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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND TOURISM DEPARTEMENT VAN OMGEWINGSAKE EN TOERISME

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SOUTH AFRICAN WEATHER SERVICE: NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DETERMINE USER CHARGES TO BE APPLIED TO THE AVIATION INDUSTRY

In terms of section 4 (2) of the South African Weather Service Act, 2001 (Act No. 8 of 2001), the South African Weather Service (SAWS) is obliged to provide aviation meteorological services, which, in terms of Schedule 2 of the act, are classified as commercial services.

In terms of section 4 (2) of the act, the SAWS may, in order to achieve its obligations, charge fees for the provision of any commercial service, including aviation meteorological services.

In 2002 the Regulating Committee for Meteorological Services of SAWS recommended user charges to be applied to the aviation industry by the SAWS. These tariffs were promulgated by the Minister of Environmental Affairs and Tourism with effect from 29 November 2002.

The promulgated tariffs have now been reviewed by the Regulating Committee for Meteorological Services and the Committee intends to recommend to the Minister of Environmental Affairs and Tourism the following adjusted tariffs:

- 29 November 2002—31 March 2003: R19,94.
- 1 April 2003—31 March 2004: R25,87.
- 1 April 2004—31 March 2005: R28,31.

The above tariffs are incorporated into the Eurocontrol charging formula:

Charge = $W \times D \times T$

W = square root of (maximum take-off weight/50)

D = distance in km in South African flight information region (FIR)

T = tariff amount in ZAR.

The adoption of the Eurocontrol guidelines results in the following:

Category 1 (replaces tier II)

All aircraft 2 000 kg (previously 5 000 kg) and above pay user charges as per the tariff formula above.

Category 2 (replaces tier II)

Aircraft 2 000 kg and 4 999 kg that operate under visual flight controls (VFR) pay user charges as follows according to their weight groups:

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Level 1: (VFR) 4 999 kg to 2 000 kg	R531	R689	R754
Level 2: (VFR) 1 999 kg to 1 050 kg	R255	R331	R362
Level 3: (VFR) 1 049 kg to 0 kg	R 21	R 28	R 30

Aircraft within level 1 and operating under instrument flight rules (IFR) will fall in the charging mechanism of category 1 as above.

All interested parties are invited to make written submission in respect of this review and related matters to the Regulating Committee on or before 15 January 2004 at the following address:

Regulating Committee for Meteorological Services
c/o Chief Director: Pollution and Waste Management
Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism
Private Bag X447
PRETORIA
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Further information can be obtained from the Chief Director: Pollution and Waste Management of the Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism at e-mail address: Pkganayago@ozone.pwv.gov.za or telephone: (012) 310-3646.