

JOINT STATEMENT

SA CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY & NATIONWIDE AIRLINES

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FRAMEWORK OF COMPLIANCE BETWEEN SACAA & NATIONWIDE AIRLINES AND NATIONWIDE AMO

The SA Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA) and Nationwide Airlines today concluded a Framework of Compliance which outlines the process to be followed in ensuring that there is compliance with the requisite regulations and to ensure adherence to the applicable regulatory framework.

Through this framework, the Commissioner has approved, in principle, Nationwide Airline's contracting out the heavy maintenance of its aircraft fleet to Safair, the independent aircraft maintenance and engineering company based at Johannesburg's O.R. Tambo International Airport. Safair is a SACAA approved AMO.

The SACAA is committed to a collaborative and constructive approach to safety compliance. We have no doubt that the audit findings related to Nationwide Airlines can be satisfactorily addressed.

According to Mr Vernon Bricknell , CEO of Nationwide Airlines - "Nationwide cannot apologise enough to their customers who have been inconvenienced through this disruption, but with this new, joint approach, they are hopeful that they will very soon get their aircraft back in the skies so that people can fly again".

SACAA has also given special permission to Nationwide to move their aircraft, which are currently in different places in the country e.g. Cape Town, Durban, etc., to Safair for maintenance purposes. These aircraft will be flown without any passengers but only with essential flight crew.

SACAA and Nationwide are committed to working together for purposes of ensuring that the highest standards of aviation safety, security and compliance with the applicable regulatory framework are , at all times, maintained. All parties are committed to ensuring aviation safety as this is non-negotiable.

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