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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT

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CIVIL AVIATION ACT, 2009 (ACT NO. 13 OF 2009)

CIVIL AVIATION REGULATIONS, 2011

NOTICE IN TERMS OF REGULATION 11.03.1 OF CIVIL AVIATION REGULATIONS, 2011

Background

In 2021, the Director of Civil Aviation promulgated the Amendment SA-CATS 2 of 2021, which came into operation on 15 November 2021. The SA-CATS 2 of 2021 promulgated, among other provisions, Document SA CATS 91,121, 127 and 135 Flight Data Recorders (FDR) Technical Standards. The FDR Technical Standard requirements provide that all aircraft, irrespective of their operational or weight requirements, must be equipped with FDR or equivalent. In terms of SA CATS 2 of 2021, the said FDR Technical Standards will come into operation on 1 January 2023.

Purpose of Notice

This Notice, issued in terms of Regulation 11.03.1 of the Civil Aviation Regulations, 2011 (CAR, 2011), serves to defer the coming into operation of FDR related Technical Standards, as promulgated in SA CATS 2 of 2021. This will enable the South African Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA) to assess the impact of the promulgated FDR Technical Standards prior to coming into effect.

Applicability

This Notice is applicable to the FDR related Technical Standards promulgated in SA CATS 2 of 2021 and coming into operation on 1 January 2023, which are as follows:


- Technical Standard 91.04.10 section 6 Table I1 (Parameters for aircraft Data Recorder Systems);
- Technical Standard 121.05.17 section 4 Table B1 (Aeroplane age and Requirements);
- Technical Standard 121.05.17 section 5 Table D1 (Parameters for aeroplane Flight Data Recorders);
- Technical Standard 121.05.17 section 9 Table E1(Parameters for aircraft Data Recorder Systems) and Table F1 (Parameters guidance characteristics for aircraft Data Recording Systems);
- Technical Standard 127.05.14 section 2(a) Table A1(Helicopter and requirements);
- Technical Standard 127.05.14 section 2(h) Table B1(Parameters for Helicopter Flight Data Recorders) and Table C1(Parameters for Helicopter Flight Data Recorders);
- Technical Standard 135.05.9 section 8 Table A1 (Parameters for aircraft Data Recorder Systems) and Table B1 (Parameters guidance characteristics for aircraft Data Recording Systems); and

- Technical Standard 135.05.10 section 1 Table C1(Aeroplane flight Data recorders requirements) and D1(Aeroplane age and requirements).

Decision of the Director of Civil Aviation

The Director of Civil Aviation in terms of regulation 11.03.1 of the Civil Aviation Regulations, 2011, hereby defers the scheduled date (1 January 2023) for coming into operation of the abovementioned FDR Technical Standards for a period 12 months. The affected FDR Technical Standards will come into operation on 1 January 2024.

The SACAA reserves the right to amend the decisions contained in this Notice should circumstances dictate the necessity thereof. Please note: If there are any regulatory amendments that lead to a contradiction between this Notice and the Regulations, Technical Standards or any applicable Act of Parliament, the Regulations, Technical Standards and the Act shall take precedence over this Notice.

Issued by the South African Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA)		
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DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION	NAME IN BLOCK LETTERS	DATE