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

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**OBSERVATION AND AVOIDANCE OF ANIMALS AT AERODROMES IN
NATIONAL PARKS AND GAME RESERVES.**

The presence of animals on runways presents serious hazard to aircraft operation at aerodromes within national parks and/or game reserves. It is not unusual to find animals grazing or crossing the runways at such aerodromes. A number of accidents have occurred as a result of aircraft colliding with animals at these aerodromes.

As a measure towards accident prevention, pilots intending to land at aerodromes in the national parks or game reserves are required to over fly the aerodromes at least 500 feet above the level of the aerodrome for purpose of detecting the animal presence on the runways and the associated strip. Such surveillance shall be carried out regardless of whether a ground vehicle is available at the aerodrome to chase away the animals before landing or not.

Pilots shall over fly the runway at least two times before landing. The first over flight is expected to alert or awaken the animals for escape and the pilot shall observe the movement of animals during the second over flight. The approach to land shall only be commenced when the pilot has ascertained that it is safe for landing and that there is no danger of animals running across the runway during landing.

Not all runway strips at such aerodromes are clear of bushes. Some animals hide or are obstructed by these bushes/trees. The owners are reminded to urgently correct the unsafe condition. In the interim, pilots should exercise extra vigilance on landing and take-off from aerodromes in game reserves and national parks. They should always anticipate movement of animals from the strips and be prepared to overshoot and/or take evasive action.

This AIC should be read in conjunction with AIC 18/2000 and AIC 35/2000.

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