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USE OF REPETITIVE FLIGHT PLANS (RPLS)

Introduction

It has been noted that several local aircraft operators have implemented regular scheduled flights to service the hinterland communities. In order to facilitate the growth of the industry, the Guyana Civil Aviation Authority has implemented the use of Repetitive Flight Plans.

General

RPLs shall not be used for flights other than IFR flights operated regularly on the same day(s) of consecutive weeks and on at least ten occasions or every day over a period of at least ten consecutive days. The elements of each flight plan shall have a high degree of stability.

RPLs shall cover the entire flight from the departure aerodrome to the destination aerodrome.

Procedures for submission of RPLs by operators

Conditions governing submission, notification of changes, or cancellation of RPLs shall be the subject of appropriate arrangements between operators and the GCAA.

An RPL shall comprise information regarding such of the following items as are considered relevant by the GCAA:

- Validity period of the flight plan
- Days of operation
- Aircraft identification
- Aircraft type and wake turbulence category
- MLS capability
- Departure aerodrome
- Off-block time
- Cruising speed(s)
- Cruising level(s)
- Route to be followed
- Destination aerodrome
- Total estimated elapsed time

- Indication of the location where the following information may be obtained immediately upon request:
 - alternate aerodrome
 - fuel endurance
 - total number of persons onboard
 - emergency equipment
- Other information

Submission of total listings

RPLs shall be submitted in the form of the listings containing the required flight plan data using an RPL listing form specially designed for the purpose.

Note. - A model RPL listing form is contained in 'PANS-ATM DOC4444, Appendix 2-20'.

Initial submission of complete RPL listings and any subsequent seasonal resubmission of complete listings shall be made in sufficient time to permit the data to be properly assimilated by the GCAA. This lead time shall be at least two weeks.

Information regarding alternate aerodrome(s) and supplementary flight plan data (information normally provided under Item 19 of the ICAO flight plan form) shall be kept readily available by the operator at the departure aerodrome or another agreed location, so that, upon request by the ATS units, it can be supplied without delay. The name of the office from which the information can be obtained shall be recorded of the RPL listing form.

Acknowledgement of receipt of listings of flight plan data and/or amendment thereto shall not be required except by agreement by operators and the GCAA.

Changes to RPL listings

Changes of a Permanent Nature

Changes of a permanent nature involving the inclusion of new flights and the deletion or modification of currently listed flights shall be submitted in the form of amendment listings. These listings shall reach the air traffic services agency concerned at least seven days prior to the change becoming effective. (Suggested: New RPL listing Form)

All RPL changes shall be submitted in accordance with the instructions for preparation of RPL listings.

Changes of a Temporary Nature

Changes of a temporary, non-recurring nature relating to RPLs concerning aircraft type and wake turbulence category, speed and/or cruising level shall be notified for each individual flight as early as possible and not later than 30 minutes before departure to the ATS reporting office responsible for the departure aerodrome. A change of cruising level only may be notified by radiotelephony on initial contact with the ATS unit.

In case of an incidental change in the aircraft identification, the departure aerodrome, the route and/or the destination aerodrome, the RPL shall be cancelled for the day concerned and an individual flight plan shall be submitted.

Whenever it is expected by the operator that a specific flight, for which an RPL has been submitted, is likely to encounter a delay of 30 minutes or more in excess of the off-block time stated in that flight plan, the ATS unit responsibility for the departure aerodrome shall be notified immediately.

Whenever it is known to the operator that any flight for which an RPL has been submitted is cancelled, the ATS unit responsible for the departure aerodrome shall be notified.

Operator/Pilot Liaison

The operator shall ensure that the latest flight plan information, including permanent and incidental changes, pertaining to a particular flight and duly notified to the appropriate agency, is made available to the pilot-in-command.

Application of RPLs require agreements with participating operators to establish submission and amendment procedures.

Agreements shall include provisions for the following procedures:

- a) Initial submission
- b) Permanent changes
- c) Temporary and incidental changes
- d) Cancellations
- e) Additions; and
- f) Completely revised listings when indicated by extensive changes.

ATS messages relating to individual flights operating on an RPL shall be originated and addressed to ATS units concerned in a manner identical to that used for flights operating on individual flight plans.