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**INTRODUCTION**

The purpose of this Aeronautical Information Circular (AIC) is to inform the aviation industry of SACAA's intention to introduce regulations in relation to the Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA) for international air transport operators.

**CARBON OFFSETTING AND REDUCTION SCHEME FOR INTERNATIONAL AVIATION (CORSIA)**

In October 2016, the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) through its Member States endorsed a global Market Based-Measure (MBM) through Resolution A39-3. This MBM, called the Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA), is the first-ever global MBM adopted by an entire industry sector. The scheme is voluntary from 2021 until 2026. The Republic of South Africa will join the scheme in 2027.

The ICAO's Committee on Aviation Environmental Protection (CAEP) is currently in the process of developing the SARPs and related guidance material (new Annex 16 Volume IV) for the implementation of the Monitoring, Reporting and Verification (MRV) system for adoption by the ICAO Council by 2018.

Once the SARPs are adopted, the SACAA will be required to develop regulations relating to the MRV system for implementation by 1 Jan 2019. To date, the CAEP has developed the draft SARPs during the CAEP Steering Group meeting held from 11-15 Sep 2017 in Montreal, Canada. These will be sent out as a State Letter before the end of the year and will be shared with the industry.

The SACAA will hold meetings in November with the international airline industry to sensitize the industry on the proposed timeline for CORSIA MRV implementation and the development of the Regulations.

Note: A General Notice has been developed for the Industry and a link is available on the SACAA webpage.  
<http://www.caa.co.za/Pages/Aviation%20Environmental%20Protection/About-AEP.aspx>;  
<https://www.icao.int/environmental-protection/Pages/market-based-measures.aspx>



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