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1. The Namibia Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA) hereby announces that a new edition of NAMCATS 140 has been published, effective 8 September 2025. This edition supersedes all previous versions of NAMCATS-SMS-140. All stakeholders are requested to update their records and ensure compliance with the new requirements by the effective date. The updated NAMCATS-SMS-140 is available on the NCAA website.
2. Changes to the NAMCATS-SMS-140 include:
 - a. **Applicability:** Specific reference to certified airport rather than all aviation facilities to align with Part 139, inclusion of a clause whereby the executive director can require an SMS due to the nature or complexity of an operations.
 - b. **Principle of Exception:** The inclusion of emphasis on the protection of information and non-punitive approach for both mandatory and voluntary reports.
 - c. **Safety Culture:** The inclusion of establishing a positive safety culture was added to management commitment and documentation.
 - d. **Terminology:** Targets were changed to measurable effect. Phases were changed to reflection of the processes behind the phase.
 - e. **Safety Performance Indicators:** Inclusion of requirement for acceptance by the Executive Director and a minimum of annual review.
 - f. **Post Holder Safety:** Additional guidance on qualifications and selection.
 - g. **Reportable Occurrences:** Scope for service provider to deal with routine safety or quality deviations, emphasis of reporting events that may effect other organisations, inclusion of wildlife strikes.
 - h. **Implementation Tool:** Inclusion of gap analysis and implementation tool.

Any questions on NAMCATS Part 140 can be referred to spq@ncaa.na.