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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT

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AVIATION ACT 1962

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CIVIL AVIATION REGULATIONS, 1997

Under regulation 11.03.2(1)(a) of the Civil Aviation Regulations, the Chairperson of the Civil Aviation Regulations Committee (CARCOM) hereby publishes for comment the proposed amendments to the Civil Aviation Regulations, 1997, (CAR) as set out in the schedules below. Any comments or representations on the proposed amendments should be lodged in writing with the Chairperson of the Civil Aviation Regulations Committee, for attention Mr. Kim Gorringe or Mr. Herman Wildenboer, Private Bag X08, Waterkloof, 0145, fax: (012) 346-5979, or e-mail at gorringek@caa.co.za or wildenboerh@caa.co.za, before or on 21 June. 2004.

SCHEDULE 1

Proposal to amend Part 1(Definitions) of the Regulations

Proposer

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Explanation of interest of the Proposer

The Proposer administers the Aviation Act of 1962 (Act No. 74/1962) and the regulations and technical standards issued in terms thereof. (All proposals in this Government Notice originated from the Authority)

1.1 Proposed Amendment of regulation 1.00.1 of Part 1

It is proposed to amend the definition of 'Aeronautical Information Publication' by its substitution with the following definition:

""Aeronautical Information Publication" means a publication containing aeronautical information of a lasting character, essential to air navigation, issued by the Commissioner in terms of Part 175 of these Regulations."

1.2 Motivation

Regulation 11.01.2 authorises the Commissioner to publish aeronautical information circulars (AICs) but not necessarily aeronautical information publications (AIPs).

Part 175 deals with Aeronautical Information Services. Regulation 175.00.2 requires of the Commissioner *inter alia* the publishing of aeronautical information as an integral aeronautical information package. Regulation 175.00.3 sets the conditions for the publication of *inter alia* the AIP and the AIP SUP (temporary changes to the AIP), and thereby authorises the Commissioner to issue both the AIP and the AIP SUP.

1.3 Current Regulation

"Aeronautical Information Publication" means a publication containing aeronautical information of a lasting character essential to air navigation, issued by the Commissioner in terms of regulation 11.01.2."

SCHEDULE 2

2. Proposal to amend Part 65(Air Traffic Service Personnel Licensing) of the Regulations through an insertion

2.1 Proposed insertion of regulation 65.02.2(2) into Part 65

It is proposed to insert sub-regulation (2) into regulation 65.02.2 (Training) while renumbering the present regulation as sub-regulation (1):

"(2) In the case of an Air Traffic Controller who holds a current validation for a particular rating and having held such a validation for a minimum period of twelve months, should that Air Traffic Controller be required to revalidate the particular rating at a different unit, the applicant shall, under the supervision of an air traffic service instructor (operational), have provided the relevant service at an Air Traffic Service Unit for which the rating validation is sought, which shall be at least 50 percent of the hours relevant to the original validation".

2.2 Motivation

Having already proved competency within the discipline for which the validation

is sought, the candidate would need to only prove proficiency within the new environment. The reduction in hours required would allow the candidate to become productive within the unit, in a shorter space of time.

2.3 Current Regulation

No current regulation exists

SCHEDULE 3

3. Proposal to amend Part 65(Air Traffic Service Personnel Licensing) of the Regulations

3.1 Proposed amendment of regulation 65.08.5 of Part 65

It is proposed to amend regulation. 65.08.05. (Aerodrome Control Rating) by its substitution with the following sub-regulation:

"(1) An applicant for the validation of an Aerodrome control rating shall, under the supervision of an air traffic service instructor (operational), have provided Aerodrome control services at the air traffic service unit for which the validation is sought for at least 100 hours, 50 percent of which may be provided on a simulator, and in respect of which he or she has been certified as being competent to function within the said environment."

3.2 Motivation

The dispensing with the reference to the maximum hours applicable to the validation of aerodrome and area control ratings is necessary in order for the trainer to increase the standard of training and to afford the trainee the opportunity to receive more intensive training while at the same time giving the trainee the opportunity to regulate his or her own progress according to his or her natural abilities and skills.

3.3 Current Regulation

"An applicant for the validation of an Aerodrome control rating shall, under the supervision of an air traffic service instructor (operational), have provided Aerodrome control services at the air traffic service unit for which the rating is sought for at least 100 hours but not more than 200 hours, 50 percent of which may be provided on a simulator,".

SCHEDULE 4

4. Proposal to amend Part 65 (Air Traffic Service Personnel Licensing) of the Regulations

4.1 Proposed amendment of regulation 65.10.5 of Part 65

It is proposed to amend regulation 65.10.5 (Area Control Rating) by its substitution with the following sub-regulation:

"An applicant for the validation of an area control rating shall, under the supervision of an air traffic service instructor (operational), have provided area control services at the air traffic service unit for which the validation is sought for at least 200 hours, 50 percent of which may be provided on a simulator, and in respect of which he or she has been certified as being competent to function within the said environment."

4.2 Motivation

The same motivation as furnished in paragraph 3.2 above, is applicable.

4.3 Current Regulation

"An application for the validation of an area control rating shall, under the supervision of an air traffic service instructor (operational), have provided area control services at the air traffic service unit for which the rating is sought for at least 200 hours but not more than 300 hours, 50 percent of which may be provided on a simulator."