



Media Statement

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TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT CONFIRMS ABAKAN AIR FOREIGN OPERATOR'S PERMIT APPROVAL.

PRETORIA: The National Department of Transport has confirmed the approval and issuing of a Foreign Operator's Permit (FOP) to the Abakan Air.

The operator applied for the FOP on 09 September 2025. The Department subsequently issued the permit on 23 September 2025. The application sought a permit authorizing the airline to transport general cargo, civilian helicopter, and acrobatic aeroplanes.

The application also required the operator to submit information about the consignor/consignee of the cargo, which in this case was provided and confirmed by the relevant company in writing.

Furthermore, the operator was also required to contract a regulated cargo agent in South Africa, and that was also confirmed.

Details of the crew and their paperwork were also required and were submitted accordingly.

The flight plan was also required by the ATNS. Further information can be obtained from ATNS regarding the Plan.

It is important to highlight that the South African government has not blacklisted the operator, concerned. Furthermore, the Department has no knowledge or record of any information from any other government indicating that this operator has been blacklisted.

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