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Domestic Radiotelephony (RTF) Designator and Callsign

GUIDANCE FOR THE APPLICATION OF A DOMESTIC RTF DESIGNATOR AND CALLSIGN

1. Purpose

To provide guidance on the application of a domestic RTF (Radiotelephony) and callsign, for use within the borders of South Africa.

2. Applicability

This notice is only applicable to organisations that have been issued Operating Certificates under the following Parts:

- Part 93 – Corporate Aviation Operations & High-Performance Aircraft
- Part 96 – Commercial Operation of Non-Type Certified Aircraft
- Part 127 – Commercial Helicopter Operations
- Part 128 – Helicopter Aerial Work & Certain Other Air Service Operations
- Part 137 – Aerial Work Operations
- Part 138 – Air Ambulance Operations

3. Background

Due to the high cost involved with applying for an ICAO 3 Letter RTF designator and callsign (3LD), and to assist organisations in their efforts of efficiency, the SACAA has introduced a 2 Letter RTF designator and callsign (2LD) allocation process.

The 2LD process is designed so that it does not conflict with ICAO’s International 3LD, and will not affect the IATA scheduled flight designator, as this will only be used for RTF designations. The 2LD can already be used on the existing ATNS Flight Plans.

4. Requirements

Organisations that wish to apply for the domestic (2LD) RTF designator and callsign must adhere to the following requirements:

- Only operators with 3 or more aircraft on their Operations Specifications (Ops Spec) can apply.
- Each callsign request will be checked against the existing ICAO callsigns and cannot be granted if there is any conflict.
- Operators that already have an ICAO 3LD & callsign are not eligible for the domestic 2LD & callsign. These operators must use their ICAO 3LD and callsign.
- Operators that hold an International Air Service Licence are not eligible. These operators must apply for an ICAO 3LD & callsign at 5000USD.
- Only one 2LD & callsign can be assigned to an Operator.
- The 2LD should be phonetically to the corresponding company designator/name “Nivair”, 2 letter designator “NV”.

- The 2LD and associated callsign is only for use within the borders of South Africa.
- Callsigns must follow ICAO International requirements:
 - *Phonetically Pronounceable in English*
 - *Consist of not more than two words and three syllables*
 - *Prohibited to contain alpha or numeric characters or phrases (LeaderOne 1007 or AlphaAir 1007)*

5. Application Process

Organisations wishing to apply for the domestic 2LD and callsign must submit the following to SA2LDRTF@caa.co.za:

- Copy of all the Organisation's latest Air Service Licence(s).
- Copy of the latest valid Operating Certificate.
- Copy of the latest valid Ops Spec.
- On the email indicate the requested 2LD & callsign.
- Notification of Proof of Payment to the SACAA for R680.00, as per Part 176, Allocation of Radio Telephony (RTF) Callsigns.


Note: When an Organisation no longer holds a valid Air Service Licence, the assigned 2LD & call sign will be recalled.

- *The Operator can re-apply 3 months after the 2LD & call sign has been recalled.*

- *The Operator will have to submit all the documents and payment required for the re-assignment of the 2LD & call sign.*

Any conflicting RTF designator & callsign must be reported to the SACAA for further review and the conflicting designation and callsign may be recalled.

For any further information on the domestic 2LD RTF designator and callsign, please email SA2LDRTF@caa.co.za.

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