

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT**NOTICE 3529 OF 2025****INVITATION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT AIRFREIGHT STRATEGY FOR SOUTH AFRICA****PURPOSE**

This notice hereby invites interested persons and stakeholders to submit written comments on the draft Airfreight Strategy for South Africa within **30 working days** from the date of publication of this Notice in the Government Gazette.

The written comments should be addressed to the **Director-General: Transport** for the attention of:

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BACKGROUND

In the recent years, the Department of Transport (the DOT) embarked on the review of its transportation policies to better support South Africa's development and economic goals. Since aviation plays a significant role in economic growth, the DOT has concluded a review of the civil aviation policy whose output is the draft Comprehensive Civil Aviation Policy. Amongst others, the draft Comprehensive Civil Aviation Policy calls for the development of a more detailed framework for airfreight, aiming to enhance the sub-sector's contribution to the overall aviation industry. This approach is geared at ensuring that airfreight grow effectively and support broader economic development.

The Airfreight Strategy for South Africa aims to guide the development and promotion of the airfreight sector. It focuses on several important areas including competitiveness, infrastructure funding, integrating sector activities, promoting of broader economic inclusion and participation, eliminating barriers to entry, driving sectoral integration and transformation and enhancing information sharing related to airfreight. Overall, this proposed Strategy seeks

to strengthen and grow the airfreight sub-sector as a key part of the country's transportation and economic development.

The draft Airfreight Strategy for South Africa document is available from the Department of Transport's website: https://www.transport.gov.za/?page_id=1011, under the folder of Civil Aviation - Policies or through this weblink: https://www.transport.gov.za/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Draft_Airfreight_Strategy_SouthAfrica.pdf