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DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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**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 publish for implementation Regulations regarding fees for the provision of aviation meteorological services, in terms of section 28(1)(b), read with sections 4(2)(e) and 21(1)(b) of the South African Weather Service Act, 2001 (Act No. 8 of 2001), 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 fees for aviation meteorological services contemplated in sections 4(2)(e) and 21(1)(b) of the South African Weather Service Act, 2001 (Act No. 8 of 2001).
- (2) The fees contemplated in sub-regulation (1) are set out in Appendix 1 to these Regulations.
- (3) The fees referred to in sub-regulation (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 sub-regulation (1) are payable within 30 days of receipt of an invoice from the South African 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 Company 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 South African 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.

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 = 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 proposed tariffs for the next three financial years are as follows:

1 April 2023 – 31 March 2024:	R56.91
1 April 2024 – 31 March 2025:	R61.45
1 April 2025 – 31 March 2026:	R64.81

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.

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