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<p>Tel: (011) 545-1000 E-Mail: thabantsol@caa.co.za</p>	<p>GENERAL NOTICE RELATING TO CAR 43.02.8 AND CATS 43.02.5</p>	<p>DATED 25 November 2024</p>

## **GENERAL NOTICE RELATING TO CAR 43.02.8 AND CATS 43.02.5**

### **1. Applicability**

The Director is issuing the General Notice to the industry as empowered by Part 11.01.3 of the Civil Aviation Regulations. This general notice is applicable to all owners or operators of aircraft fitted with Textron Lycoming and Teledyne Continental engines.

### **2. Purpose and Background of this General Notice**

This notice serves to communicate a decision by the Director of Civil Aviation (DCA) concerning matters relating to the withdrawn AIC 18.19 which was initially issued in 2001 and re-issued in 2006. After SACAA's internal analysis of the AIC content, it became clear that the AIC was outdated as it still referred to the Civil Aviation Regulations of 1997 (CARs) which were repealed in 2011.

Upon review of the AIC it became apparent that the AIC granted industry exemption contrary to current regulatory framework without an impact assessment of the safety risk posed to the industry, the SACAA and the public at large.

It was on this basis that, after consultation with the industry, this AIC 18.19 was withdrawn. In order to close the gap created by the withdrawal of AIC 18.19 and to enable the industry to prepare itself and ensure full compliance with the current regulations and associated technical standards, the DCA issued a general exemption, dated 01 December 2023. This exemption was valid for 180 days.

The affected industry members then requested that the above exemption be extended for a further period of 180 days. Upon expiry of the exemption extension period, aircraft owners or operators were advised that there will be no further extension and are required to fully comply with the provisions of CAR 43.02.8 and CATS 43.02.5 and also comply with the manufacturer's requirements of the engines or products they operate.

Following further consultation with affected industry members, SACAA submitted proposed amendments to Regulations 43.02.08 and CATS 43.02.5 to CARCOM, as it was found that the said provisions required alignment with the manufactures maintenance requirements. The CARCOM deliberations relating to the said proposed amendments have not concluded, but the ASO Subcommittee of 19 November 2024 approved that the amendments must be resubmitted to CARCOM for approval.

While the CARCOM process for the amendment of the current regulation and technical standards amendment proposals unfolds and in order to ensure civil aviation safety without overburdening operators or owners of the affected engines, the Director wishes to give waiver to the strict compliance by the industry with the current provision of CAR 43.02.8 read together with CATS 43.02.5 as follows: conditions:


- 2.1. Not all Service Bulletins (SB) are considered to be mandatory, owners and operators must comply with manufacturer's maintenance requirements and must consider all SB, Service Instructions (SI) or Service Letters (SL) and implement them in line with their document's applicability. An SB is mandatory when it relates to an Airworthiness Directive, Airworthiness Limitation Section of aircraft TCDS, as approved by the Director or the State having responsibility over the manufacturer who issued the SB.
- 2.2. Similarly, the overall consideration of Textron Lycoming or Teledyne Continental reciprocating aircraft engines, including maintenance methods, techniques and inspection, must be done in line with the engine's manufacture requirements as detailed in their maintenance manual or any other continuing airworthiness information (SB, SI or SL) that may be issued by manufacturers from time to time.
- 2.3. All other provisions of CAR 43.02.8 and CATS 43.02.5, to the extent that there is no relief granted in terms of this General Notice, remains applicable.

### **3. Conclusion**

This General Notice will be effective from date of approval until proposed amendments of CAR 43.02.8 and CATS 43.02.5 are approved or until it is withdrawn by the Director.

#### 4. Queries

SACAA remains at your disposal for further engagements and look forward to continued mutual working relationship with the industry. For any queries or requests for further guidance as a result of this notice, must be directed to Mr Lobang Thabantso, Senior Manager Airworthiness at [thabantsol@caa.co.za](mailto:thabantsol@caa.co.za) or on mobile at 083 461 6508.

Issued by the South African Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA)		
	Ms POPPY KHOZA	26.11.2024
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