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The following circular is hereby promulgated for information, guidance and necessary action.

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USE OF PRESSURE ALTITUDE SSR TRANSPONDERS WITHIN KIGALI TMA.

Reference is made to Regulation 19 (1) and (3) of Civil Aviation (Instrument and Equipment) Regulations, 2008

In order to enhance safety, all aircraft operating within Kigali TMA should be equipped with SSR transponders.

Pilots of aircraft about to enter Kigali TMA from an adjacent region where the operation of Transponders has not been required and have not received specific instructions from Kigali Radar concerning the setting of the transponder shall operate the SSR transponder on mode A2000 when flying under instrument flight rules (IFR) and mode A2201 when flying under Visual flight rules (VFR) until assigned a specific code by the radar controller.

With effect from **11th Dec 2014** all aircraft intending to fly within Kigali TMA should have and operate their SSR transponders with altitude reporting facility, Mode C.

The following classes of aircraft are exempted from the above requirement:

- i) Gliders
- ii) Balloons
- ii) Airships
- iv) Kites
- v) Aircraft whose original certification does not include an engine powered electrical system and has not been subsequently certified for installation of such a system.