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General Exemption

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Dear Sir or Madam

DECISION AND REASONS FOR THE GRANTING OF A GENERAL EXEMPTION FOR EXTENSION OF PERIOD OF DESIGNATIONS FALLING UNDER PART 67 and 64 OF THE CIVIL AVIATION REGULATIONS, 2011, AND ITS ASSOCIATED TECHNICAL STANDARDS (DAMES, CABIN CREW FIRST AID INSTRUCTORS AND EXAMINERS - PARAMEDICS)

The South African Civil Aviation Authority ("SACAA") has received communication regarding a delay in the processing of annual renewal applications of members of the Health Professions Council of South Africa ("HPCSA").

The current SACAA designation period of DAMEs and Paramedics expires on the 31st of March 2021. One of the requirements for re-designation under Part 67 and 64 of the Civil Aviation Regulations, 2011 ("CAR"), is the submission of proof of membership with the HPCSA for the applicable period of re-designation. As a result of the pending process of membership renewal by the HPCSA, potential designees are not able to present proof of membership of HPCSA, which has an impact on the renewal of their redesignation.

The affected designations are the following SACAA designations, issued in terms of Part 67 and 64 of the CAR:

- Designated Aviation Medical Examiners (DAMES); and
- Cabin Crew First Aid Instructors and Examiners ("Paramedics").

In order to allow business continuity, the Director has granted a general exemption, extending the validity period of the affected designations for 180 days, being the period commencing on 1st April 2021 until 30th September 2021, on the following terms:

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- The extension applies to DAMES and Paramedics with a valid SACAA designation, with validity period expiring on 31 March 2021;
- The said SACAA designation remains valid on condition of continued membership with the HPCSA and does not apply to a holder of a designation against whom the HPCSA has implemented a suspension or termination of membership, a decision not to renew membership, a restriction or limitation of a licence to practice as a member of the HPCSA
- The holder of the designation issued in terms of Part 67 and 64 must immediately advise the SACAA once he/she becomes aware that his/her membership with the HPCSA has been terminated, suspended or restricted, with immediate effect, and must cease to exercise the privileges of his/her designation.

The period of designation of the DAMES and Paramedics, with a validity period terminating on 31 March 2021, is hereby extended for a period of 180 days, ending on 30 September 2021.

Yours faithfully



Ms Poppy Khoza
DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION

Date: 31 MAR 2021