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**GENERAL**

**LEGISLATION MATTERS**

**PUBLICATION IN TERMS OF REGULATION 11.04.4(2) OF THE FULL PARTICULARS OF AN EXEMPTION GRANTED BY THE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF SA-CATS-OPS 91.04.16 OF THE CIVIL AVIATION REGULATIONS, 1997**

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**1. APPLICANT**

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**2. DETAILS OF EXEMPTION**

2.1 The Director of Civil Aviation has granted aircraft operators an exemption from the requirements of SA-CATS-OPS 91.04.16.

2.2 The owners or operators of an aircraft shall ensure that only Schedule 0 medication is included in the first aid kit. The Department of Health has issued exclusions to previously accepted Schedule 0 medications. Owners or operators shall consult a qualified pharmacist if they intend to include Schedule 0 medications in their first aid kit.

2.3 The Director of Civil Aviation has therefore issued a general exemption exempting owners or operators from the requirement to have certain medicines specified in SA-CATS-OPS 91.04.16(1).

- (k) antiemetic e.g. cinnarizine and
- (p) anti-diarrhoeal medication e.g. loperamide

included in the standard first aid kit.

**3. MOTIVATION**

3.1 The current control over the supply of medicine in South Africa is the responsibility of the Medical Control Council, which falls under the auspices of the National Department of Health.

3.2 Regulation 91.04.16, of the Civil Aviation Regulations, states that no owner or operator of an aircraft shall operate the aircraft unless such an aircraft is equipped with a standard first aid kit, which is prescribed in Document SA-CATS-OPS-91. Technical Standard 91.04.16 prescribes the list of medical supplies that must be included in the standard first aid kit that has to be carried on board. This list contains some medication which may have been classified by the Department of Health higher than Schedule 0.

3.3 The provisions of the Technical Standard quoted in paragraph 2.2 above, in so far as they relate to the medication classified as being above Schedule 0, contradicts the provisions of the Medication and Related Substance Act, 1965 (Act No. 101 of 1965) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act"). The relevant provisions of the Act prohibit the administration of medicine above Schedule 0 by any person other than an authorized health professional.

3.4 As a result, the medication prescribed in Technical Standard 91.04.16 in section 1(1) (k), antiemetic; e.g. cinnarizine and (p) anti-diarrhoeal, e.g. loperamide shall not be administered by any person other than an authorized health care professional, since it may have been classified as being above Schedule 0. The Director of Civil Aviation has therefore, issued a general exemption in terms of Regulation 11.04.3, exempting owners or operators from the requirement to have the medication specified in section 1(1), (k) (p) standard first aid kit, in order to ensure that the owners or operators are in compliance with the act.

3.5 *The owners or operators of aircraft shall ensure that only Schedule 0 medication is included in the first aid kit. The Department of Health has issued exclusions to previously accepted Schedule 0 medications. Owners or operators shall consult a qualified pharmacist if they intend to include Schedule 0 medications in their first aid kit.*

4. **AVIATION SAFETY**

*The granting of this exemption will not jeopardise aviation safety.*

5. **PERIOD OF EXEMPTION**

*This exemption will be in force until the relevant CATS-OPS-91 has been amended.*

  
DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION