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OPERATION OF AIRCRAFT

SAFETY

LASER BEAM REPORTING

Applicability

This AIC is intended to advise pilots, crew members and general ground personnel of the dangers of pointing laser beams at aircraft in flight, as well as the consequences of failing to adhere to the law regarding the use of laser beams against aircraft. It is also intended to advise pilots, crew members and general ground personnel on where to report laser beam pointing occurrences / incidents.

Background

Regulation 91.01.10 of the Civil Aviation Regulations, 2011, prohibits the endangering of the safety of an aircraft or person therein. The Regulation further prohibits the emission by any person of beam lights or other energy source towards aircraft or air traffic control tower or to any other person exercising a duty.

Section 133 of the Civil Aviation Act, 2009 (Act No. 13 of 2009) makes it an offence for a person to wilfully perform an act which jeopardises or may jeopardise the safety of an airport or aircraft in service or the safety of persons or property at such airport or aircraft.

Section 137 also makes it an offence for any person, who, on board the aircraft, operates a portable electronic device when the operation of such a device is prohibited.

Any person who commits the offences prescribed in the paragraphs above will be prosecuted and if found guilty may be liable to a fine or to imprisonment for a period of between 10 to 30 years or to both the fine and imprisonment.

Reporting of laser pointing incidents

Pilots are required to report incidents of laser pointing to air traffic control as soon as possible.

On the ground, witnesses, to laser pointing events, are encouraged to report such incidences to the South African Civil Aviation Authority to:

(1) Hannelie Oosthuizen
Enforcement Unit
Landline: 011 545 1135
Mobile Number: 083 451 2604
Email: Oosthuizenh@caa.co.za

(2) Nkosi Mdlalose
Enforcement Unit
Landline: 011 545 1409
Mobile Number: 083 461 1082
Email: mdlalosen@caa.co.za

(3) Joseph Mtsweni
Enforcement Unit
Landline: 011 545 1288
Mobile Number: 083 451 6062
Email: mtswenij@caa.co.za

(4) Kishan Padayachy
Enforcement Unit
Landline: 011 545 1492
Mobile Number: 083 461 6639
Email: padayachyk@caa.co.za

OR

Report to the nearest police station.



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