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EXTENSION OF TIME BETWEEN MANDATORY PERIODS INSPECTION

- ∆ Indicates changes.
- ∆ This AIC replaces AIC 61.A15 dated 98-03-15.
- 1. In order to obviate the continual requests for additional extensions, owners, pilots and operators should ensure that there is a good margin of hours remaining to the next MPI, prior to undertaking any flight. Reference should be made to the flight folio, inspection reminder and the certificate of safety for flight which are some of the standard on-board documentation requirements on each South African Registered Aircraft.
- 2. In the past an extension of 10% was allowed on the time between two particular Mandatory Periodic Inspections (MPI) of an aircraft. The intention was to assist operators to return to the base where the necessary maintenance could be conveniently executed. This Authority has, however, become aware that this concession is being abused: in some instances MPI's have been overflowed by as much as 90 hours!
- 3. The Commissioner has therefore ruled that the concession of 10% extensions on time between Mandatory Periods Inspections previously granted, no longer applies.
- ∆4. CAR's 1997, as amended. Part 43.02.6 read together with SA-CATS-GMR Part 43.02.6 Para 1.5. (2)(a), was amended to read " No extensions are granted in respect of calender times. Thus an aircraft may not be flown after the 12 month period of validity has lapsed, without written approval from the Commissioner".
- ∆5. When a Special Flight Permit, is required refer to AIC 63.A3 which deals with this matter.

COMMISSIONER FOR CIVIL AVIATION