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**BAHAMAS CIVIL AVIATION ANNOUNCES EXEMPTION FROM MANDATORY
406MHz EMERGENCY LOCATOR TRANSMITTER**

NASSAU, The Bahamas – Jan. 16, 2009 – Bahamas Civil Aviation announces effective Feb. 1, 2009, the installation of 406 MHz emergency locator transmitters (ELTs) will not be mandatory for all general aviation aircraft flying to and within The Islands Of The Bahamas. This exemption, made under the provision of The Civil Aviation (Air Navigation) Regulations 2001, section 2 and the Bahamas Safety Air Regulations 2001, applies to all Bahamas Commercial (AOC's) Operators, general aviation aircraft flying in or over The Bahamas, balloons, gliders and lighter than air.

This rule does not cancel the requirements under the Bahamas Air Safety Regulations (BASR)'s Schedule 7, Subpart C, Communication and Navigation Equipment (b) (3) or BASR 7.290 Emergency Locator Transmitter (ELT) (a), (b), (c) and (d) 1, 2 and 3.

The Bahamas Civil Aviation with respect to all Bahamas Registered AOC Aircraft (C6), will review this policy starting Feb. 1, 2011 to determine any additional extended periods of this policy.

Pilots requesting additional information should contact Greg Rolle at grolle@bahamas.com and/or Keith Gomez at kgomez@bahamas.com.

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