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**TERMINOLOGY CHANGES RELATING TO PART 71.**

**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 industry on the administrative changes that will be required due to the promulgated regulation relating to Part 71 and Part 72:

- All licenses issued as a Remote Pilot License under the previous Part 71 will be reprinted following a license renewal to reflect Remote Proficiency Certificate.
- All licenses issued as of 1 May 2023 under Part 71 will be issued as a Remote Proficiency Certificate.

**4. EFFECTIVE DATE**

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

<p><b>Issued by the South African Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA)</b></p>		
	<p><b>J NIEMAND</b></p>	<p><b>26 MARCH 2023</b></p>
<p><b>SENIOR MANAGER: PERSONNEL LICENSING</b></p>	<p><b>NAME IN BLOCK LETTERS</b></p>	<p><b>DATE</b></p>