



# National Information Circular

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| <b>Subject</b>                    | Change notification – 28 November 2024 AIRAC  |                 |                 |
| <b>Valid from</b>                 | 18 November 2024  | <b>Valid to</b> | 31 January 2025 |
| <b>Units Affected</b>             | All units   |                 |                 |
| <b>Authorised by</b>              | ATM Standards Lead  |                 |                 |
| <b>Background</b>                 | The <a href="#">Manual of Air Traffic Services (MATS)</a> version 70 and the <a href="#">Aeronautical Information Publication (AIP Book)</a> AL 121 will become effective on 28 November 2024.  |                 |                 |
| <b>For controller information</b> | <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 (<a href="#">here</a>). This document provides an indication of what has changed and the reason(s) for the change where appropriate.</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**

| <b>Title</b>  | <b>Description of change</b>   | <b>Change Request Number</b> |
|---|--|------------------------------|
| Flight plan definitions update                      | Align the flight plan definitions with ICAO.<br>Sections affected: 1.1.1 and 1.2.1   | 36693                        |
| VSS to VSS-M  | Creates definitions and discrete rule sets for VSS and VSS-M.<br>Sections affected: 1.1.1, 1.2.1 and 12.9.5.   | 34036                        |
| GRF v2 amendments                                   | A number of small amendments to GRF related procedures are desired for completeness.<br>Sections affected: 3.1.1, 7.1.7, 9.1.2, 12.2.3   | 36026                        |
| Alert phase update                                  | Update alert phase circumstances to align with Annex 11.<br>Section affected: 4.2.2  | 36692                        |
| Removal of 4.3.5                                    | Removal of 4.3.5 due to duplication in FIHA.<br>Section affected: 4.3.5  | 37117                        |
| Automated Balloon Releases                          | Amends the requirements for meteorological balloons near aerodromes to permit automatic meteorological balloon launching systems at some locations.<br>Section affected: 5.1.1 | 37758                        |
| RPAS shielded operations above 400 FT               | Extends the applicability of the shielded operations above the OLS RPAS segregation method to operations above 400 FT.<br>Sections affected: 5.3.1, 5.3.3 and 5.3.4            | 37624                        |
| ATIS Designator Coordination                        | Include the requirement for procedural Towers to coordinate the ATIS designator to en route.<br>Section affected: 6.3.4  | 35982                        |
| Vectoring   | Rationalises the location and circumstances in which aircraft may be vectored.<br>Section affected: 9.7.10   | 35503                        |
| Runway nomination conditions                        | Better aligns the runway conditions in which a particular runway may not be nominated for given wind conditions with the Part 172 MoS.<br>Section affected: 12.2.1             | 37102                        |
| Removal of military aerodrome sequence instructions | Removal of 12.5.6.3 due to duplication in FIHA.<br>Section affected: 12.5.6  | 37116                        |
| Vehicle clearance and readback requirements         | Include vehicle clearance issue and readback requirements.<br>Section affected: 12.7.1   | 35945                        |

## 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.

**Definitions and Abbreviations.** Removed and added additional items - *GEN 2.2*.

**Communication and Navigation Services.** Updating the location of the National Communications Centre. *GEN 3.4, Appendix 1*

**Holding Approach and Departure Procedures.** Updating the visual approach requirements that apply to IFR flights, VFR flights and what applies to both. *ENR 1.5 para 1.14, 1.15, 1.16 and 1.23*.

**Military Airspace.** Amberley and Williamstown restricted airspace updated in *ENR 5.2 - para 2.3 and 2.9*.

**Other Activities of Dangerous Nature and Potential Hazards.** Existing information moved from ERSA, Special Procedures, Fly Neighbourly Advice GEN-SP FN22 and FN24, around bushfires and warships. Volcanic ash hazards included with reference to newly created *AC 91-33*. *ENR 5.3*.

**Balloon Operations.** Reflect new requirements as stated in *Part 131 MOS* and including statement referencing *AC 131-02 and AIP SUP H118/21 - ENR 5.5, para 3.3.1 and 3.3.2*.