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Good day to all our Aero Club members and the GA Industry.

This Communique contains news about the 12-year engine issue.

12-Year Engine Rule

The SACAA CARCom meeting was held yesterday. The proposal to amend Part 43 with its Annexure 3 which includes the Condition Monitoring Program was approved for promulgation.

The regulatory process must now be followed. This includes, among other requirements, that the text is translated into Afrikaans and a review of the amendment is done by the Department of Transport before the Minister of Transport can sign the amendment.

It was mentioned that the SACAA may request a quicker promulgation process to ensure that promulgation of the approved Part 43 amendment is done sooner. It seems that this process will be implemented. However, at this stage, it is not possible to commit to any timeline or date when the promulgation will be finalised.

I enclose below the 19th Media Statement of the AIC 18.19 Task Team which also gives information about the Part 43 promulgation.

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CARCOM APPROVED PART 43 FOR RECOMMENDATION TO THE MINISTER FOR PROMULGATION

NOTICE TO ALL PARTICIPANTS AND AFFECTED PARTIES

Following the standard CARCom process, Part 43 was approved by CARCom yesterday. The outcome was supported by the voting members representing the Aero Club of South Africa (AeCSA) and the Commercial Aviation Association of Southern Africa (CAASA), ensuring that the interests of this sector were fully addressed.

The next phase of the process involves the legal teams of the Department of Transport and the South African Civil Aviation Authority CARCom reviewing the regulation to ensure legal accuracy and compliance. This includes standard translation into both English and Afrikaans.

Thereafter, the Minister and her office will consider the recommendation. If accepted in its current form, the regulation will proceed to promulgation.

The Regulator has previously indicated that promulgation may be requested on an urgent basis, rather than being included in a future amendment cycle. It is anticipated that this approach will be followed.

In the interim, industry continues to engage in good faith. While early interim relief has been anticipated, no approvals for Alternative Means of Compliance (AMOCs) or exemptions have been granted to date. All such requests have been declined, and there is currently no indication of appeals being pursued, given the advanced stage of the regulatory process and the shared objective of avoiding any disruption to its finalisation.

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