are the Air Navigation (47 — Aircraft Registration) Regulations 2026 and come into operation on 1 February 2026.

Definitions

2. Any term in these Regulations that is defined in the First Schedule to the Air Navigation (91 — General Operating Rules) Regulations 2018 (G.N. No. S 441/2018) has the meaning given to that term in that Schedule unless the term is otherwise defined in the First Schedule to these Regulations.

Purpose of these Regulations

3. These Regulations prescribe the following:
- (a) the requirements for an aircraft to be registered in Singapore;
 - (b) the persons who are eligible to register an aircraft in Singapore;
 - (c) the manner of registering an aircraft in Singapore;

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- (d) the requirements applicable to an aircraft registered in Singapore.

Interface with other civil aviation regulations

4. These Regulations are related to but do not affect the following:
- (a) the International Interests in Aircraft Equipment Regulations 2026 (G.N. No. S 41/2026);
 - (b) the Air Navigation (91 — General Operating Rules) Regulations 2018.

PART 2

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION IN RESPECT OF AIRCRAFT

Requirement for certificate of registration

5.—(1) A person must not operate an aircraft in Singapore unless there is a certificate of registration that is in force in respect of the aircraft that is granted —

- (a) under regulation 8(1)(a);
 - (b) by the foreign aviation authority of a territory or Contracting State; or
 - (c) by the foreign aviation authority of some other State, country or territory (each called *X*) in relation to which there is in force an agreement between the Government and the government of *X* that makes provision for the flight in Singapore of aircraft registered in *X*.
- (2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to —
- (a) any tethered sky lantern;
 - (b) any kite;
 - (c) any tethered balloon;
 - (d) any free balloon that is not more than 2 m in any linear dimension (including any object attached to the balloon);
 - (e) any parasail;

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- (f) any unmanned aircraft; or
 - (g) any aircraft of any part of the Singapore Armed Forces (including any aircraft that is commanded by a member of those Forces in the course of his or her duties as such a member).

(3) Despite paragraph (1), a person may operate an aircraft in Singapore in respect of which no certificate of registration is granted on any flight that is operated in accordance with regulation 5(4) of the Air Navigation (91 — General Operating Rules) Regulations 2018.

Who is eligible to apply for certificate of registration

6. A person (called in these Regulations an eligible applicant) is eligible to apply for a certificate of registration in respect of an aircraft if —

- (a) the person is one of the following:
 - (i) in the case of an aircraft to be used for the purposes of commercial air transport or aerial work —
 - (A) the Government;
 - (B) a citizen of Singapore; or
 - (C) a body incorporated in Singapore;
 - (ii) in the case of an aircraft not to be used for the purposes of commercial air transport or aerial work —
 - (A) a person mentioned in sub-paragraph (i)(A), (B) or (C); or
 - (B) a person residing or having a place of business in Singapore; and
- (b) the person is the owner of the aircraft.

Application for grant of certificate of registration

7. An application for the grant of a certificate of registration in respect of an aircraft must —

- (a) be made —
 - (i) by an eligible applicant; or
 - (ii) on behalf of the eligible applicant by an authorised representative of the eligible applicant;
- (b) be made at least 30 working days before the aircraft is to be flown in Singapore;
- (c) be made to the Authority in the form and manner required by the Authority;
- (d) be accompanied by the following information and documents:
 - (i) the name, business registration number or identity card number (as the case may be) and contact address of the eligible applicant;
 - (ii) if the application is made by an authorised representative —
 - (A) the name, business registration number or identity card number (as the case may be) and contact address of the authorised representative; and
 - (B) evidence showing that the representative is authorised by the eligible applicant;
 - (iii) the name, business registration number and contact address of the operator of the aircraft, if any;
 - (iv) the name and address of the manufacturer of the aircraft;
 - (v) the registration mark, make, model, year of manufacture, manufacturer serial number and maximum certified take-off mass of the aircraft;
 - (vi) the engine make and model of the aircraft;

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- (vii) a description of the aircraft according to column 4 of the “Table of General Classification of Aircraft” specified in Aviation Specifications 11;
 - (viii) the flight manual for the aircraft;
 - (ix) if the aircraft is leased to the eligible applicant — the lease agreement for the aircraft;
 - (x) if the eligible applicant has a legal interest in the aircraft — the title to the aircraft, the purchase agreement for the aircraft or other document evidencing the eligible applicant’s legal interest in the aircraft;
 - (xi) proof of cancellation of foreign registration or, for a new aircraft, proof that the aircraft has never been registered elsewhere;
 - (xii) supporting documents in relation to the reduced vertical separation minima (RVSM) operation of the aircraft;
 - (xiii) documents showing that the nationality mark and registration mark on the aircraft comply with the requirements specified in Aviation Specifications 12;
 - (xiv) documents showing that the information on the name plate of the owner of the aircraft is accurate;
 - (xv) any other document or report that the Authority may require; and
- (e) be accompanied by the relevant application fee (if any) specified in the Second Schedule.

Grant of certificate of registration

8.—(1) After receiving an application under regulation 7, the Authority may —

- (a) on payment of the relevant application fee (if any) specified in the Second Schedule, grant a certificate of registration in respect of the aircraft, subject to any conditions that the Authority thinks fit; or

(b) refuse to grant the certificate of registration applied for.

(2) For the purposes of section 15(2)(a) of the Act, in deciding whether an applicant should be granted a certificate of registration in respect of an aircraft, and the conditions to impose or modify, the Authority must be satisfied that —

- (a) the aircraft satisfies any assessments, checks or procedures required by the Authority;
- (b) the aircraft is not registered in a foreign country, territory or Contracting State, unless the registration of the aircraft outside Singapore ceases by operation of law on the applicant being granted a certificate of registration in respect of the aircraft;
- (c) it is not inexpedient in the public interest for the applicant to be granted a certificate of registration in respect of the aircraft; and
- (d) the nationality mark and registration mark is displayed on the aircraft in accordance with the requirements specified in Aviation Specifications 12.

Validity of certificate of registration

9. Subject to the provisions of the Act, a certificate of registration in respect of an aircraft remains in force unless —

- (a) the aircraft is deregistered under Article IX(5) of the Protocol to the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment on Matters Specific to Aircraft Equipment signed at Cape Town on 16 November 2001 on an application under regulation 5 of the International Interests in Aircraft Equipment Regulations 2026; or
- (b) the certificate of registration is suspended or revoked by the Authority.

Variation to certificate of registration

10.—(1) A holder of a certificate of registration in respect of an aircraft must first obtain the approval of the Authority to vary the

certificate of registration before implementing a change of any of the particulars set out in the certificate of registration.

(2) An application to vary a certificate of registration in respect of an aircraft must —

- (a) be made to the Authority in the form and manner required by the Authority;
- (b) be accompanied by the following information and documents:
 - (i) the name, business registration number or identity card number (as the case may be) and contact address of the applicant;
 - (ii) the name, business registration number and contact address of the operator of the aircraft, if any;
 - (iii) if the aircraft is leased to the applicant — the lease agreement for the aircraft;
 - (iv) if the applicant has a legal interest in the aircraft — the title to the aircraft, the purchase agreement for the aircraft or other document evidencing the applicant's legal interest in the aircraft;
 - (v) documents showing that the information on the name plate of the owner of the aircraft is accurate; and
- (c) be made at least one week before the date of intended implementation of the variation.

(3) Upon receiving an application under paragraph (2), the Authority may, subject to any conditions that the Authority thinks fit —

- (a) approve the application; or
- (b) reject the application.

Eligibility to hold certificate of registration

11. A person is not eligible to continue to hold a certificate of registration in respect of an aircraft if the person ceases to be a person described in regulation 6.

Cancellation of certificate of registration

12.—(1) A holder of a certificate of registration in respect of an aircraft must apply to the Authority for the cancellation of the certificate of registration if any of the following happens:

- (a) when the holder of the certificate is not, or ceases to be, eligible to hold a certificate of registration in respect of an aircraft under regulation 11;
- (b) when the aircraft is destroyed or permanently withdrawn from use.

(2) An application for the cancellation of a certificate of registration in respect of an aircraft must —

- (a) be made in the form and manner required by the Authority; and
- (b) be accompanied by the following information and documents:
 - (i) the name, business registration number or identity card number (as the case may be) and contact address of the applicant;
 - (ii) the name, business registration number and contact address of the Singapore operator;
 - (iii) if the applicant is not the legal owner of the aircraft — documents showing that the applicant is duly authorised by the legal owner to make the application;
 - (iv) documents showing that the nationality mark and registration mark on the aircraft have been removed or will be removed at the time of deregistration;
 - (v) documents showing that the name plate of the owner of the aircraft has been removed or will be removed at the time of deregistration;
 - (vi) documents showing that the aircraft address, being a 24-bit code, has been removed or will be removed at the time of deregistration.

(3) Upon receiving an application under paragraph (1), the Authority may, subject to any conditions that the Authority thinks fit —

- (a) approve the application and issue a certificate of deregistration to the applicant; or
- (b) reject the application.

(4) The holder of a certificate of registration in respect of an aircraft must remove the certificate of registration from the aircraft immediately upon receiving the certificate of deregistration mentioned in paragraph (3)(a).

PART 3

REQUIREMENTS FOR AIRCRAFT

Nationality mark and registration mark

13.—(1) A holder of a certificate of registration in respect of an aircraft must ensure that —

- (a) the nationality mark and registration mark on the aircraft; and
- (b) any other markings on the aircraft,

are painted or affixed in accordance with Aviation Specifications 12.

(2) A holder of a certificate of registration in respect of an aircraft must not make any change to the nationality mark or registration mark on the aircraft without the approval of the Director-General of Civil Aviation.

(3) A person who contravenes paragraph (1) or (2) shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction —

- (a) to a fine not exceeding \$20,000; or
- (b) where the person is a repeat offender, to a fine not exceeding \$40,000 or to imprisonment not exceeding 15 months or to both.

PART 4
MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Fees

14.—(1) The provisions of the Second Schedule are to have effect with respect to the fees to be charged in connection with the application for any certificate required or provided by or for the purpose of these Regulations.

(2) The Director-General of Civil Aviation may, in any particular case, waive or refund in whole or in part any fee payable under these Regulations on any terms and conditions that the Director-General of Civil Aviation thinks fit.

Saving and transitional provisions

15.—(1) Every certificate of registration that is furnished by the Chief Executive under paragraph 4(8) of the Air Navigation Order (O 2) before 1 February 2026 and that is in force on that date is to continue in force as if the certificate were granted under regulation 8(1)(a).

(2) An application under paragraph 4(6) of the Air Navigation Order made before 1 February 2026 for registration of an aircraft, which is still pending on or after that date, is to be treated as if that application were made under regulation 7 for the grant of a certificate of registration in respect of the aircraft.

FIRST SCHEDULE

Regulation 2

DEFINITIONS

“aircraft address” means the unique combination of 24 bits available for assignment to an aircraft for the purposes of air-ground communications, navigation and surveillance.

“Aviation Specifications 11” means the document entitled “Aviation Specifications 11 — Classification of Aircraft” published by the Director-General of Civil Aviation, as amended from time to time.

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“Aviation Specifications 12” means the document entitled “Aviation Specifications 12 — Nationality and Registration Mark” published by the Director-General of Civil Aviation, as amended from time to time.

“certificate of registration”, in relation to an aircraft, means a certificate granted by the Authority under regulation 8(1)(a), which authorises the flight or operation of the aircraft.

“name plate” means the plate affixed on an aircraft in accordance with Aviation Specifications 12.

“owner”, in relation to an aircraft, means an owner of a legal or beneficial interest in the aircraft or a share in the aircraft.

SECOND SCHEDULE

Regulations 7(e), 8(1)(a) and 14

FEES

Application for certificate of registration

1. The fee for an application for a certificate of registration in respect of an aircraft is —

- (a) if the maximum certificated take-off mass of the aircraft does not exceed 3,000 kg — \$55; or
- (b) if the maximum certificated take-off mass of the aircraft exceeds 3,000 kg — \$55 plus \$6.60 per 1,000 kg or part thereof in excess of 3,000 kg.

Made on 21 January 2026.

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