Transport Canada Update – Civil Aviation Licensing and Standards Team

1. **Aviation Document Booklets. (ADBs)**
   - The new ADBs are being processed at the rate of approximately 5000 per year to meet the current backlog. The new format is a result of cost reduction measures and is now using digital photos instead of passport photos.
   - TC will have further challenges in processing ADBs as pilot license renewals booklets required will increase to between 18 and 20k in the coming years.
   - TC continues to work on an electronic pilot licensing project which will be the way of the future.

2. **Exemption NCR-008-2023**
   Exemption NCR-008-2023, exempts all licensing applicants who have submitted an application for a permit, license or rating after March 11, 2020 but no later than February 29, 2024, from the requirements of subsection 400.03(1) of the Canadian Aviation Regulations (CARs), subject to conditions. The extension exemptions the validity of the written examinations from 24 to 34 months.
   - For those who are already in courses or starting courses there will be a further 10-month extension of exam validity until June 2024.

3. **Pilot examiner shortages**
   Pilot examiner shortages are becoming critical especially in Western Canada as retirements and travel budgets further exasperate the situation. More delegation of PEs to industry is required to offset the constraints faced by Transport Canada inspectors. Also, further delegation to FTUs of Invigilators for exams needs to be looked at by the regulator.

4. **Flight Training Special Project**
   - Approved Training Organization regulations have reached the first draft stage.
   - There are currently 4 operators in the pilot project, including two type rating organizations, one helicopter operator and one fixed wing operator.
   - ATAC has been involved in this project from its inception over 10 years ago and fully supports the project.
   - TP9685 specifically deals with the standard for Flight Training Simulation Training Devices Level 1 and 2 is currently being updated and revised and will be released as version 3.
   - These projects will ultimately provide further simulation and virtual reality credits and enhance competency-based training using simulation.
   - TC has started work has on a multi crew pilot rating which will use CBT, EBT, CRM, Threat and error training as its core competencies.

5. **IT Transformation**
   - AED Project delegation of exams will be facilitated by a third party outside of Transport Canada with the goal to roll out contracted development of exams by this summer.
   - More updates to come on delegation of INRAT, SARON and IATRA exams.

6. **Electronic Pilot License (EPLI)**
   - Trials have begun with air operators and NAV Canada
   - This format does not use the ICAO standards.
   - Work has begun on establishing the best platform to host the EPLI and has resulted in partnering with Treasury Board Security as a vendor. The goal will be to add the EPLI and Restricted area passes to an electronic wallet.