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Subject :

A domestic operator voluntarily reported that it was found through its self-audit system a new type galley cart installed on board without design approval.

Background :

- 1.The operator's marketing service division phased out its old type galley cart, and processed its new purchase order, without notice to the maintenance division for acceptance inspection.
- 2.Seeing that Galley cart was an aircraft cabin BFE (Buyer Furnished Equipment) item and not limited as a Type Certificate Holder product, the operator should get a design approval before installation from the Civil Aviation Authority of the State of design and manufacture, in the forms of STC or TSOA.
- 3.Before the new type galley cart STC certification process was accomplished, the manufacturer has issued an airworthiness tag with remarks indicating (not eligible for installation on in-service type certified aircraft). However, the marketing service division itself initiated its operation on board, without notice to or from any authority.

Recommendations :

The operator shall

- Refer to CAA AC 21-008 for application, confirm whether the design approval was obtained or not before purchasing cabin equipment of aircraft, and check manufacture production approval containing this STC design approval.
- Educate its acquisition personnel to be familiar with airworthiness regulation, and establish interface procedures between the related departments in working as a whole. Ensure that all cabin equipment comply with regulation, the company's procedure and acceptance document.
- Implement self-audit to ensure satisfactory performance in the compliance with the above requirements.