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DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

NO. 6478 **1 August 2025**

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

REGULATIONS REGARDING FEES FOR THE PROVISION OF AVIATION METEOROLOGICAL SERVICES

I, Dion Travers George, Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, hereby make the Regulations regarding fees for the provision of aviation meteorological services, in terms of section 28(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.



DR DION TRAVERS GEORGE
MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

SCHEDULE

FEES 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, for both passenger and cargo aircraft 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 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 2025 – 31 March 2026:	**R75,08**
1 April 2026 – 31 March 2027:	**R70,56**
1 April 2027 – 31 March 2028:	**R66,44**

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.

DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

NO. 6479 **1 August 2025**

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

INVITATION FOR NOMINATION OF TWO (2) SUITABLE PERSONS TO BE APPOINTED AS MEMBERS OF THE REGULATING COMMITTEE FOR METEOROLOGICAL SERVICES

I, Dion Travers George, Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, hereby in terms of section 20(4) read with section 5(3) of the South African Weather Service Act, 2001 (Act No. 8 of 2001), invite members of the public to nominate suitable persons to be considered for appointment as members of the Regulating Committee for Meteorological Services.

In terms of section 21 of the South African Weather Service Act, 2001 (Act No. 8 of 2001), the functions of the Regulating Committee for Meteorological Services are the following:

"(1) The Committee must—

(a) set broad limits on prices of services and products of the Weather Service;

(b) determine the level of user charges to be applied to the aviation and maritime industries by the Weather Service and advise the Minister on the making of regulations in this regard;

(c) ensure that the Weather Service does not abuse its position, but in such a manner as not to place undue restrictions on the Weather Service's commercial activities and guard the Weather Service against unfair competition from national and international private weather services;

(d) promote the safe, efficient, economical and profitable operation of the Weather Service;

(e) promote the reasonable interest and needs of clients and customers of the Weather Servic

(f) monitor service standards and, where necessary, issue instructions to the Weather Service for improvement; and

(g) perform any other function assigned to it by the Minister."

Members of the public are invited to submit, within 30 days from the date of publication of the Notice in the Government *Gazette*, or in the newspaper, whichever date is the last, written nominations of suitable persons to be appointed as two (2) members of the Regulating Committee for Meteorological Services.

A nomination of a suitable person must include the following:

(a) curriculum vitae of the nominee with personal details, including race, gender, disability, postal and residential addresses and contact number of the nominee;

(b) certified copies of both academic qualifications and identity document;

(c) experience of the nominee which would stand him or her in good stead with reference to the functions of the Regulating Committee for Meteorological Services as set out in section 21 of the South African Weather Service Act, 2001 (Act No. 8 of 2001); and

(d) acceptance letter from the nominee.

A Bachelors degree is a requirement. Qualifications in the field of **Finance or Economics** and experience in any of the following fields will be considered:

(a) Financial Modelling and Analysis
(b) Economic Modelling and Analysis
(c) Tariff Development and Regulation

The following procedure for the appointment of members will be followed:
Section 5(3) of the South African Weather Service Act, 2001 (Act No. 8 of 2001) states that before appointing any persons contemplated in subsection (1)(c) or section 20(2), the Minister must:

(a) by notice in the *Gazette*, and in at least two nationally circulated newspapers, invite nominations;
(b) in such notice, specify a period within which nominations must be submitted and stipulate the procedure to be adopted regarding such nominations; and
(c) ensure that the Board is broadly representative of the South African society.

A Committee appointed by the Minister, will consider all the nominations received and prepare a shortlist of candidates for the Minister to consider. One of the considerations for appointment will be that the members of the Regulating Committee for Meteorological Services should be broadly representative of the South African Society. The nominee, their spouse or immediate family member/s must not be employed or have any direct or indirect business interest with the South African Weather Service (SAWS), Board of Airline Representatives of South Africa (BARSA), Airlines Association of Southern Africa (AASA), International Air Transport Association (IATA) and or any of their associate members.

Written nominations must be submitted to the following addresses:

By post to: The Director-General
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment
Attention: Ms Enny Tsebe
Private Bag X447
PRETORIA
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By hand at: Ground Floor (Reception), Environmental House, 473 Steve Biko Road, Arcadia, Pretoria

By email to: Ms Enny Tsebe ETsebe@dffe.gov.za

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Nominations received after the closing date may not be considered.

DR DION TRAVERS GEORGE
MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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