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GENERAL NOTICE

NOTICE 104 OF 2011

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

SOUTH AFRICAN WEATHER SERVICE ACT, 2001
(ACT NO. 8 OF 2001)

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MAKE REGULATIONS REGARDING FEES FOR THE PROVISION OF AVIATION METEOROLOGICAL SERVICES

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

I, Bomo Edith Edna Molewa, Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs, hereby give notice of my intention to make regulations under section 28(b) of the South African Weather Service Act, 2001 (Act No. 8 of 2001), regarding fees for the provision of aviation meteorological services as contemplated in sections 4(2)(e) and 21(1)(b) of the said Act.

The proposed regulations are set out in the Schedule hereto.

Interested parties are requested to submit written representations on, or objections to, the proposed regulations within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice to the following addresses:

By post to:	The Director-General: Environmental Affairs Attention: Ms Babalwa Bokwe South African Weather Service Liaison and Coordination Private Bag X447 Pretoria 0001
By telephone at:	012 -395 1701
By fax to:	012 – 322 5545
By e-mail to:	BBokwe@environment.gov.za

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BOMO EDITH EDNA MOLEWA

MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

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 as contemplated in section 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 Commissioner for Civil Aviation in terms of the Civil Aviation Regulations, 1997, as amended.
- (2) The fees as 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 as contemplated in subregulation (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 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 regulations

- (1) The fees as 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 as 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**FEES FOR THE PROVISION OF AVIATION METEOROLOGICAL SERVICES****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:

Fee = T x W x D

Where T = Tariff amount in ZAR

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

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

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

1 April 2011 – 31 March 2012 R35, 23

1 April 2012 – 31 March 2013 R32, 48

1 April 2013 – 31 March 2014 R33, 08

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.
