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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT

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SOUTH AFRICAN CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY

PROPOSAL FOR FUEL LEVY INCREASE IN TERMS OF SOUTH AFRICAN CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY LEVIES ACT, 1998

The South African Civil Aviation Authority, in terms of the provisions of section 2(7) of the South African Civil Aviation Authority Levies Act, 1998 (Act No. 41 of 1998), propose to amend the fuel levy Determination, as contained in the Schedule of Amendment below, published in Government Notice No. R1665 of 14 December 1998, as amended by Government Notice No. R.932 of 30 July 1999, Government Notice No. R. 1033 of 27 August 1999, Government Notice No. R. 1101 of 9 November 2005; Government Notice No. R. 473 of 25 April 2008, Government Notice No. 199 of 26 February 2010, Government Notice No. R. 231 of 12 March 2010, Government Notice No. R 317 of 8 April 2011, Government Notice No. R. 511 of 30 June 2014, Government Gazette No. R. 1052 of 22 December 2014, Government Gazette No. R. 1285 of 24 December 2015, Government Gazette No. R. 1286 of 24 December 2015, Government Gazette No. R. 585 of 23 June 2017, Government Gazette No. R. 54 of 26 January 2018, Government Gazette No. R. 1461 of 12 November 2019, Government Gazette No. R995 of 1 October 2021, Government Gazette No. R48330 of 29 March 2023, Government Gazette No. 52197 of 28 February 2025, and Government Gazette No. 54177 of 20 February 2026.

Comments or representations on the proposed amendments must be submitted in writing on or before 30 September 2026 to:
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SOUTH AFRICAN CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY LEVIES DETERMINATION

SCHEDULE OF AMENDMENT

PROPOSAL FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE DETERMINATION

(a) It is hereby proposed to increase the Aviation Fuel Levy with the Consumer Price Index (CPI) plus 1% annual increase for three consecutive financial years commencing on 1 April 2027, 1 April 2028 and 1 April 2029 respectively.

(b) Based on the forecasted rate the proposed fuel levy tariff increases will be as per the following table:

Fuel Levy Increase Forecast		
YEAR	**CPI plus 1%**	**R/LITRE**
2027/2028	5.36%	R0.2519
2028/2029	5.49%	R0.2657
2029/2030	5.49%	R0.2803

Motivation

Over the next 3 years of the MTEF Budget the key focus will be on carrying out the SACAA's mandate by complying with the International Civil Aviation Organization's Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) considering the local context. Spending will thus be focused on the administration and continuous improvement of civil aviation safety and security oversight system.

The SACAA proposes to amend the determination for the increase of the fuel levy annually for the next three years.

According to legislation, all scheduled passenger flights as well as fuel exports are exempted from paying the aviation fuel levy. Fuel levy is collected on behalf of the SACAA by designated aviation fuel wholesalers on JET-A1 and AVGAS fuel that is used by all non-scheduled flights (mostly cargo flights and charter flights) as well as general aviation.

Fuel levy contributed only 3.3% to the total revenue received by the SACAA during the 2025/2026 financial year and this percentage has been decreasing annually. In efforts to pursue efficiency it is noted that commercial airlines volumes of freight shifted from cargo flights to the cargo holds of scheduled passenger flights which does not generate fuel levy. We also noted that flights in the general aviation and charter business have been decreasing mostly due to increasing fuel prices and other factors

The latest fee increase of 4.6% from 22.86 cents per liter to 23.91 cents per liter was effective from 1 April 2026 after approval from the Minister of Transport with concurrence by the Minister of Finance.

The SACAA is proposing for the Aviation Fuel levy increase with the CPI plus 1% annually for a period of three consecutive financial years commencing on 1 April 2027, 1 April 2028 and 1 April 2029 respectively.