

REPUBLIC OF VANUATU

THE VANUATU METEOROLOGICAL SERVICES (METEOROLOGICAL CHARGES)
(REGULATION) ORDER No. 44 OF 1989

To prescribe the meteorological charges applicable to aircraft engaged in international flights to and from the Republic of Vanuatu and in domestic flights within Vanuatu.

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by sections 8 and 9 of the Meteorology Act No. 4 of 1989 I hereby make the following Regulations:-

PART 1
PRELIMINARY

INTERPRETATION

1. In this order, unless the context otherwise requires:-

"meteorological charges" means those charges being levied in respect of Meteorological Services which include the taking and transmitting of weather observations, the provision of forecasts and warnings and any other information required by the aviation industry;

"Director" means the Director of Meteorological Services as defined by section 3 of the Meteorology Act No. 4 of 1989;

"International Airport" means Bauerfield Airport at Port Vila, Pekoa Airport at Luganville or Burton Airport at Lenakel;

"duly authorised officer" means an officer authorised by the Director to collect payment for charges for meteorological services.

PART 2
INTERNATIONAL METEOROLOGICAL CHARGES

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2. (1) Unless otherwise exempted under this Order, aircraft engaged in international flights to and from the Republic of Vanuatu shall incur, in respect of each landing at an International Airport, the following charges specified below:

AIRCRAFT WEIGHT

CHARGES

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| (a) not exceeding 6 tonnes | VT.70 per tonne or part thereof; |
| (b) exceeding 6 tonnes but not exceeding 25 tonnes | VT.110 per tonne or part thereof; |
| (c) exceeding 25 tonnes but not exceeding 100 tonnes | VT.2,750, plus VT.165 per additional tonne or part thereof in excess of 25 tonnes; |
| (d) exceeding 100 tonnes | VT.15,125, plus VT.200 per additional tonne or part thereof in excess of 100 tonnes. |

(2) Unless otherwise exempted under this Order, helicopters engaged in international flights to and from the Republic of Vanuatu, shall incur, in respect of each landing at an International Airport, 25 per cent of the meteorological charge specified in subregulation (1) of this regulation.

(3) The meteorological charges payable shall be calculated on the basis of the maximum all-up weight of the aircraft as specified in its certificate of airworthiness.

PAYMENT OF CHARGES

3. (1) Subject to regulation 6 the charges for meteorological services specified in regulation 2, shall become due immediately on the arrival of an aircraft at an International Airport. These charges shall be paid to the Director of Civil Aviation or his duly authorized officer.

(2) By prior arrangement with the Director in writing, the charges specified in regulation 2 may, where appropriate be paid monthly to the duly authorized officer.

(3) Where the charges are not paid by the operator within 30 days of the due date, the Government shall recover the amount due as a Civil Debt.

PART 3

DOMESTIC METEOROLOGICAL CHARGES

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4. (1) The Meteorological charges payable in respect of aircraft engaged in domestic flights within the Republic of Vanuatu shall be calculated on the basis of the quantity of fuel purchased for use in such aircraft.

- (2) Unless otherwise exempted under this Order, the charges shall be as specified below:

<u>TYPES OF FUEL</u>	<u>CHARGES PER LITRE</u>
Aviation Turbine Fuel (AVTUR)	0.4 Vatu
Aviation Gasoline (AVGAS)	0.7 Vatu

- (3) Unless otherwise exempted under this Order, the meteorological charges payable in respect of helicopters engaged in domestic flights within the Republic of Vanuatu shall be 25 per cent of the charge specified in subregulation (2) of this regulation.

PAYMENT OF CHARGES

5. (1) Subject to regulation 6, the meteorological charges specified in regulation 4 shall be paid monthly to the duly authorised officer. The operator shall calculate the charge and submit that calculation, supported by copies of fuel invoices for the month in question, with payment.
- (2) Where the charge is not paid by the operator within 30 days of the due date, the Government shall recover the amount due as a civil debt.

PART 4 **EXEMPTIONS**

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6. (1) The following aircraft shall not incur the charges specified in this Order:
- (a) State aircraft (aircraft of military, customs or police services);
 - (b) aircraft being used solely for diplomatic purposes;
 - (c) aircraft engaged in test or training flights;
 - (d) aircraft engaged in flights of a humanitarian nature, including search and rescue flights; and
 - (e) aircraft obliged to land in an emergency.
- (2) The charges specified in regulation 4 shall not apply in respect of fuel purchased for use in aircraft which cannot be so used, subject to the Minister being satisfied as to the bona fides of any claim for exemption.

PART 5
GENERAL PROVISIONS

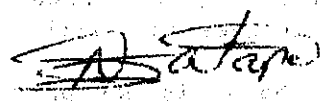
APPLICATION

7. Part 2 of this Order shall apply to aircraft engaged in flights within the Republic of Vanuatu other than those aircraft on the Vanuatu Register of civil aircraft unless the Minister determines that Part 3 shall apply.

COMMENCEMENT

8. This Order shall come into force on the date of its publication in the Gazette.

MADE at Port Vila, this 22nd day of December, 1989.



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Transport, Civil Aviation and Tourism