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This AIC is issued to disseminate the RCAA decision to introduce new aviation security charges on every departing passenger over 2 years of age.

## **NEW AVIATION SECURITY CHARGES**

#### 1. Introduction

The Rwanda Civil Aviation Authority (RCAA), unlike many other public institutions, is funded directly by charges on those it regulates or gives services, and therefore it is necessary for RCAA to put in place charges for aviation security for recovering the costs of discharging its aviation security functions.

On 1 August 2014, RCAA issued a formal consultation document which outlined in detail the proposal for introduction of aviation security charges. The purpose of the consultation document was to seek comments from aviation community on the proposed aviation security charges to achieve the most fair and equitable result, while recovering costs. The consultation ended on 31 August 2014 by which time RCAA had not received any response to the consultation document from airlines or other interested parties.

Thereafter, on 1 October 2014, RCAA issued a decision document setting out RCAA's decision on aviation security charges following formal consultation and outlined the next steps RCAA would take in the implementation of its decision.

### 2. Legal basis

Pursuant to Presidential Order No. 60/01 of 20/10/2008, Rwanda Civil Aviation (Fees and Charges) Regulations, regulation 7 (1) empowers the RCAA to impose or collect passenger service and security charges, in respect of every departing passenger.

# 3. Implementation of new aviation security charges

With effect from 15<sup>th</sup> January 2015, for every departing passenger over 2 years of age, a security charge of US\$ 8 will be collected. This charge will be collected by the airlines or operator at the point of sale of the relevant flight ticket and remitted to the RCAA in accordance with applicable arrangements.

### 4. Cancellation

Security Charge published in Rwanda AIP page GEN4.1-2 under passenger service and security fees at public aerodromes in Rwanda, paragraph 2, will be cancelled on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2015.

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