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

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LOW FLYING OVER NATIONAL PARKS, AND GAME RESERVES

Complaints have been received by the Tanzania Civil Aviation Authority on the continued infringement by some aircraft operators of the existing requirement to keep an adequate height above the ground when flying over designated National Parks and Game Reserves. This has obviously resulted in disrupting the game due to the constant noise emitted from the engines.

The attention of persons in command of aircraft is drawn to the necessity to refrain from low flying over national parks and game reserve areas and to the fact that under existing legislation provision has been made for prosecution in cases of intentional low flying,

To protect the game in these areas, and taking into account the type of aircraft that are required to operate into and out of those airfields located in the areas, it has been determined that a minimum height of 1500ft above the ground would be quite adequate.

A pilot in command should therefore not fly below 1500ft above ground level while flying in these areas, except in an emergency or when in the process of landing at or taking off from a licensed aerodrome.

The position of the National Parks and Game Reserves are indicated at page ENR 5.1. 4 of the AIP.

It is emphasized that where an infringement of this requirement as stipulated at page ENR 5.1.4 of the AIP is involved it would not be a matter of proving whether the person in command was at the material time flying below 1500ft or not. The authorities of the national parks and Game reserves shall, by the quickest means available, inform the Director General of Tanzania Civil Aviation Authority of the details (including the Registration Marks) of the aircraft suspected of low flying.

SPECIAL FLIGHTS OVER THE AREAS.

These are special flights authorized in writing by the national parks and game reserves authorities carried out for specific purposes such as game counting and de-stocking. Such copies of authority granted to an operator shall be availed to the Director General. Pilot in command shall not carry out such flights before informing the TCAA of the circumstances of the flight and obtain the necessary permission as the Director General deems fit.

Operators as well as the parks and games authorities are strongly advised to adhere to the procedures outlined in this circular.

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