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AIR NAVIGATION SERVICES

FLIGHT PLANNING

REQUIREMENT TO OBTAIN OVERFLIGHT AND LANDING PERMIT FOR FLIGHTS TO NAMIBIA

1. BACKGROUND

Through the last several years there have been a number of instances where pilots of aircraft flying from South Africa to Namibia have failed to obtain the required overflight and landing permits for Namibia. This has resulted in prosecution and in many cases the assignment of substantial penalties. It has also resulted in significant inconvenience to the owners and operators of the affected aircraft, as permission to depart cannot be issued until the prosecution has concluded and any fines imposed have been paid.

This AIC provides information on the legal basis for overflight and landing permits in Namibia. It also provides information on the methods by which pilots may obtain the necessary permits prior to departing for Namibia.

2. LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The legal basis for the requirement to obtain an overflight and landing clearance is set out in Republic of Namibia AIP Gen.1.2.1 of 15 May 2008 "Entry, Transit and Departure of Aircraft". The AIP is produced under and in accordance with the Namibian Civil Aviation Regulations.

The specific requirement is set out in paragraph 4.2 - Overflights and Landing Clearance – as follows:

"4.2.1 Pilots and operators of all foreign registered aircraft, intending to fly through Namibian airspace, must submit a request to obtain clearance to use or enter Namibian airspace for over-flight, landings or technical stops. Such requests are to be submitted not less than 24 hours prior to departure".

A maximum penalty of a fine of N\$50,000 or 5 years imprisonment reflects the seriousness attached to unauthorised incursions into Namibian airspace. In practice the Directorate is likely to prosecute for any such breach and further will require that the matter is placed before a court of competent jurisdiction and that all judicial formalities are completed (including payment of fines) before it will issue a clearance to allow the departure of an offender's aircraft from Namibia.

3. METHOD FOR OBTAINING APPROVAL

Requests for overflight or landing permits should be made on the official application form, which is available on the Namibia DCA website, Fees and Forms section: http://www.dca.com.na/docs/oflight_land_appl.pdf

Requests for an overflight and landing permits should then be submitted to the Namibian Directorate of Civil Aviation as follows:

Fax : +264 61 702 088 (office hours)
: +264 62 702 499 (emergencies – after hours/weekends)

Tel : +264 61 702 080
: +264 61 702 081
: +264 61 702 083
E-mail : overflight@dca.com.na
: clearance@dca.com.na
: aisc@dca.com.na

4. *Requests should be submitted at least 24 hours prior to departure (weekdays), and 48 hours prior to departure when submitted over a weekend or public holiday.*



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