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## COVID - 19

### GUIDANCE FOR POSITIONING FLIGHTS

Procedure in respect of requirement for the positioning of an aircraft as a result of maintenance only in cases where all aircraft related documentation is currently valid such a AtF or CofA and CRS.

Complying with COVID-19 sanitisation requirements as applicable to the extent the crew involved in the intended flights receives approval from the SACAA of their submitted compliance plan/procedure as set out in Government Gazette No. 43375 of 30 May 2020 as it applies to General Aviation.

### Applicability

This Notice applies to

- a) i) Aircraft re-positioning following maintenance; or
- ii) Aircraft operations which is required for purposes of the positioning or re-positioning of an aircraft undergoing or following maintenance; and
- a) Where such Aircraft is in possession of valid airworthiness documentation inclusive of CoA/ AtF and CRS; and
- b) Aircraft operating under Part 94 and Part 91 of the South African Civil Aviation Regulations

This Notice does not apply to

- a) Continued airworthiness flights (aircraft engine and system health) as recommended by aircraft and engine manufacturers. Guidance for such flights is covered under **General Notice #GAD-2020/001**; or
- b) Special flight permits required to position an aircraft for maintenance where such aircraft has an expired Authority to Fly permit or Certificate of Airworthiness must comply with the requirements provided in CAR 21.08.7(1) and CAR 24.02.6 of the Civil Aviation Regulations. Please note that **General Notice #AIR-2020/002** has been withdrawn.

- c) Flights covered by the Government Gazette Notice No. 43375 inclusive of Essential Services flights which are conducted in terms of Part 91 and Part 94 of the Civil Aviation Regulations must comply with the procedure contained in **NOTAM 1773** as it was effective 1 June 2020, and may be amended from time to time.

## Background

On 15 March 2020, the President of the Republic of South Africa declared a national state of disaster regarding the COVID-19 outbreak. In this regard, the President also put in place several measures to limit exposure and the potential spread of the virus.

The President announced the easing of restrictions of the lockdown from Level 4 to Level 3 from 1 June 2020, which would allow businesses to open the workplaces for a limited number of employees returning to work and the resume of certain operations. The objective under Level 3 is to take extreme precautions to limit transmissions and outbreaks while allowing some activities to resume.

Further Directions were published by the Minister of Transport on 30 May 2020 in Government Gazette No. 43375 focusing inter alia on General Aviation operations. Guidance were also published in ANNEXURE E – Guidelines for Flight Operations in General Aviation with even date.

### 1. Process and Conditions

- a) **Process to be followed:**
  - i. Each owner/pilot requesting a flight to be undertaken under the applicability of this Notice will be required to complete a flight request form that is accessible on the websites of the Aero Club of South Africa [www.aeroclub.org.za](http://www.aeroclub.org.za), or the Commercial Aviation Association of South Africa [www.caasa.co.za](http://www.caasa.co.za). (This will include a Covid-19 compliance form). Once the form has been completed, the requestor will be prompted to submit the relevant pilot and aircraft documentation and will be advised of further procedure
  - ii. An internal SACAA approval process will follow where after the automated system will notify the owner / pilot of the outcome and further process to follow. Website application and login detail required for registration of the intended flight and related detail will be provided.
  - iii. Should the processes in paragraphs i. and ii. above not be available or functioning optimally, applicants are advised to send their request directly to

[laubscherp@caa.co.za](mailto:laubscherp@caa.co.za) requesting the covid-19 check sheet for completion and return.

iv. The CAA will be provided with a daily register of all flights undertaken against approvals issued by the automated system.


b) **Adherence to general COVID – 19 regulations**

At all times, the measures outlined by the South African Government to reduce the risk of the spread of COVID-19, such as social distancing, personal hygiene and minimising travel remain applicable, and pilots and operators undertaking flights on the basis permitted here must observe these. All operators must submit a Covid-19 compliance form as part of the flight request as defined in 1 a) above

c) **Compliance with the Civil Aviation Regulations 2011**

Non-compliance to the Civil Aviation Regulations, 2011 have the following consequences:

- i. 185.01.1(1) Any person who commits an offence, or contravenes these Regulations, may be subjected to administrative or criminal action in terms of this Part.
- ii. 185.01.2 A person commits an offence if that person—
  - (a) hinders or obstructs an authorised officer, inspector or authorised person in the exercise of his or her powers or the performance of his or her duties;
- iii. (m) contravenes any provision of the [Civil Aviation] Act and these Regulations.

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