



National Information Circular

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Subject	Change notification – 19 March 2026 AIRAC		
Valid from	16 February 2026	Valid to	30 April 2026
Units Affected	All units		
Authorised by	ATM Standards and Assurance Manager		
Background	The Manual of Air Traffic Services (MATS) version 75 and the Aeronautical Information Publication (AIP Book) AL 126 will become effective on 19 March 2026.		
For controller information	<p>The change summaries for MATS and AIP can be found in the published documents and are reproduced below for reference. Not all minor and editorial changes are included.</p> <p>Additionally, an AIRAC briefing document can be found in the 'AIRAC Education' document library on the ATS Integrity team site (here). This document provides an indication of what has changed and the reason(s) for the change where the change has not been previously published by IMA and is considered significant.</p> <p>Some changes to the AIP are initiated outside Airservices. These changes are described in the change summary in the published document but are not included in the AIRAC briefing document.</p> <p>It is a requirement for all ATS staff to be fully familiar with all changes relevant to their duties.</p>		

MATS Changes

Title	Description of change	Change Request Number
Safety Alert definition update	Updates Safety Alert definition to align with the instructions in 9.1.4.3 and 4.2.21.1 Section affected: 1.1.1	46180
Reporting suspected harmful interference	Updates the agency to which suspected malicious interference must be reported. Section affected: 2.7.3	46339
Displaced threshold during runway works	A number of safety occurrences have been seen in Australia related to reduced runway lengths during runway works necessitating improved dissemination of information to pilots as an additional barrier to these occurrences. Sections affected: 3.1.1, 9.1.3, 12.2.2	46139
Microflite editorial correction	Correction for a transcription error in MATS v74 Section affected: 6.2.1	47256
Defence Callsigns - 12SQN	Transfer 'Buffalo' callsign from C SQN /Townsville to new unit 12 SQN. Transfer 'Vengeance' callsign from 2FTS Pearce to new unit 12 SQN. Section affected: 6.2.2	47201
CAR and LAHSO editorials	Removes reference to superseded CARs and better aligns LAHSO active participant list to AIP. Section affected: Index, 10.9.5	46340
IVA requirements not met	Updates procedures for when independent parallel visual approach conditions are not met or lost to include a safety alert and avoiding action as necessary Section affected: 11.1.7	46341
Stop bars	Amends stop bar responsibilities to match AIP changes. Sections affected: 12.3.1, 12.11.1	47199
TSAD separation requirements	Adds more specific requirements for the application of lateral separation using TSAD. Section affected: 12.9.4	46337

AIP Changes

Where possible, references to noteworthy amendments have been included (references may not indicate all amendments relating to that topic). Minor editorial and format changes are not shown in this summary.

Air Traffic Services and General Rules. Standardised procedures for the operation of stop bars at Australia's major airports. GEN 3.3 para 6.4 and 6.6 and ENR 1.1 Sections 2.3 and 2.4.

Communication Services. New information about the VHF voice communication frequencies that use 25kHz channel spacing. GEN 1.5 para 1.3 and GEN 3.4 para 5.11.7.

Safety Alert circumstances update. Updates Safety Alert instructions to include Military Operating Areas. GEN 3.3 para 3.5.1.c.

New phraseology. Introduction of phraseology for reduced runway length operations. GEN 3.4, para 6.16 and AD 1.1.