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REQUIREMENT FOR SECURITY PROGRAMMES AT AERODROMES

1. Purpose

This Circular is applicable to all Aerodrome Operators.

It is intended to notify all Aerodrome License holders of the requirement for providing proof of complying with Aviation Security Act, 2011 regarding Aerodrome Security Programmes.

2. References

Civil Aviation (Aerodromes) Regulations, 2012
Aviation Security Act, 2011

3. Background

- 3.1 There is growing concern on the rising number of aviation security breaches occurring in aerodromes. It has been observed that this is due to aerodromes of concern either not having security programmes or not implementing the requirements of the developed security programmes.
- 3.2 The Civil Aviation (Aerodromes) Regulations, 2012, **20 (1(d))** requires that Aerodrome License be issued to an applicant, where the applicant complies with the Aviation Security Act, 2011.

20. (1) The Authority shall issue an aerodrome license to an applicant, in Form D set out in Schedule 1, authorising the applicant to operate the aerodrome as an airfield, where -

(d) the applicant complies with the Aviation Security Act, 2011.

3.3 Section **51** of the Aviation Security Act, 2011, requires Aerodrome Operators to establish and implement a Security Programme.

51. (1) A person shall not operate an airport serving civil aviation in Botswana without an Aerodrome Operator Security Programme and if that person is not the Authority, the Programme shall be approved by the Authority.

(2) Every operator serving civil aviation in Botswana shall establish and implement a written Aerodrome Operator Security Programme that meets the requirements of the National Civil Aviation Security Programme and this Act.

(3) The Aerodrome Operator Security Programme shall be updated once in each year.

(4) A person who contravenes subsection (1) commits an offence and shall be liable to a fine of P2 500 000, or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years, or to both.

4. Requirement

4.1 All aerodrome operators are required to submit a copy of aerodrome security programme that has been approved by the Aviation Security Regulator to the Authority (Aerodromes Regulator). Aerodrome Operators are to consult with the Aviation Security regulator for guidance in the development of the security programme.

4.2 Operators are to have complied with this requirement by 28th January 2022 after which no aerodrome license shall be issued or renewed without the operator or applicant meeting this requirement.