# National Information Circular

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| **Subject** | Change notification – 26 November 2026 AIRAC | | |
| **Valid from** | 2 November 2026 | **Valid to** | 31 December 2026 |
| **Units Affected** | All units | | |
| **Authorised by** | ATM Standards and Assurance Manager | | |
| **Background** | The Manual of Air Traffic Services (MATS) Version 78 and the Aeronautical Information Publication (AIP Book) AL 129 will become effective on 26 November 2026. | | |
| **For controller information** | The change summaries for MATS and AIP can be found in the published documents and are reproduced below for reference. Not all minor or editorial changes are included.<br><br>Additionally, an AIRAC briefing document can be found in the 'AIRAC Education' document library on the SATSS 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 or AIP SUP and is considered significant.<br><br>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.<br><br>It is a requirement for all ATS staff to be fully familiar with all changes relevant to their duties. | | |

## MATS Changes

| Title | Description of Change | Change Request Number |
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| Call sign editorial | Change references of callsign/s to call sign/s in various chapters.<br>Section(s) affected: chapters 1, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12 and index | 53675 |
| RNAV/Area Navigation | Incorporates changes to the definitions of area navigation, navigation specification and performance-based navigation as per Amendment 55 to Annex 11, Amendment 49 to Annex 2 and Amendment 36 to PANS-ABC.<br>Section(s) affected: 1.1.1, 1.2.1, 10.4.10, 11.2.1 | 53424 |
| NAPM to MATS FIS provision | Moves requirements related to traffic provision from NAPM to MATS.<br>Section(s) affected: 1.1.1, 9.1.2, 9.1.3, 9.1.6, 9.7.9 | 53416 |
| Airspace Change Responsible Agency | Amendment introduces NAMO as the authority for permanent Defence airspace changes; retains JACC for temporary SUA changes.<br>Section(s) affected: 1.2.1, 2.4.2 | 54090 |
| NAPM to MATS Customs flights | Moves requirements related to Customs surveillance departure reports from NAPM to MATS.<br>Section(s) affected: 1.2.1, 5.1.2, 6.3.5 | 53415 |
| Start-up and pushback changes to align with AIP | Editorial changes to align with proposed AIP change.<br>Section(s) affected: 2.3.3, 3.1.1, 5.1.7. 6.3.4, 12.3.1 | 53600 |
| Supervisor to MATS | Moves content related to Supervisor requirements from Supervisor local instructions to MATS. Updates distribution requirements for BOM Meteorological Watch Office (MWO) and Darwin VAAC.<br>Section(s) affected: 2.5.4, 3.1.4, 4.5.2, 6.3.2, 7.1.7, 9.7.3, 12.2.3. | 51933 |
| NAPM to MATS Data link | Moves requirements related to Data Link from NAPM to MATS and incorporates changes for ICAO Annex 10 Vol II updates.<br>Section(s) affected: 4.2.19, 6.1.1, 9.8 | 52776 |
| RPAS vertical segregation - general | Provides for a generic vertical segregation value to use where an RPAS does not meet any existing conditions for the use of vertical segregation.<br>Section(s) affected: 5.3.4 | 53925 |
| RPAS vertical segregation - laser and RTK | Permits the use of a 500 FT buffer between crewed aircraft and RPAS using laser or RTK altimetry.<br>Section(s) affected: 5.3.4 | 53926 |
| Auriga FNC | Introduces new 2LD for Auriga Aviation.<br>Section(s) affected: 6.2.1 | 50175 |
| GAM Air new designator | Replaces GAM Air 2LD with a new designator<br>Section(s) affected: 6.2.1 | 52631 |
| Defence call signs – P8 | Several changes to the construct and composition of 92WG necessitates the following updates:<br>a) New 92WG call sign (Sealion) | 54091 |

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| | b) Remove 92WG call signs (Blackcat and Striker)<br>c) Update aircraft type for 92WG<br>d) New 11SQN call sign (Shepherd).<br>Section(s) affected: 6.2.2.1 | |
| NAPM to MATS NOTAM | Moves requirements related to NOTAMs from NAPM, NAAM and ML SPVR LI to MATS.<br>Section affected: 8.1.1 | 53418 |
| Follow instruction readback | Inclusion of safety-related requirements within readbacks.<br>Section(s) affected: 9.2.2 | 53875 |
| Speed guidance table update | Inclusion of data for the Cirrus (SF50) jet in the speed data guidance table.<br>Section affected: 9.5.1 | 53597 |
| Established on final approach correction | Corrects the circumstances in which an aircraft can be considered to be established on final approach course or track in the application of parallel approaches at civil Class C aerodromes.<br>Section affected: 11.1.1 | 53284 |
| NAPM to MATS Tower displays | Moves requirements related to generic tower display requirement from NAPM to MATS.<br>Section affected: 12.10.1 | 53417 |

## 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.

**Legislation:** Updates to legislative instrument references, including year and section citations, GEN 1.2 para 1.2.6 and GEN 1.6 para 1.1.1.

**New Designated International Airport:** Karratha (YPKA) and Sydney/Nancy-Bird Walton (YSWS) added as a designated international airport, GEN 1.2 para 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3.4 and GEN 1.3 para 6.2.4.

**Communication and Navigation:** Updates to phraseology associated with addition of follow readback requirements, restricted areas, CPDLC and alignment to ICAO-standard terms and CASR Part 91 MOS, GEN 3.4 para 5.4, 6.3, 6.4, 6.9, 6.14, 6.15, 6.16, and 7.5.

**Terminology Amendment:** replaced "active runway" with "runway", ENR 1.1 para 6.1.10, 9.1.14

**Flying Considerately:** New section added. ENR 1.5 para 9.3.

**Ground Delay Program (GDP):** Revision of run time information, ENR 1.9 para 3.1 and 3.4.

**AAR Tracks:** Updates to W946 AAR. Amended to terminate at GUKVI, ENR 5.2 para 4