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**GUIDANCE FOR – GENERAL AVIATION and AVIATION RECREATION PROFICIENCY
FLIGHTS**

Procedure in respect of requirements for approval as provided for in Section 3(5B) – GENERAL AVIATION – as contained in Government Gazette 43493 of 1 July 2020

1. Background

Due to the Covid-19 lockdown effect on Aviation operations and more specifically the effect on maintaining pilot proficiency, this notice applies to:

(a) General Aviation.

Part 1 Definition: “General Aviation Operation” means an aircraft operation other than a commercial air transport, air ambulance or aerial work operation;

(b) Recreation Aviation.

Part 1 Definition: “Aviation Recreation” means flying microlight, glider, balloon, gyroplane, hang-glider, paraglider, model aircraft, light sport aeroplane, touring motor glider, parachute or involvement in aviation events;

2. Further directions published – 1 July 2020 (Government Gazette 43493 of 1 July 2020)

2.1. General Aviation

(a) All aerial work is permitted for the following will be permitted for the following purposes:

- agricultural spraying, seeding and dusting;
- cloud spraying, seeding and dusting;
- culling;
- construction; o aerial harvesting;
- aerial patrol, observation and survey;
- aerial advertisement, including banner towing and other towing of objects;

- search and rescue;
- parachuting;
- aerial recording by photographic or electronic means;
- fire spotting, control and fighting; and
- spraying, seeding or dusting other than for agricultural purposes and clouds.

b) Aerial Work operations contained in the paragraph **a)** above must be read in terms of the issuance of an Air Service License and an Aerial Operators Certificate for a service rendered i.e. Commercial Flight Operations,

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c) General Aviation operations with a privately operated “own aircraft” as an integral part of an Essential service business flight for the exclusive benefit of the owner of the aircraft and business in terms of Part 91 i.e. Non-Commercial Flight Operations.

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2.2. General Aviation is permitted for the following purposes:

(a) Proficiency flights provided that the flight is authorised by the South African Civil Aviation Authority and remains within the general flying area, airfield or airport boundaries;

(b) For purposes of paragraph **(a)** above, and as it applies to General Aviation Aircraft

- i) The application process in paragraph **4.** below applies;
- ii) All aircraft airworthiness requirements and Pilot licensing requirements must be valid and current at the time of the intended flight.
- iii) VFR by day flights only;
- iv) Arrival and Departure aerodrome remains the same for the flight; and
- v) Single pilot or essential crew only, no passengers permitted.

2.3 Recreational aviation is permitted for proficiency flights provided that the flight is authorised by the South Africa Civil Aviation Authority and remains within the general flying area, airfield or airport boundaries. In the case of model aircraft, the procedure as published by the SAMAA and as applicable to the registered clubs contained in ENR 5.5 will apply.

(a) For purposes of paragraph 2.3 above, and as it applies to Recreational Aviation Aircraft:

- i) The application process in paragraph 4. below applies;
- ii) All aircraft airworthiness requirements and Pilot licensing requirements need to be up to date and current for approval of the above flights;
- iii) VFR by day flights only;
- iv) Arrival and Departure aerodrome or site remains the same for the flight; and;
- v) In the case of non-powered flights, the SOP will apply.
- vi) Single pilot only, no passengers permitted.

2.4. For the purpose of proficiency flights in 2.2. and 2.3. above a pilot may request that a nominated and current senior mentor pilot or instructor be permitted to accompany the applicant as a safety pilot in order to promote proficiency and safety during such flights.

- a) General or Recreational Aviation operations other than those listed in this General Notice or covered under the notices below are NOT permitted.
- b) In the case of parachuting and hang or paragliding, tandem operations are NOT permitted.

3. This General Notice applies in addition to the existing General Notice's below:

a) **General Notice # GAD-2020/001: Maintenance Related Flights- Aircraft Engine and System Health.**

Continued airworthiness flights (aircraft engine and system health) as recommended by aircraft and engine manufacturers may continue in accordance with the process in 3. below; or

b) **General Notice #GAD-2020/002: Guidance for Positioning Flights.**

Aircraft positioning flights may continue in accordance with the process in 3. below; or

c) Flights covered by the Government Gazette Notice No. 43375 inclusive of Essential Service and Business flights which are conducted in terms of Part 91 and Part 94 of the Civil Aviation Regulations may continue, and must comply with the procedure contained in **NOTAM A2116/20A02** as it was effective 3 July 2020, and may be amended from time to time.

4. 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, and the

Commercial Aviation Association www.caasa.co.za (This will include a Covid-19 compliance form).

- ii. 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
- iii. An internal SACAA Authorisation process will follow where after the automated system will notify the owner/pilot of the outcome and further process to follow.
- iv. Website application and login detail required for registration of the intended flight and related detail will be provided.
- v. The CAA will be provided with a daily register of all flights undertaken against approvals issued by the automated system.

a) **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


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

The SACAA has the responsibility to monitor compliance in civil aviation activities carried out in South Africa. This extends to the monitoring and enforcement of compliance with the Regulations and Directions issued pursuant to the declaration of a National Disaster made on 15 March 2020 in terms of section 27 of the Disaster Management Act, 2002 (Act No. 57 of 2002), as applicable to the aviation industry.

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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