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GUIDELINES FOR GLIDER PILOTS HOLDING A FOREIGN LICENSE WISHING TO FLY CROSS COUNTRY AS PILOT IN COMMAND IN NAMIBIA FOR THE FIRST TIME

- 1.0** A minimum of 500 hours logged total flying time in gliders;
- 2.0** Logged and relevant cross-country experience;
- 3.0** 30 starts of which 5 must have been self-starts in during the last 12 months;
- 4.0** 50 hours flying time in gliders during the last 12 months;
- 5.0** Resting time before the first flight of no less than 24 hours if the time difference to Namibia is up to 4 hours; or 48 hours if the time difference to Namibia is 5 hours or more;
- 6.0** Theoretical introduction into the particular challenges of glider flying in Namibia:
 - a) Conduct in the circuit;
 - b) Structure of the airspace, radio frequencies, orientation in Namibia;
 - c) Climatological and weather related challenges (thermal strength, thunder storms, dust devils, down bursts, density altitude, speed at altitude);
 - d) Landing away from base (alternative landing possibilities, conduct after an off-base landing);
 - e) Medical factors (such as dehydration and hypoxia); fatigue management
 - f) Introduction to the aircraft to be flown and managing/operation of all equipment;
- 7.0** Practical introduction by check flight of 1 hour duration minimum for any pilot flying in Namibia for the first time;
 - a) Control of the aircraft during self-start and in flight;
 - b) Engine restart while airborne;
 - c) Reconnaissance of the area surrounding the airfield;
 - d) Density altitude, speed etc.
- 8.0** Obligatory safety equipment;
 - a) SPOT with tracking activated prior to the flight;
 - b) Functional "Handy"/cellphone or satellite telephone;
 - c) ELT armed;
 - d) Survival pack (additional water, food stuff, bandage, torch, knife, matches, foil blanket, stationery);
 - e) Flight map;
 - f) Parachute

9.0 The Chief Flight Instructor may amend or change these guidelines at his/her discretion and has the final authority to sign off a foreign glider license holder for cross-country flight in Namibia.