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**AIR TRANSPORT CIRCULAR 2 OF 2010**

**Subject:** Publishing of Tariff - Rule 135 of Aircraft Rules, 1937 reg.

1. Sub-rule (1) of rule 135 of the Aircraft Rules, 1937 states that every air transport undertaking engaged in scheduled air services shall establish tariff having regard to all relevant factors, including the cost of operation, characteristics of service, reasonable profit and the generally prevailing tariff. Sub-rule (2) of rule 135 mentions that every air transport undertaking shall publish the tariff established by him under sub-rule (1) in his website or two daily newspapers, and shall display such tariff in a conspicuous part of his office and in the office of his agent, if any.

2. It has been observed that information available in the public domain on airfares is not considered sufficient and adequate to meet the intent of rule 135 of the Aircraft Rules, 1937, which render it difficult for the air travellers to make an informed choice while buying air tickets. It has also been observed in the recent past through the search of websites of airlines and feedback from the air travellers that during the high demand period, scheduled domestic airlines apparently charge excessive high tariff for various flights across their network causing lot of inconvenience to the travelling public and drawing adverse comments on airfares. Sudden surges in airfares are becoming a frequent phenomenon, which is considered unjustified without any concomitant increase

in the operating cost of the airlines or any other justifiable reason. This situation has been viewed seriously by the DGCA.

3. In view of the above and to maintain transparency in tariff publication, all the scheduled domestic airlines are directed to ensure the following:

- a) Furnish a copy of the tariff established under sub-rule (1) of rule 135 route-wise across its network in various fare categories, in the manner it is offered in the market, to DGCA on every first day of the calendar month. Any significant and noticeable change in the established tariff so filed with DGCA shall be reported to DGCA within 24 hrs of effecting such changes.
- b) Maintain all records pertaining to established tariff in its office as envisaged in sub-rule (3) of rule 135 of the Aircraft Rules, 1937.

4. As far as publishing of airfares by airlines are concerned, it is reiterated that the provisions contained in sub-rule (2) of rule 135 of the Aircraft Rules, 1937 shall be strictly adhered to.

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To: All scheduled domestic airlines