

**Government of India**  
**Office of the Director General of Civil Aviation**  
**Air Safety Directorate**  
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**Air Safety Circular No. 6 of 2009**

**Subject: Operation of small Aircraft/Helicopters – Recency Requirements.**

During investigation of a recent accident it was observed that pilot and co-pilot did not have recency on the type of the aircraft, which was contributory cause to the accident. The importance of recency on type of aircraft to be flown needs no emphasis. DGCA has issued Operations Circular 2 of 2004 dated 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2004 listing requirements of recency for Pilot-in-Command/Co-pilot operating aircraft having all up weight not exceeding 5,700 kg. These are safety requirements.

All operators and pilots are hereby directed to adhere to the proviso of Operations Circular issued for recency. Non compliance of the same will be treated as serious violation and may invoke punitive action. DGCA Inspectors carrying out surveillance have been advised to invariably check the recency requirements.

All operators are also directed to bring the contents of Operations Circular 2 of 2004 to the notice of the pilots employed by them. It shall be the joint responsibility of operator as well as of pilots to adhere to these requirements before undertaking any flight.

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New Delhi.  
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**Distribution:**

All Non Scheduled Operators, Private Operators, & Freelance Pilots.

**Internal distribution:**

As per list.