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To: All airline CEOs and DFOs and Flight Crew 22nd March 2010

Re: Hazardous Weather Conditions

The NCAA would like to remind all pilots flying in Nigeria of the frequent occurrence of a range of hazardous weather conditions, particularly during the dry season.

Nigeria experiences regular Harmattan events that substantially reduce landing visibility, often to below the State weather minima of 800 metres.

A thorough pre-flight briefing, including a NIMET briefing of forecast weather conditions at the departure aerodrome, the destination, en-route and at any alternate aerodrome is mandatory for every flight. Pilots should carefully review the procedures for their operation whenever a forecast shows that reduced visibility or other adverse weather conditions might exist for any portion of the flight.

NAMA will close airports to arrivals and departures when the runway visual range is measured at less than 800 metres and pilots must be prepared to postpone flights or to divert to alternate airports in these circumstances.

The airlines, and their flight crews should keep passengers informed of the situation and of the potential for flight delays and possible cancellations. Safety considerations must always be the highest priority.

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