

Petroleum (Aviation Fuel) Regulations, 2024

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IT is hereby notified that the Minister of Energy and Power Development after consultation with the Zimbabwe Energy Regulatory Authority, in terms of section 57 of the Petroleum Act [Chapter 13:22], has made the following regulations:—

1. These regulations may be cited as the Petroleum (Aviation Fuel) Regulations, 2024.

2. In these regulations—

“aviation fuel” means JET A1 and AVGAS;

“CAAZ” means the Civil Aviation Authority of Zimbabwe;

“JIG” means Joint Inspection Group.

3. These regulations shall apply to importation, wholesaling and retailing of aviation fuel.

4. Any person wishing to conduct business of importing, wholesaling or retailing aviation fuel shall make an application to the Authority, and such application shall be accompanied by their operating certificate from CAAZ.

5. (1) Any person under these regulations wishing to conduct a business of importing, wholesaling or retailing aviation fuel shall do so in accordance with the terms and conditions of a procurement licence granted by the Authority and endorsed “aviation”.

(2) Any person who contravenes subsection (1) shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a fine not exceeding level 9 or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding five years or to both such fine and such imprisonment.

6. (1) A licensee shall keep records of inspections, purchase and sale transactions of aviation fuel including—

(a) purchase or sale documents;

(b) quality certificates;

(c) JIG audit reports;

(d) CAAZ certificates.

(2) The records referred to in subsection (1) shall be retained for a period of three years and disclosed to the Authority on request after seven days' notice.

(3) Every licensee shall —

- (a) make a weekly return to the Authority of such matters, and in such form as may be specified by the Authority; and
- (b) account monthly for the disposal of its aviation fuel by making a monthly return to the Authority in the specified form.

(4) A licensee shall ensure that aviation fuel is transported in vehicle units that comply with minimum standards set in ZWS 994 and ZWS 995 for carriage of flammable substances.

(5) A licensee shall report all major accidents or incidents involving aviation fuel or facilities, experienced in the course of their business within 48 hours of occurrence.

(6) Any person who fails to comply with the provisions of this section shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a fine not exceeding level 9 or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding five years or to both such fine and such imprisonment.

7. (1) The Authority or any person acting on its behalf may, on sufficient notice during business hours, inspect any vehicle, premises or take samples for testing on any business engaged in importing, wholesaling or retailing aviation fuel.

(2) Any person who resists, hinders the Authority or person acting on its behalf from discharging its, his or her duties shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a fine not exceeding level 9 or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding five years or to both such fine and such imprisonment.