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CHANGES TO FLIGHT PLANNING REQUIREMENTS FOR ITEMS 9C AND 18 IN AUSTRALIA

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This AIC cancels and replaces AIC H23/24 with an amendment to the contact email address.
- 1.2 Due to system limitation, the Australian Aeronautical Information Publication (AIP) currently requires operators of A388 aircraft to plan the wake turbulence category 'H' (Heavy) at item 9c of the flight plan. Effective 05 September 2024, via Flight Data Coordinator manual intervention, Airservices will become aligned with international standards set out for flight planning by ICAO in Procedures for Air Navigation Services – Air Traffic Management (PANS ATM) and accept the correct 'J' (Super Heavy) wake turbulence category.
- 1.3 Coincident with this change, AIP is also being amended to encourage operators to, whenever possible, limit flight plan entries in item 18 to 250-characters or less due a separate ATM system limitation.

2. CONTENT

- 2.1 From 05 September 2024, A388 aircraft should indicate 'J' for Super Heavy in item 9c of the flight plan.

- 2.2 Whenever possible, operators are encouraged to limit flight plan entries in item 18 to 250-characters or less to prevent FPL rejection due to ATM system limitation.
 - 2.2.1 Rejected FPL require manual handling by Airservices Flight Data Coordinators to remove data in excess of 250-characters. This may cause delay and an increased risk of processing error.
- 2.3 Information that should not be included in item 18 and which may require manual removal includes:
 - 2.3.1 Item 19 information – processed by the system as item 18 information when a hyphen used to denote the beginning of field 19 is missing
 - 2.3.2 OPR/ when the aircraft identification is identical to the aircraft operating agency
 - 2.3.3 ORGN/ when the originator of the flight plan is readily identifiable by other means
 - 2.3.4 RMK/ entries that are superfluous and/or do not use standard abbreviations, including: flight planning software application comments similar to 'CREATED BY ...', overflight permit numbers of foreign FIR
 - 2.3.5 EET/ information for individual waypoints instead of FIR boundaries
 - 2.3.6 RALT/ when entered for company information purposes only.

3. CANCELLATION

- 3.1 This AIC self-cancels at 202411271600 UTC.

4. DISTRIBUTION

- 4.1 Airservices Australia website only.