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RE: TERMINOLGY CHANGES RELATING TO DRONE TRAINING.

1. APPLICABILITY

This general notice serves to inform industry of the recently promulgated regulations relating to Remote Pilot Licenses.

2. BACKGROUND

Annex 1 Edition 14 references Remote Pilot License which is specific to RPAS operated in Instrument conditions internationally. With the availability of regulations, standards, and relevant supporting technology, RPAS operations are expected to begin integration by 2025 into controlled airspace with manned aviation. To enable a distinction between the types of RPAS operated within the South African airspace a differentiation between drone licenses issued was required.

Part 71 was originally separated from Part 101 but did not contain any amendments to support advancements within industry. ICAO issued a State Letter in 2018 proposing that a regulatory framework is developed to support International Instrument operations.

The Minister of Transport signed off the following regulations on 17 March 2023:

- South Africa has adopted a Remote Pilot Certificate for UAS operation defined under Part 71.
- Remote Pilot Licenses specific to drones operated internationally and within instrument flight conditions aligned with Annex 14 has been defined under Part 72


3. PURPOSE OF THIS GENERAL NOTICE

The purpose of this General Notice is to advise ATOs on the administrative changes that are required due to the promulgated regulation relating to Part 71 and Part 72.

- All ATO operations specifications relating to Part 71 training will be amended following a renewal application to reflect the new terminology Remote Proficiency Certificate
- All ATO Training Manual of Procedures must incorporate the terminology changes as per GENERAL NOTICE # PEL-2021/ATO 003
- All ATOs that have already complied with GENERAL NOTICE # PEL-2021/ATO 003 have until 1 May 2023 to revise their TPMs to include the correct terminology.
- No aircraft presently exist on the SACAA aircraft register for drones to be utilized by a pilot licensed under Part 72 therefore no approvals relating to training in this regard will be issued until SACATS have been developed in consultation with industry specialists.

4. EFFECTIVE DATE

This General Notice shall come into operation on the date of publication.

Issued by the South African Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA)		
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