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The following circular is hereby promulgated for information, guidance and necessary action.

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PROPER USE OF FREQUENCY 118.2 MHz AT UNMANNED AERODROMES

Recent reports from pilots indicate that some pilots are broadcasting on frequency 118.2 MHz at aerodromes not having air traffic service unit outside the limits specified in the AIP. This has resulted into interference and frequency congestion especially at aerodromes in the National Parks in northern Tanzania and aerodromes in the National Parks in Kenya, close to the border area. The frequency congestion may become a cause of a safety hazard.

This circular is intended to remind pilots of the rules to be observed when operating into and out of aerodromes not having air traffic service units. The Tanzanian AIP Aerodromes Section, Chapter 6 paragraph 6.10.3 states as follows:

“To minimize interference with the communications of aircraft operating into unmanned aerodromes, position reports and intentions should not be broadcast outside a radius of 10NM from the aerodrome or at a greater height than 3000 feet above ground level”.

Pilots should always include the name of the aerodrome in their broadcast to eliminate misinterpretations and queries from other pilots on position and location.

While medium and long term solution is being worked out between Kenya and Tanzania civil aviation authorities, pilots are required to strictly observe this rule to minimize frequency interference and congestion.

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