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Subject :

Airline operators shall strictly comply with Article 188 of the Aircraft Flight Operation Regulations, ensuring that the required minimum number of cabin crew shall remain in the cabin for safety related duties while passengers are still on board the aircraft.

Background :

A recent violation of one National Airlines was found that, all passenger were still aboard an airplane without cabin crews. Long delay of this flight was caused by some mechanical problem, consequently the company had to reschedule the flight, and sent all the crews to hotel for rest in order to comply with flight duty period limitation, whereas cabin crews decided to leave the cabin without prior coordination and disembarkation of all passengers, violating the safety requirements of regulations.

Recommendations :

For flight safety, airline operators shall comply with Article 188 as follows:

1. Define duties and responsibilities of all personnel involved in flight operations, and establish related procedures for conditions when passengers are still aboard aircraft.
2. Ensure that the required minimum number of cabin crew shall remain in the cabin to perform safety related duties during phases of passenger embarkation and disembarkation.