


|  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
|  <p><b>SOUTH AFRICAN<br/>CIVIL AVIATION<br/>AUTHORITY</b></p> | <p><b>REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA</b></p> <p><b>CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY</b></p> | <p>CAA<br/>Private Bag x73<br/>Halfway House<br/>1685</p> |
| <p>Tel: (011) 545-1000<br/>Fax: (011) 545-1465<br/>E-Mail: mail@caa.co.za</p>  | <p><b>AERONAUTICAL INFORMATION CIRCULAR</b></p>                               | <p><b>AIC</b><br/>18-9<br/>06-06-09</p>                   |

**GENERAL**

**LEGISLATION MATTERS**

**AVIATION DISASTER MANAGEMENT: AIR OPERATORS**

**PREPARATION OF LEGISLATION RELATING TO THE ASSISTANCE OF VICTIMS AND FAMILIES OF AVIATION  
DISASTERS BY AIR CARRIERS**

1. *Lessons learnt have taught states that aircraft disasters are costly events. It has thus become increasingly important for states to create instruments within their legal frameworks to address issues related to the responsibilities of the air operators particularly with regard to the assistance given to family members of victims in the event of an aircraft disaster.*
2. *This AIC serves as Notice of Intent to prepare regulations and guidelines for air carriers involved in commercial operations regarding victims and families of aviation related disasters.*
3. *The Legislation currently in the process of being drafted will give effect to:*
  - a. **ICAO Assembly Resolution A32-7 Harmonisation of the regulations and programmes for dealing with assistance to victims of accidents and their families** which recognises that the air carrier involved in a civil aviation accident is often best suited to assist families in the immediate aftermath of the accident.
  - b. *The role and responsibility of air operators as contained in ICAO Document 9137-AN/898 Part 7.*
4. *The Legislation will also ensure compliance with the Disaster Management Act (Act 57 of 2002) apportioning role and responsibilities to the relevant entities.*
5. *Consultation will take place between the CAA and relevant stakeholders, by way of the CARCOM process laid down in Part 11 of the Civil Aviation Regulations, 1997.*

*Further information in this regard can be obtained from either Mr. Chris Hancock at 011 545- 1280 e-mail [hancockc@caa.co.za](mailto:hancockc@caa.co.za) , Mr. Huibert van Seventer at 011 545-1093, e-mail [vanseventerh@caa.co.za](mailto:vanseventerh@caa.co.za) or Mr. A Downes at 011 545-1214 e-mail [downesa@caa.co.za](mailto:downesa@caa.co.za)*

**COMMISSIONER FOR CIVIL AVIATION**