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**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES**

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**THE SOUTH AFRICAN WEATHER SERVICE ACT, 2001  
(ACT NO. 8 OF 2001)****REGULATIONS REGARDING FEES FOR THE PROVISION OF AVIATION METEOROLOGICAL  
SERVICES**

I, Barbara Dallas Creecy, Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, hereby under section 28(1)(b) of the South African Weather Service Act, 2001 (Act No. 8 of 2001), make Regulations regarding Fees for the provision of Aviation Meteorological Services, as set out in the Schedule hereto.

**BARBARA DALLAS CREECY****MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

## SCHEDULE

### FEEES FOR THE PROVISION OF AVIATION METEOROLOGICAL SERVICES

#### 1. Liability to pay fees for provision of aviation meteorological services

- (1) The South African Weather Service charges the operator of an aircraft a fee for aviation meteorological services as contemplated in sections 4(2)(e) and 21(1)(b) of the South African Weather Service Act, 2001 (Act No. 8 of 2001), in respect of a flight undertaken within any flight information region, established by the Director for Civil Aviation in terms of the Civil Aviation Act, 2009 (Act No. 13 of 2009).
- (2) The fees contemplated in subregulation (1) are set out in Appendix 1 to these Regulations.
- (3) The fees referred to in subregulation (2) are exclusive of value-added tax and are therefore subject to the appropriate rate as may be applicable to any specific fee.
- (4) The fees contemplated in subregulation (1) are payable within 30 days of receipt of an invoice from the Weather Service.

#### 2. Information of flights taking place and payment of fees

The South African Weather Service uses all the relevant information provided by the operator of an aircraft to the Air Traffic and Navigation Services SOC Limited of South Africa, which enables that company to calculate an air traffic service charge for the flight, to calculate the fees as contemplated in regulation 1(1) for that flight.

#### 3. General

- (1) The fees contemplated in regulation 1(1) are payable in respect of South African and Foreign State aircraft, unless other provision has been made by means of a written agreement with the Weather Service.
- (2) No fees contemplated in regulation 1(1) are payable in respect of an aircraft engaged in search and rescue operations and coastal patrol flights of the South African Air Force.

- (3) The payment of user charges is hereby suspended from the date of this publication to 31 March 2021.

**4. Repeal of the Regulations Regarding Fees for the Provision of Aviation Meteorological Services, 2019**

The Regulations Regarding Fees for the Provision of Aviation Meteorological Services, 2019, published under Government Gazette Notice R.526 in Government Gazette 42855 of 25 November 2019, are hereby repealed.

**5. Short title and commencement**

These Regulations are called the Regulations Regarding Fees for the Provision of Meteorological Services, 2021, and take effect on the date of this publication in the *Gazette*.

## APPENDIX 1

### 1. Category 1

The fee for the provision of aviation meteorological services in respect of an aircraft with a maximum certificated mass (MCM) of 2000 kilograms and above, is calculated according to the following formula:

$$\text{Fee} = T \times W \times D$$

Where T = Tariff amount in ZAR

W = Weight Square root of (MCM in metric tonnes divided by 50)

D = Distance flown in kilometers within the flight information region of South Africa in kilometer divided by 100

The tariffs for the next three financial years are as follows:

1 April 2020 – 31 March 2021: R55.74

1 April 2021 – 31 March 2022: R63.80

1 April 2022 – 31 March 2023: R66.75

**Exception rule:** Aircraft with a maximum certificated mass (MCM) between 2000 and 4999 kilograms that operate exclusively under Visual Flight Rules (VFR), fall into Category 2 below.

### 2. Category 2

In respect of an aircraft with a maximum certificated mass (MCM) below 2000 kilograms or those aircraft that qualify according to the exception rule, the tariff is set at zero.