

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE MAKING (NPRM)

NPRM Control Number:

CARC-NPRM-2021/005

Agency: Rwanda Civil Aviation Authority

Action: Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, request for comments.

Subject: Amendment to Part 11

Summary: This NPRM solicits comments on potential rulemaking on regulatory requirements concerning

11.066 PILOT HANDBOOK

- (a) The AWC holder shall provide a Pilot Handbook for the operation.
- (b) The Pilot Manual must adequately cover both balloon and all operational safety requirements for the conduct of all flights.

11.070 Applicability

- a) Existing regulation- maintained
- b) Unless otherwise waived, this regulation applies to those operations involving the carriage of persons for viewing natural formations, manmade objects, or wildlife on the ground when:
 - (1) Those operations are conducted as part of a business enterprise or for compensation or hire;
 - (2) The flight is unquestionably advertised as “sightseeing”;
 - (3) The flight returns to the aerodrome or point of departure without having landed at any other aerodrome or place;
 - (4) The flight is conducted within a 25-statute-mile radius of the point of departure aerodrome; and
 - (5) The certificated passenger capacity of the aircraft does not exceed nine passengers.

Note: Any other passenger-carrying flight for remuneration, hire, or valuable consideration shall be conducted under an air operator certificate in accordance with Part 12 of these regulations.

11.176 EXPERIENCE, TRAINING QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS: - SIGHTSEEING FLIGHTS

- (a) No pilot shall conduct sightseeing operations unless that pilot has:
 - (1) At least a CPL with ratings appropriate to the category, class, and type of aircraft to be used under the terms of the certificate of waiver or equivalent authorizations;
 - (2) At least 500 hours as PIC, including:

- (i) At least 20 hours as PIC in the aircraft type;
- (ii) A minimum of 100 hours in the category and class of aircraft to be used; and
- (iii) A minimum of 5 hours as PIC in the make and model of aircraft to be used under the certificate of waiver or equivalent authorization.

11.340 OPERATING RULES: SIGHTSEEING

- a) Each operator shall conduct operations so as not to endanger persons or property on the surface or aircraft in flight.
- b) All sightseeing operations shall be conducted only:
 - (1) In VFR weather conditions; and
 - (2) Between the hours of official sunrise and official sunset.
- c) No person may conduct sightseeing operations:
 - (1) Over congested areas or open-air assemblies of persons lower than 1 000 ft; and
 - (2) Elsewhere lower than the minimum safe altitude requirements of Part 40 of these regulations.
- d) In addition to any operational or equipment requirements of this subpart for manned free balloon operation, the following equipment is required for specific types of manned free balloon operation:
 - (1) For all balloons, an altimeter and a rate-of-climb indicator;
 - (2) For hot air balloons:
 - (i) If fuel cells are used, a means (e.g., fuel quantity gauge) to indicate to the crew the quantity of fuel in each cell during flight, calibrated in appropriate units or in per cent of fuel cell capacity; and
 - (ii) An envelope temperature indicator; and
 - (3) For captive gas balloons, a compass.
- e) In addition to any requirements of this subpart for a specific type of tethered or moored balloon operation, the requirements of 8.8 of these regulations apply.
- f) The requirements of Part 4 of these regulations apply to sightseeing operations described by this subpart.

Dates:

Entry date	Closing date	Remarks
19 July 2021	02 August 2021	Request for comments

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Comments

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