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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT

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DISASTER MANAGEMENT ACT, 2002

AMENDMENT OF DIRECTIONS ISSUED IN TERMS OF REGULATION 4(7)(b) READ WITH REGULATIONS 43 OF THE REGULATIONS MADE UNDER SECTION 27(2) OF DISASTER MANAGEMENT ACT, 2002 (ACT NO. 57 OF 2002): MEASURES TO ADDRESS, PREVENT AND COMBAT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 IN THE AIR SERVICES

I, Fikile Mbalula, MP, the Minister of Transport, after consultation with the Cabinet members responsible for cooperative governance and traditional affairs, health, police and justice and correctional services, in terms of regulation 4(7)(b) read with regulations 43 of the Regulations made under section 27(2) of the Disaster Management Act, 2002 (Act No. 57 of 2002), hereby amend direction 5, as published under Government Notice No. 438, in Government *Gazette* No. 43189 of 31 March 2020, and direction 8, as published under Government Notice No. 415, in Government *Gazette* No. 43160 of 26 March 2020, as set out in the Schedule.



MR F.A. MBALULA, MP

MINISTER OF TRANSPORT

DATE: 29/05/2020

SCHEDULE**Amendment of direction 5 of Directions published under Government Notice No. 438, in Government Gazette No. 43189 of 31 March 2020**

1. Direction 5 of the Directions published under Government Notice No. 438, in Government Gazette No. 43189 of 31 March 2020, is hereby amended by the substitution for subdirection (1) of the following subdirection:

“International Flights and Domestic flights

5 (1) (a) All international passenger flights are prohibited except those flights authorised by the Minister of Transport for the repatriation of South African nationals from foreign countries and evacuation of foreign nationals from South Africa.

(b) Commercial domestic passenger flights may resume on 01 June 2020 subject to the following conditions:

(i) Domestic passenger air travel is not permitted for recreational, leisure or tourism purposes;

(ii) Domestic passenger flights are permitted to only use Cape Town International Airport, King Shaka International Airport, OR Tambo International Airport, and Lanseria Airport;

Insertion of new directions 5A, 5B, 5C and 5D in Directions published under Government Notice No. 438, in Government Gazette No. 43189 of 31 March 2020

2. The following directions are hereby inserted in the Directions published under Government Notice No. 438, in Government Gazette No. 43189 of 31 March 2020, after direction 5:

“5A Airport and airlines

- 5 (1) Only employees who work at the airport with a permit, foreign consular and diplomatic agents rendering consular services to foreign nationals, crew and passengers are allowed in the terminal building.
- (2) Drop off and pick up is only permitted outside the terminal building.
- (3) All persons entering the terminal building and boarding aircraft must be required to wear face masks, as specified in the Regulations, at all times and be subjected to applicable COVID-19 control measures contemplated in direction 7.
- (4) The airports and all airlines must develop and implement procedures consistent with the applicable COVID-19 Regulations and Directions.
- (5) Passengers are required to provide written authorisation or proof of travel, confirming the reasons consistent with direction 5(1)(b)(i) and failure to produce such written authorisation or proof of travel, the passenger shall be automatically denied travel.
- (6) All persons shall be screened before entering the terminal building, and will be denied access should they have elevated temperature or present with signs of being infected with COVID-19.

5B General Aviation

- (1) The following general aviation operations are allowed:
- (a) Agricultural spraying, seeding and dusting;
 - (b) cloud spraying, seeding and dusting;
 - (c) culling;
 - (d) construction relating to aviation;
 - (e) aerial harvesting;
 - (f) aerial patrol, observation and survey;
 - (g) search and rescue;
 - (h) aerial recording by photographic or electronic means;
 - (i) fire spotting, control and fighting; and
 - (j) spraying, seeding or dusting other than for agricultural purposes and clouds.

5C Aviation training (Part 141 and 109 of the Civil Aviation Regulation, 2011)

- (1) Aviation Training Organisations are allowed to conduct both virtual and in contact aviation training to students that are South African citizens and to foreign students that are already in South Africa, subject to the applicable COVID-19 Regulations and Directions.
- (2) Foreign students who are not within the borders of South Africa are allowed to only conduct virtual training.
- (3) Additional authorisation for training flights is not required, provided that the aircraft used is registered with an approved Part 141 Aviation Training Organisation.
- (4) Skills tests are allowed, provided that the Examiner or Instructor is authorised is by the South African Civil Aviation Authority to conduct a flight test.
- (5) General aviation operators shall be required to develop and implement procedures consistent with applicable COVID-19 Regulations and Directions.

5D Compliance with the measures for the prevention of the spread of COVID-19

- (1) Aircraft Maintenance Organisations, Air Operators, Airports, Regulated Agents, Aviation Security Screening Organisations, Flight Examiners, Aviation Security Training Schools and Aviation Training Schools are required to submit for approval procedures to the South African Civil Aviation Authority consistent with the guidelines issued by the Minister.
- (2) The procedures referred to in subdirections (1) must demonstrate measures that will be put in place in order to minimise the risk of exposure and spreading COVID-19, as provided for in the Regulations made under the Disaster Management Act, the Directions issued by Ministers of respective government departments and the guidelines referred to in paragraph (1).

Amendment of direction 8 of Directions published under Government Notice No. 415, in Government Gazette No. 43160 of 26 March 2020

3. Direction 8 is hereby amended by the substitution of sub directions (1) of the following subdirection:

“(1) The South African Civil Aviation Authority shall continue to monitor implementation of these Directions and the guidelines issued by the Minister of Transport.”

Commencement

4. This amendment comes into effect on 1 June 2020.