

Inspection Committee For TAAG Has Been Created

Angolan President José Eduardo dos Santos created, at the start of the current month, an Inspection Committee to conduct inspections of the Angolan Air Transportation Company (TAAG). The Inspection Committee will oversee the observation of the measures related to the withdrawal of the prohibition imposed on TAAG to fly within the European Union's airspace.

Coordinated by the Vice-minister of the Interior, Sebastião Jose António Martins, the Committee was created bearing in mind that the anomalies that had originated the suspension of TAAG flights in the European airspace had not been surpassed in the first six months, and with the objective of preventing the situation from aggravating itself and causing the suspension of TAAG's flights to other continents.

As per the Presidential Decree that created it, the Inspection Committee is tasked with supervising the degree of fulfillment of the measures taken in order to correct the problems detected by the European Union in relation to the operational capacity of TAAG, as well as with creating the conditions to restore normality in the exploration of the equipment of the Company.

The Committee will also pronounce itself on the current inquiries, the alterations to be introduced in the Company, as well as the investments to make or the restructuring that must be done so as to qualify TAAG to fly the international routes of interest to the Angolan State.

If needed, the Inspection Committee may use consulting services or other entities, and is receptive to all information that contributes to an objective evaluation of the causes that originated the relapsing breaches, as well as suggestions that contribute to clearing TAAG from the Black List of the European Union, having, to that effect, made available the following e-mail addresses to those who are interested:

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The Committee, which was created in the terms of the Constitutional Law, is formed by the Vice-minister for Finance, Eduardo Leopoldo Severim de Morais, the Vice-minister of Transportation, Hélder de Moura Preza, the Director of the National Institute of Civil Aviation, António Jesus Marcolino Pombal, and the Assistant of the Services of Support to the President of the Republic, António Joaquim da Cruz Lima.

TAAG flights were suspended in the airspace of the European Union in July of 2007, after the European Commission included it in the "black list" of companies banned from the European airspace, for its alleged disrespect to the security norms internationally accepted. The measure entered into force in that same month.