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INTRODUCTION AND APPLICABILITY

The word ‘should’ is used to indicate that the Operator has a degree of latitude, particularly where the nature of the operation affects the degree of compliance but may not ignore the requirement. If the Operator’s response is deemed to be inadequate by the Director General, a specific requirement may be applied as a condition of the Thailand Civil Aviation Regulations (TCAR).

This publication includes associated compliance and interpretative material wherever possible and, unless specifically stated otherwise, clarification will be based on this material or other Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand (CAAT) documentation.

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GM1 Annex I Definitions

DEFINITIONS FOR TERMS USED IN ACCEPTABLE MEANS OF COMPLIANCE AND GUIDANCE MATERIAL

For the purpose of Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to TCAR OPS the following definitions should apply:

- (a) 'Abnormal flight behaviour' means, in the context of an aircraft tracking system, an event affecting a flight:
 - (1) which is outside of the parameters defined by the operator for normal operation or which indicates an obvious deviation from normal operation; and
 - (2) for which the operator has determined that it poses a risk for the safe continuation of the flight or for third parties.
- (b) 'Accuracy' means, in the context of PBN operations, the degree of conformance between the estimated, measured or desired position and/or the velocity of a platform at a given time, and its true position or velocity. Navigation performance accuracy is usually presented as a statistical measure of system error and is specified as predictable, repeatable and relative.
- (c) 'Aircraft-based augmentation system (ABAS)' means a system that augments and/or integrates the information obtained from the other GNSS elements with information available on board the aircraft. The most common form of ABAS is receiver autonomous integrity monitoring (RAIM).
- (d) 'Airport moving map display (AMMD)' means a software application that displays an airport map on a display device and uses data from a navigation source to depict the aircraft current position on this map while the aircraft is on the ground'
- (e) 'Area navigation (RNAV)' means a method of navigation which permits aircraft operation on any desired flight path within the coverage of station-referenced navigation aids or within the limits of the capability of self-contained aids, or a combination of these.
- (f) 'Availability' means, in the context of PBN operations, an indication of the ability of the system to provide usable service within the specified coverage area and is defined as the portion of time during which the system is to be used for navigation during which reliable navigation information is presented to the crew, autopilot or other system managing the flight of the aircraft.
- (g) 'Committal point' means the point in the approach at which the pilot flying decides that, in the event of an engine failure being recognised, the safest option is to continue to the elevated final approach and take-off area (elevated FATO).
- (h) 'Continuity of function' means, in the context of PBN operations, the capability of the total system, comprising all elements necessary to maintain aircraft position within the defined airspace, to perform its function without non-scheduled interruptions during the intended operation.
- (i) 'Controlled portable electronic device (C-PED)' means a PED subject to administrative control by the operator that uses it. This includes, inter alia, tracking the allocation of the devices to specific aircraft or persons and ensuring that no unauthorised changes are made to the hardware, software, or databases. C-PEDs can be assigned to the category of non-intentional transmitters or T-PEDs.

- (j) 'EFB installed resources' means certified EFB hardware components external to the EFB host platform itself, such as input/output components (installed remote displays, keyboards, pointing devices, switches, etc.) or a docking station.
- (k) 'EFB mounting device' means an aircraft certified part that secures a portable or installed EFB, or EFB system components'
- (l) 'EFB system supplier' means the company responsible for developing, or having developed, the EFB system or part of it.
- (m) 'Emergency locator transmitter (ELT)' is a generic term describing equipment that broadcasts distinctive signals on designated frequencies for the purpose of search and rescue (SAR). The ELT may be activated by various conditions (e.g. manual activation, automatic detection of a distress situation, automatic detection of a crash impact, automatic detection of aircraft immersion into water, etc.). The ELT signals usually include signals that are intended to be detected by the international COSPAS-SARSAT programme, and homing signals that are intended to guide SAR teams to the ELT.
- (n) 'Exposure time' means the actual period during which the performance of the helicopter with the critical engine inoperative in still air does not guarantee a safe forced landing or the safe continuation of the flight.
- (o) 'Fail-operational flight control system' means a flight control system with which, in the event of a failure below alert height, the approach, flare and landing can be completed automatically. In the event of a failure, the automatic landing system will operate as a fail-passive system.
- (p) 'Fail-operational hybrid landing system' means a system that consists of a primary fail-passive automatic landing system and a secondary independent guidance system enabling the pilot to complete a landing manually after failure of the primary system.
- (q) 'Fail-passive flight control system': a flight control system is fail-passive if, in the event of a failure, there is no significant out-of-trim condition or deviation of flight path or attitude but the landing is not completed automatically. For a fail-passive automatic flight control system the pilot assumes control of the aeroplane after a failure.
- (r) 'Flight control system' in the context of low visibility operations means a system that includes an automatic landing system and/or a hybrid landing system.
- (s) 'HEMS dispatch centre' means a place where, if established, the coordination or control of the helicopter emergency medical service (HEMS) flight takes place. It may be located in a HEMS operating base.
- (t) 'Hybrid head-up display landing system (hybrid HUDLS)' means a system that consists of a primary fail-passive automatic landing system and a secondary independent HUD/HUDLS enabling the pilot to complete a landing manually after failure of the primary system.
- (u) 'Installed EFB' means an EFB host platform installed in an aircraft, capable of hosting type A and/or type B EFB applications. It may also host certified applications. It is an aircraft part, and, is therefore, covered by the airworthiness approval.
- (v) 'Integrity' means, in the context of PBN operations, the ability of a system to provide timely warnings to users when the system should not be used for navigation.
- (w) 'Landing distance available (LDAH)' means the length of the final approach and take-off area plus any additional area declared available by the State of the aerodrome and suitable for helicopters to complete the landing manoeuvre from a defined height.

- (x) 'Landing distance required (LDRH)', in the case of helicopters, means the horizontal distance required to land and come to a full stop from a point 15 m (50 ft) above the landing surface.
- (y) 'Lateral navigation' means a method of navigation which permits aircraft operation on a horizontal plane using radio navigation signals, other positioning sources, external flight path references, or a combination of these.
- (z) 'mass' and 'weight': In accordance with ICAO Annex 5 and the International System of Units (SI), both terms are used to indicate the actual and limiting masses of aircraft, the payload and its constituent elements, the fuel load, etc. These are expressed in units of mass (kg), but in most approved flight manuals and other operational documentation, these quantities are published as weights in accordance with the common language. In the ICAO standardised system of units of measurement, a weight is a force rather than a mass. Since the use of the term 'weight' does not cause any problem in the day-to-day handling of aircraft, its continued use in operational applications and publications is acceptable.
- (aa) 'Maximum structural landing mass' means the maximum permissible total aeroplane mass upon landing under normal circumstances.
- (bb) 'Maximum zero fuel mass' means the maximum permissible mass of an aeroplane with no usable fuel. The mass of the fuel contained in particular tanks should be included in the zero fuel mass when it is explicitly mentioned in the aircraft flight manual.
- (cc) 'Minimum equipment list (MEL)' a list which provides for the operation of the aircraft, subject to specified conditions, with particular equipment inoperative, prepared by an operator in conformity with, or more restrictive than, the MMEL established for the aircraft type;
- (dd) 'Miscellaneous (non-EFB) software applications' means non-EFB applications that support function(s) not directly related to the tasks performed by the flight crew in the aircraft.
- (ee) 'Overpack', for the purpose of transporting dangerous goods, means an enclosure used by a single shipper to contain one or more packages and to form one handling unit for convenience of handling and stowage.
- (ff) 'Package', for the purpose of transporting dangerous goods, means the complete product of the packing operation consisting of the packaging and its contents prepared for transport.
- (gg) 'Packaging', for the purpose of transporting dangerous goods, means receptacles and any other components or materials necessary for the receptacle to perform its containment function.
- (hh) 'Personal locator beacon (PLB)' is an emergency beacon other than an ELT that broadcasts distinctive signals on designated frequencies, is standalone, portable and is manually activated by the survivors.
- (ii) 'Ramp inspection tool' means the IT application including a centralised database used by all stakeholders to store and exchange data related to ramp inspections.
- (jj) 'Receiver autonomous integrity monitoring (RAIM)' means a technique whereby a GNSS receiver/processor determines the integrity of the GNSS navigation signals using only GNSS signals or GNSS signals augmented with altitude. This determination is achieved by a consistency check among redundant pseudo-range measurements. At least one satellite in addition to those required for navigation has to be in view for the receiver to perform the RAIM function.
- (kk) 'Rotation point (RP)' means the point at which a cyclic input is made to initiate a nose-down attitude change during the take-off flight path. It is the last point in the take-off path from which,

- in the event of an engine failure being recognised, a forced landing on the aerodrome can be achieved.
- (ll) ‘Runway condition assessment matrix (RCAM)’ means a matrix that allows the assessment of the runway condition code (RWYCC), using associated procedures, from a set of observed runway surface condition(s) and pilot report of braking action.
- (mm) ‘Runway condition code (RWYCC)’ means a number, to be used in the runway condition report (RCR), that describes the effect of the runway surface condition on aeroplane deceleration performance and lateral control.
- (nn) ‘Runway surface condition’ means a description of the condition of the runway surface used in the RCR which establishes the basis for the determination of the RWYCC for aeroplane performance purposes.
- (oo) ‘Runway surface condition descriptors’ means one of the following elements on the surface of the runway:
- (1) ‘compacted snow’: snow that has been compacted into a solid mass such that aeroplane tyres, at operating pressures and loadings, will run on the surface without significant further compaction or rutting of the surface;
 - (2) ‘dry snow’: snow from which a snowball cannot readily be made;
 - (3) ‘frost’: ice crystals formed from airborne moisture on a surface whose temperature is at or below freezing; frost differs from ice in that the frost crystals grow independently and, therefore, have a more granular texture;
 - (4) ‘ice’: water that has frozen or compacted snow that has transitioned into ice in cold and dry conditions;
 - (5) ‘slush’: snow that is so water-saturated that water will drain from it when a handful is picked up or will splatter if stepped on forcefully;
 - (6) ‘standing water’: water of depth greater than 3 mm;
 - (7) ‘Wet ice’: ice with water on top of it or ice that is melting.
 - (8) ‘wet snow’: snow that contains enough water to be able to make a well compacted, solid snowball, but water will not squeeze out.
- (pp) ‘Space-based augmentation system (SBAS)’ means a wide coverage augmentation system that augments and/or integrates the information obtained from the other GNSS elements with information from a satellite-based transmitter.
- (qq) ‘Slippery wet runway’ means a wet runway where the surface friction characteristics of a significant portion of the runway have been determined to be degraded.
- (rr) ‘the Authority’ means the Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand (CAAT) which is formerly known as the Department of Civil Aviation (DCA)
- (ss) ‘Technical Instructions (TI)’ means the technical instructions for the safe transport of dangerous goods by air (Doc 9284), approved and issued periodically in accordance with the procedure established by the ICAO Council’
- (tt) ‘Touch down and lift-off area (TLOF)’ means a load-bearing area on which a helicopter may touch down or lift off.
- (uu) ‘Transmitting PED (T-PED)’ means a portable electronic device (PED) that has intentional radion (RF) frequency transmission capabilities.

- (vv) ‘Vertical navigation’ means a method of navigation which permits aircraft operation on a vertical flight profile using altimetry sources, external flight path references, or a combination of these.
- (ww) ‘Viewable stowage’ means a non-certified device that is attached to the flight crew member (e.g. with a kneeboard) or to an existing aircraft part (e.g. using suction cups), and is intended to hold charts or to hold low-mass portable electronic devices that are viewable by the flight crew members at their assigned duty stations.

NON-COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS — EXAMPLES

The following examples of operations are not covered by the definition of commercial operations or by that of specialised operations. They are identified as non-commercial operations. Some of these flights are listed by an AOC holder in its operations manual Part-A, ch. 8.7 as non-commercial operations (as specified in AMC3 ORO.MLR.100) and covered by the provisions of ORO.AOC.125.

Some of these operations are performed on an irregular basis. The operator and its crew members may consider them as non-routine operations, situated outside their operational routine. This constitutes a risk that the operator should include in its risk assessment process.

The operations listed below are performed with aircraft having a certificate of airworthiness or a permit to fly and being already listed on an AOC or on a declaration. They are grouped by the purpose of the flight.

Demonstration flights

- (a) A flight performed with the purpose of demonstrating:
 - (1) an aircraft’s handling, performance and functionalities to buyers or lessees;
 - (2) an aircraft’s flying characteristics or the operational procedures to the CAAT, for verification of compliance with the operational requirements.

Other terms used: (route) proving flight; operational evaluation flight.

- (b) Flight at the end of lease or upon transfer of ownership: a flight performed at the request of the operator to verify compliance of the aircraft with the contractual specifications of the lessee/lessor or buyer.

Other term used: acceptance flight.

- (c) ‘Public relations (PR) flight’: a flight carrying official or media representatives as non-paying passengers. Sometimes personnel of the operator are included. The PR flight is performed in the interest of the operator’s own business.

Testing the results of maintenance work is outside the scope of demonstration flights. Such flights are not expected to execute flight manoeuvres where the aircraft might react with an unexpected behaviour. This is covered by a maintenance check flight (listed below).

Maintenance check flights

- (d) Maintenance check flight (MCF)

The definition of an MCF is provided in TCAR OPS. The provisions on MCF are developed in Part NCO, Subpart E Section 6 and Part SPO, Subpart E Section 5.

Ferry flights – flights changing the location of the aircraft

A ferry flight could be performed for the following purposes:

- (e) The aircraft is moved to and from a maintenance base. The aircraft may be operated under the permit-to-fly conditions.

Examples:

- (1) unpressurised flight,
 - (2) gear-down flight,
 - (3) flight with one engine inoperative.
- (f) The aircraft is moved from one location to another, e.g. from the manufacturer, refurbishment location, previous owner, lessor/lessee, long-term storage to the operator’s base.
Other term used: delivery flight.
 - (g) The aircraft and its aircrew are positioned to an aerodrome from which a further commercial air transport (CAT) operation will be performed.
Other term used: positioning flight.
 - (h) The aircraft is moved from its current location to a secure location for various reasons (e.g. to remove it from a hazardous area).
Other term used: recovery flight.

Training flights

- (i) A flight for instructional purposes for the operator’s own flight crew.
Operator training and checking flight: a flight performed by the operator with the purpose of training, checking and/or familiarising a flight crew member with the operator’s procedures linked to the aircraft being operated. A training flight is conducted using the procedures detailed in the operator’s documentation.
Line flying under supervision (LIFUS), line checks and similar flights are not included in this category, as they are usually performed during commercial operations (CAT flights).
- (i1) A flight for instructional purposes for students of the ATO of the AOC provided:
The training course is approved by the CAAT.
Type rating instructors TRI/r LT (landing Training) or the Class rating instructors of the ATO are also pilots and instructors in the AOC and are specifically trained and standardized for this purpose.

Other non-commercial flights

- (j) ‘Corporate flight’: a flight conducted for business purposes: the operator may carry its own personnel and/or property in the interest of business.
Other terms used: business flight, private flight.
- (k) ‘Leisure flight’: a flight operated by an operator for personal or recreational purposes, not associated with a business or a profession.
Other term used: private flight.
- (l) Managed flight: a flight operated by an operator for the business purposes of the aircraft owner, with no remuneration or other valuable consideration involved.

Charity flights, humanitarian flights

- (m) 'Charity flight': a flight performed for the benefit of a registered charity organisation, carrying persons and/or goods. For such a flight, the proceeds of the raffled flight go to the charity. Any additional proceeds are limited to the recovery of direct costs of the flight.
- (n) 'Humanitarian flight': a flight with the purpose of carrying relief personnel and/or life-saving supplies (basic necessities) during or after an emergency or a natural disaster, or to evacuate persons from an endangered area.

GM2 Annex I Definitions for terms used in TCAR OPS Parts

ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

The following abbreviations and acronyms are used in the TCAR OPS Regulation:

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| 2D | two dimensional | |
| 3D | three dimensional | |
| A | aeroplane | |
| a/c | aircraft | |
| AAC | aeronautical administrative communications | |
| AAIM | aircraft autonomous integrity monitoring | |
| AAL | above aerodrome level | |
| ABAS | aircraft-based augmentation system | |
| AC | advisory circular | |
| AC | alternating current | |
| ACAS | airborne collision avoidance system | |
| ADF | automatic direction finder | |
| ADG | air driven generator | |
| ADS | automatic dependent surveillance | |
| ADS-B | automatic dependent surveillance - broadcast | ADS-C automatic dependent surveillance - contract |
| AEA | Association of European Airlines | |
| AEO | all-engines-operative | |
| AFFF | aqueous film forming foams | |
| AFM | aircraft flight manual | |
| AFN | aircraft flight notification | |
| AFN | ATS facilities notification | |
| AGL | above ground level | |
| AHRS | attitude heading reference system | |
| AIREP | air-report | |
| AIS | aeronautical information service | |
| ALAP | aerodrome landing analysis programme | |
| ALARP | as low as reasonably practicable | |
| ALD | actual landing distance | |
| ALSF | approach lighting system with sequenced flashing lights | AMC Acceptable Means of Compliance |
| AML | aircraft maintenance licence | |
| AMSL | above mean sea level | |

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| ANP | actual navigation performance |
| AOC | aeronautical operational control |
| AOC | air operator certificate |
| APCH | approach |
| APP | approach |
| APU | auxiliary power unit |
| APV | approach procedure with vertical guidance |
| AR | authorisation required |
| ARA | airborne radar approach |
| ARA | Authority Requirements for Aircrew |
| A-RNP | advanced required navigation performance |
| ARP | Aerospace Recommended Practices |
| ASC | Air Safety Committee |
| ASDA | accelerate-stop distance available |
| ASE | altimeter system error |
| ATA | Air Transport Association |
| ATC | air traffic control |
| ATIS | automatic terminal information service |
| ATN | air traffic navigation |
| ATPL | airline transport pilot licence |
| ATQP | alternative training and qualification programme |
| ATS | air traffic services |
| ATSC | air traffic service communication |
| AVGAS | aviation gasoline |
| AVTAG | aviation turbine gasoline (wide-cut fuel) |
| AWO | all weather operations |
| BALS | basic approach lighting system |
| Baro VNAV | barometric VNAV |
| BCAR | British civil airworthiness requirements |
| BITD | basic instrument training device |
| CAP | controller access parameters |
| CAT | commercial air transport |
| CAT I / II / III | category I / II / III |
| CBT | computer-based training |
| CC | cabin crew |
| CDFA | continuous descent final approach |
| CDL | configuration deviation list |

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| CFIT | controlled flight into terrain |
| CG | centre of gravity |
| CLB | climb |
| CM | context management |
| CMV | converted meteorological visibility |
| CofA | certificate of airworthiness |
| COM | communication (EBT competency) |
| COP | code of practice |
| CoR | certificate of registration |
| COSPAS SARTSAT | cosmicheskaya sistyema poiska avariynich sudov - search and rescue satellite-aided tracking |
| CP | committal point |
| CPA | closest point of approach |
| CPDLC | controller pilot data link communication |
| CPL | commercial pilot licence |
| C-PED | controlled portable electronic device |
| CRE | class rating examiner |
| CRI | class rating instructor |
| CRM | crew resource management |
| CRZ | cruise |
| CS | Certification Specifications |
| CSP | communication service provider |
| CVR | cockpit voice recorder |
| CVS | combined vision system |
| DA | decision altitude |
| DA/H | decision altitude/height |
| DAP | downlinked aircraft parameters |
| D-ATIS | digital automatic terminal information service |
| DC | direct current |
| DCL | departure clearance |
| DES | descent |
| D-FIS | data link flight information service |
| DG | dangerous goods |
| DH | decision height |
| DI | daily inspection |
| DIFF | deck integrated fire fighting system |
| DLR | data link recorder |

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| DME | distance measuring equipment |
| D-METAR | data link - meteorological aerodrome report |
| D-OTIS | data link - operational terminal information service |
| DPATO | defined point after take-off |
| DPBL | defined point before landing |
| DR | decision range |
| DSTRK | desired track |
| EBT | evidence-based training |
| EC | European Community |
| ECAC | European Civil Aviation Conference |
| EFB | electronic flight bag |
| EFIS | electronic flight instrument system |
| EFVS | enhanced flight vision system |
| EFVS-A | enhanced flight vision system used for approach |
| EFVS-L | enhanced flight vision system used for landing |
| EGNOS | European geostationary navigation overlay service |
| EGT | exhaust gas temperature |
| ELT | emergency locator transmitter |
| ELT(AD) | emergency locator transmitter (automatically deployable) |
| ELT(AF) | emergency locator transmitter (automatic fixed) |
| ELT(AP) | emergency locator transmitter (automatic portable) |
| ELT(DT) | emergency locator transmitter (distress tracking) |
| ELT(S) | survival emergency locator transmitter |
| EPE | estimated position of error |
| EPR | engine pressure ratio |
| EPU | estimated position of uncertainty |
| ERA | en-route alternate (aerodrome) |
| ERP | emergency response plan |
| ETOPS | extended range operations with two-engined aeroplanes |
| EU | European Union |
| EUROCAE | European Organisation for Civil Aviation Equipment |
| EVAL | evaluation phase |
| EVS | enhanced vision system |
| FAA | Federal Aviation Administration |
| FAF | final approach fix |
| FALS | full approach lighting system |
| FANS | future air navigation systems |

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| FAP | final approach point |
| FAR | Federal Aviation Regulation |
| FAS | final approach segment |
| FATO | final approach and take-off |
| FC | flight crew |
| FCL | flight crew licensing |
| FCOM | flight crew operating manual |
| FDM | flight data monitoring |
| FDO | flying display operation |
| FDR | flight data recorder |
| FFS | full flight simulator |
| FGS | flight control/guidance system |
| FI | flight instructor |
| FLIPCY | flight plan consistency |
| FLTA | forward-looking terrain avoidance |
| FMECA | failure mode, effects and criticality analysis |
| FMS | flight management system |
| FNPT | flight and navigation procedures trainer |
| FOD | foreign object damage |
| FOSA | flight operational safety assessment |
| FOV | field of view |
| FPA | flight path management — automation (EBT competency) |
| FPM | flight path management — manual control (EBT competency) |
| fpm | feet per minute |
| FRT | fixed radius transition |
| FSTD | flight simulation training device |
| ft | feet |
| FTD | flight training device |
| FTE | full time equivalent |
| FTE | flight technical error |
| FTL | flight and duty time limitations |
| g | gram |
| GAGAN | GPS aided geo augmented navigation |
| GBAS | ground-based augmentation system |
| GCAS | ground collision avoidance system |
| GEN | general |
| GIDS | ground ice detection system |

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| GLS | GBAS landing system |
| GM | Guidance Material |
| GMP | general medical practitioner |
| GND | ground |
| GNSS | global navigation satellite system |
| GPS | global positioning system |
| GPWS | ground proximity warning system |
| H | helicopter |
| HEMS | helicopter emergency medical service |
| HF | high frequency |
| Hg | mercury |
| HHO | helicopter hoist operation |
| HIALS | high intensity approach lighting system |
| HIGE | hover in ground effect |
| HLL | helideck limitations list |
| HOGE | hover out of ground effect |
| HoT | hold-over time |
| hPa | hectopascals |
| HPL | human performance and limitations |
| HUD | head-up display |
| HUDLS | head-up guidance landing system |
| HUMS | health usage monitor system |
| IAF | initial approach fix |
| IALS | intermediate approach lighting system |
| IAP | instrument approach procedure |
| ICAO | International Civil Aviation Organization |
| IDE | instruments, data and equipment |
| IF | intermediate fix |
| IFR | instrument flight rules |
| IFSD | in-flight shutdown |
| IGE | in ground effect |
| ILS | instrument landing system |
| IMC | instrument meteorological conditions |
| in | inches |
| INS | inertial navigation system |
| IP | intermediate point |
| IR | Implementing Rule |

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| IR | instrument rating |
| IRS | inertial reference system |
| ISA | international standard atmosphere |
| ISI | in-seat instruction |
| ISO | International Organization for Standardization |
| IV | intravenous |
| JAA | Joint Aviation Authorities |
| JAR | Joint Aviation Requirements |
| kg | kilograms |
| km | kilometres |
| KNO | application of knowledge (EBT competency) |
| kt | knots |
| LDA | landing distance available |
| LDF | landing distance factor |
| LDG | landing |
| LDP | landing decision point |
| LDTA | landing distance at time of arrival |
| LED | light-emitting diode |
| LHO | local helicopter operation |
| LHS | left hand seat |
| LIFUS | line flying under supervision |
| LNAV | lateral navigation |
| LoA | letter of acceptance |
| LOC | localiser |
| LOC-I | loss of control in-flight |
| LOE | line-oriented evaluation |
| LOFT | line-oriented flight training |
| LOQE | line-oriented quality evaluation |
| LOS | limited obstacle surface |
| LP | Localiser performance |
| LPV | localiser performance with vertical guidance |
| LRCS | long range communication system |
| LRNS | long range navigation system |
| LTW | leadership and teamwork (EBT competency) |
| LVO | low visibility operation |
| LVP | low visibility procedures |
| LVTO | low visibility take-off |

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| m | metres |
| MALS | medium intensity approach lighting system |
| MALSF | medium intensity approach lighting system with sequenced flashing lights |
| MALSR | medium intensity approach lighting system with runway alignment indicator lights |
| MAPt | missed approach point |
| MCTOM | maximum certified take-off mass |
| MDA | minimum descent altitude |
| MDH | minimum descent height |
| MEA | minimum en-route altitude |
| MED | medical |
| MEL | minimum equipment list |
| METAR | meteorological aerodrome report |
| MGA | minimum grid altitude |
| MHA | minimum holding altitude |
| MHz | megahertz |
| MID | midpoint |
| MLR | manuals, logs and records |
| MLS | microwave landing system |
| MLX | millilux |
| mm | millimetres |
| MM | multi-mode |
| MMEL | master minimum equipment list |
| MNPS | minimum navigation performance specifications |
| MOC | minimum obstacle clearance |
| MOCA | minimum obstacle clearance altitude |
| MOPSC | maximum operational passenger seating configuration |
| MORA | minimum off-route altitude |
| MPSC | maximum passenger seating capacity |
| MSA | minimum sector altitude |
| MSAS | multi-functional satellite augmentation system |
| MT | manoeuvres training phase |
| MTCA | minimum terrain clearance altitude |
| N | North |
| NADP | noise abatement departure procedure |
| NALS | no approach lighting system |
| NCC | non-commercial operations with complex motor-powered aircraft |

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| NCO | non-commercial operations with other-than-complex motor-powered aircraft |
| N _F | free power turbine speed |
| N _G | engine gas generator speed |
| NM | nautical miles |
| NOTAM | notice to airmen |
| NOTECHS | non-technical skills evaluation |
| NOTOC | notification to captain |
| NPA | non-precision approach |
| NPA | Notice of Proposed Amendment |
| NSE | navigation system error |
| NVD | night vision device |
| NVG | night vision goggles |
| NVIS | night vision imaging system |
| OAT | outside air temperature |
| OB | observable behaviour |
| OCH | obstacle clearance height |
| OCL | oceanic clearance |
| ODALS | omnidirectional approach lighting system |
| OEI | one-engine-inoperative |
| OFS | obstacle-free surface |
| OFZ | obstacle free zone |
| OGE | out of ground effect |
| OIP | offset initiation point |
| OM | operations manual |
| OML | operational multi-pilot limitation |
| ONC | operational navigation chart |
| OPS | operations |
| ORO | Organisation Requirements for Air Operations |
| OTS CAT II | other than standard category II |
| PAPI | precision approach path indicator |
| PAR | precision approach radar |
| PBCS | performance-based communication and surveillance |
| PBE | protective breathing equipment |
| PBN | performance-based navigation |
| PC/PT | proficiency check/proficiency training |
| PCDS | personnel carrying device system |

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| PDA | premature descent alert |
| PDP | predetermined point |
| PED | portable electronic device |
| PFC | porous friction course |
| PIC | pilot-in-command |
| PIN | personal identification number |
| PIS | public interest site |
| PLB | personal locator beacon |
| PNR | point of no return |
| POH | pilot's operating handbook |
| PRM | person with reduced mobility |
| PRO | application of procedures (EBT competency) |
| PSD | problem-solving & decision-making (EBT competency) |
| PVD | paravirtual display |
| QAR | quick access recorder |
| QFE | atmospheric pressure at aerodrome elevation / runway threshold |
| QNH | atmospheric pressure at nautical height |
| RA | resolution advisory |
| RAIM | receiver autonomous integrity monitoring |
| RAT | ram air turbine |
| RCAM | runway condition assessment matrix |
| RCC | rescue coordination centre |
| RCF | reduced contingency fuel |
| RCLL | runway centre line lights |
| RCP | required communication performance |
| RCR | runway condition report |
| RF | radius to fix |
| RF | radio frequency |
| RFC | route facility chart |
| RI | ramp inspection |
| RI | rectification interval |
| RIE | rectification interval extension |
| RMA | regional monitoring agency |
| RNAV | area navigation |
| RNP | required navigation performance |
| RNP APCH | RNP approach |
| RNP AR APCH | RNP approach for which authorisation is required |

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| ROD | rate of descent |
| RP | rotation point |
| RSP | required surveillance performance |
| RTCA | Radio Technical Commission for Aeronautics |
| RTODAH | rejected take-off distance available (helicopters) |
| RTODRH | rejected take-off distance required (helicopters) RTOM reduced take-off mass |
| RTZL | runway touchdown zone lights |
| RVR | runway visual range |
| RVSM | reduced vertical separation minima |
| RWYCC | runway condition code |
| S | South |
| SA CAT I | special authorisation category I |
| SA CAT II | special authorisation category II |
| SAFA | safety assessment of foreign aircraft |
| SALS | simple approach lighting system |
| SALSF | simple approach lighting system with sequenced flashing lights |
| SAP | stabilised approach |
| SAP | system access parameters |
| SAR | search and rescue |
| SAS | stability augmentation system |
| SAW | situation awareness (EBT competency) |
| SBAS | satellite-based augmentation system |
| SBT | scenario-based training |
| SCC | senior cabin crew |
| SCP | special category of passenger |
| SDCM | system of differential correction and monitoring |
| SFE | synthetic flight examiner |
| SFI | synthetic flight instructor |
| SID | standard instrument departure |
| SMM | safety management manual |
| SMS | safety management system |
| SNAS | satellite navigation augmentation system |
| SOP | standard operating procedure |
| SPA | operations requiring specific approvals |
| SPECI | aviation selected special weather report |
| SPO | specialised operations |

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| SRA | surveillance radar approach |
| SSALF | simplified short approach lighting system with sequenced flashing lights |
| SSALR | simplified short approach lighting system with runway alignment indicator lights |
| SSALS | simplified short approach lighting system |
| SSEC | static source error correction |
| SSR | secondary surveillance radar |
| STAR | standard terminal arrival route |
| STC | supplemental type certificate |
| SVS | synthetic vision system |
| TA | traffic advisory |
| TAC | terminal approach chart |
| TAS | true airspeed |
| TAWS | terrain awareness warning system |
| TC | technical crew |
| TC | type certificate |
| TCAS | traffic collision avoidance system |
| TCCA | Transport Canada Civil Aviation |
| TCH | type certificate holder |
| TDP | take-off decision point |
| TDZ | touchdown zone |
| TDZE | touchdown zone elevation |
| THR | threshold |
| TI | Technical Instructions |
| TIT | turbine inlet temperature |
| TLS | target level of safety |
| TMG | touring motor glider |
| TO | take-off |
| TODA | take-off distance available (aeroplanes) |
| TODRH | take-off distance required (helicopters) |
| TOGA | take-off/go around |
| TORA | take-off run available |
| T-PED | transmitting portable electronic device |
| TRE | type rating examiner |
| TRI | type rating instructor |
| TSE | total system error |
| TVE | total vertical error |

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| TWIP | terminal weather information for pilots |
| UMS | usage monitoring system |
| UPRT | upset prevention and recovery training |
| UTC | coordinated universal time |
| V ₂ | take-off safety speed |
| V ₅₀ | stalling speed |
| V _{AT} | indicated airspeed at threshold |
| VDF | VHF direction finder |
| VFR | visual flight rules |
| VHF | very high frequency |
| VIS | visibility |
| VMC | visual meteorological conditions |
| V _{MO} | maximum operating speed |
| VNAV | vertical navigation |
| VOR | VHF omnidirectional radio range |
| VSS | visual segment surface |
| V _T | threshold speed |
| VTOL | vertical take-off and landing |
| V _{Toss} | take-off safety speed |
| WAAS | wide area augmentation system |
| WAC | world aeronautical chart |
| WIFI | wireless fidelity |
| WLM | workload management (EBT competency) |
| ZFTT | zero flight-time training |

GM3 Annex I Definitions

HELIDECK

The term ‘helideck’ includes take-off and landing operations on ships and vessels and covers ‘shipboard final approach and take off areas (FATOs).

GM4 Annex I Definitions

HEAD-UP GUIDANCE LANDING SYSTEM (HUDLS)

A HUDLS is typically used for primary approach guidance to decision heights of 50 ft.

GM5 Annex I Definitions

HELICOPTER EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (HEMS) FLIGHT

- (a) A HEMS flight (or more commonly referred to as HEMS mission) normally starts and ends at the HEMS operating base following tasking by the ‘HEMS dispatch centre’. Tasking can also occur when airborne, or on the ground at locations other than the HEMS operating base.
- (b) The following elements should be regarded as integral parts of the HEMS mission:
 - (1) flights to and from the HEMS operating site when initiated by the HEMS dispatch centre;
 - (2) flights to and from an aerodrome/operating site for the delivery or pick-up of medical supplies and/or persons required for completion of the HEMS mission; and
 - (3) flights to and from an aerodrome/operating site for refuelling required for completion of the HEMS mission.

GM6 Annex I Definitions

HOSTILE ENVIRONMENT

Those parts of an open-sea area not considered to constitute a hostile environment should be designated by the appropriate authority in the appropriate aeronautical information publication (AIP) or other suitable documentation.

GM7 Annex I Definitions

NIGHT VISION IMAGING SYSTEM (NVIS)

Helicopter components of the NVIS include the radio altimeter, visual warning system and audio warning system.

GM8 Annex I Definitions

OFFSHORE LOCATION

‘Offshore location’ includes, but is not limited to:

- (a) helidecks;
- (b) shipboard heliports; and
- (c) winching areas on vessels or renewable-energy installations.

GM9 Annex I Definitions

OPERATIONS

An offshore operation is considered to be a helicopter flight for the purpose of:

- (a) support of offshore oil, gas and mineral exploration, production, storage and transport;
- (b) support to offshore wind turbines and other renewable-energy sources; or
- (c) support to ships including sea pilot transfer.

GM10 Annex I Definitions

COASTLINE

The national definition of coastline should be included by the appropriate authority in the aeronautical information publication (AIP) or other suitable documentation.

GM11 Annex I Definitions

PUBLIC INTEREST SITE

An example of a public interest sites is a landing site based at a hospital located in a hostile environment in a congested area, which due to its size or obstacle environment does not allow the application of performance class 1 requirements that would otherwise be required for operations in a congested hostile environment.

GM12 Annex I Definitions

TECHNICAL INSTRUCTIONS

The ICAO document number for the Technical Instructions is Doc 9284-AN/905.

GM13 Annex I Definitions

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The first action includes for example: apply brakes, reduce thrust, deploy speed brakes.

GM14 Annex I Definitions

TASK SPECIALISTS

For the purpose of this Regulation, persons that are carried in a specialised operation, e.g. on a parachute flight, sensational flight or scientific research flight, are considered to be task specialists.

GM15 Annex I Definitions

UPSET PREVENTION AND RECOVERY TRAINING (UPRT) DEFINITIONS

‘Aeroplane upset prevention and recovery training’ means a combination of theoretical knowledge and flying training with the aim of providing flight crew with the required competencies to prevent or recover from developing or developed aeroplane upsets.

‘Aeroplane upset’ means an aeroplane in flight unintentionally exceeding the parameters normally experienced in line operations or training, normally defined by the existence of at least one of the following parameters:

- (a) pitch attitude greater than 25 degrees nose up;
- (b) pitch attitude greater than 10 degrees nose down;
- (c) bank angle greater than 45 degrees; or
- (d) within the above parameters, but flying at airspeeds inappropriate for the conditions.

‘Angle of attack (AOA)’ means the angle between the oncoming air, or relative wind, and a defined reference line on the aeroplane or wing.

‘Approach-to-stall’ means flight conditions bordered by the stall warning and stall.

‘Competency’ means a combination of skills, knowledge, and attitudes required to perform a task to the prescribed standard.

‘Developed upset’ means a condition meeting the definition of an aeroplane upset.

‘Developing upset’ means any time the aeroplane begins to unintentionally diverge from the intended flight path or airspeed.

‘Energy state’ means how much of each kind of energy (kinetic, potential or chemical) the aeroplane has available at any given time.

‘Error’ means an action or inaction by the flight crew that leads to deviations from organisational or flight crew intentions or expectations.

‘Error management’ means the process of detecting and responding to errors with countermeasures that reduce or eliminate the consequences of errors, and mitigate the probability of further errors or undesired aircraft states.

‘First indication of a stall’ means the initial aural, tactile or visual sign of an impending stall, which can be either naturally or synthetically induced.

‘Flight crew resilience’ means the ability of a flight crew member to recognise, absorb and adapt to disruptions.

‘Fidelity level’ means the level of realism assigned to each of the defined FSTD features.

‘Flight path’ means the trajectory or path of the aeroplane travelling through the air over a given space of time.

‘Flight path management’ means active manipulation, using either the aeroplanes automation or manual handling, to command the aeroplane flight controls to direct the aeroplane along a desired trajectory.

‘Load factor’ factor means the ratio of a specified load to the weight of the aeroplane, the former being expressed in terms of aerodynamic forces, propulsive forces, or ground reactions.

‘Loss of control in flight (LOCI)’ means a categorisation of an accident or incident resulting from a deviation from the intended flight path.

‘Manoeuvre-based training’ means training that focuses on a single event or manoeuvre in isolation.

‘Negative training’ means training which unintentionally introduces incorrect information or invalid concepts, which could actually decrease rather than increase safety.

‘Negative transfer of training’ means the application (and ‘transfer’) of what was learned in a training environment (i.e., a classroom, an FSTD) to normal practice, i.e. it describes the degree to which what was learned in training is applied to actual normal practices. In this context, negative transfer of training refers to the inappropriate generalisation of knowledge and skill to a situation or setting in normal practice that does not equal the training situation or setting.

‘Post-stall regime’ means flight conditions at an angle of attack greater than the critical angle of attack.

‘Scenario-based training’ means training that incorporates manoeuvres into real-world experiences to cultivate practical flying skills in an operational environment.

‘Stall’ means a loss of lift caused by exceeding the aeroplane’s critical angle of attack.

Note: A stalled condition can exist at any attitude and airspeed, and may be recognised by continuous stall warning activation accompanied by at least one of the following:

- (a) buffeting, which could be heavy at times;
- (b) lack of pitch authority and/or roll control; and
- (c) inability to arrest the descent rate.

‘Stall Event’ means an occurrence whereby the aeroplane experiences conditions associated with an approach-to-stall or a stall.

‘Stall (event) recovery procedure’ means the manufacturer-approved aeroplane-specific stall recovery procedure. If an OEM-approved recovery procedure does not exist, the aeroplane-specific stall recovery procedure developed by the operator, based on the stall recovery template contained in GM5 ORO.FC.220&230, may be used.

‘Stall warning’ means a natural or synthetic indication provided when approaching a stall that may include one or more of the following indications:

- (a) aerodynamic buffeting (some aeroplanes will buffet more than others);
- (b) reduced roll stability and aileron effectiveness;
- (c) visual or aural cues and warnings;
- (d) reduced elevator (pitch) authority;
- (e) inability to maintain altitude or arrest rate of descent; and
- (f) stick shaker activation (if installed).

Note: A stall warning indicates an immediate need to reduce the angle of attack.

‘Startle’ means the initial short-term, involuntary physiological and cognitive reactions to an unexpected event that commence the normal human stress response.

‘Stick pusher’ means a device that, automatically applies a nose down movement and pitch force to an aeroplane’s control columns, to attempt to decrease the aeroplane’s angle of attack. Device activation may occur before or after aerodynamic stall, depending on the aeroplane type.

Note: A stick pusher is not installed on all aeroplane types.

‘Stick shaker’ means a device that automatically vibrates the control column to warn the pilot of an approaching stall.

Note: A stick shaker is not installed on all aeroplane types.

‘Stress (response)’ means the response to a threatening event that includes physiological, psychological and cognitive effects. These effects may range from positive to negative and can either enhance or degrade performance.

‘Surprise’ means the emotionally-based recognition of a difference in what was expected and what is actual.

‘Threat’ means events or errors that occur beyond the influence of the flight crew, increase operational complexity and must be managed to maintain the margin of safety.

‘Threat management’ means the process of detecting and responding to threats with countermeasures that reduce or eliminate the consequences of threats and mitigate the probability of errors or undesired aircraft states.

‘Train-to-proficiency’ means approved training designed to achieve end-state performance objectives, providing sufficient assurances that the trained individual is capable to consistently carry out specific tasks safely and effectively.

Note: In the context of this definition, ‘train-to-proficiency’ can be replaced by ‘training-to-proficiency’.

‘Undesired aircraft state’ means flight crew-induced aircraft position or speed deviation, misapplication of controls, or incorrect systems configuration, associated with a reduction in margins of safety.

Note: Undesired states can be managed effectively, restoring margins of safety, or flight crew response(s) can induce an additional error, incident, or accident.

Note: All countermeasures are necessary flight crew actions. However, some countermeasures to threats, errors and undesired aircraft states that flight crew employ, build upon ‘hard’/systemic-based resources provided by the aviation system.

‘Unsafe situation’ means a situation, which has led to an unacceptable reduction in safety margin.

GM16 Annex I Definitions

MINOR FAILURE CONDITION

Minor failure conditions may include, for example, a slight reduction in safety margins or functional capabilities, a slight increase in crew workload, such as routine flight plan changes, or some physical discomfort to passengers or cabin crew. Further guidance can be found in EASA AMC 25.1309.

Minor failure conditions are not considered to be unsafe conditions in accordance with EASA AMC 21.A.3B(b).

GM17 Annex I Definitions

SIMPLE AND COMPLEX PERSONNEL-CARRYING DEVICE SYSTEM (PCDS)

- (a) The following may qualify as a simple PCDS:
- (1) A safety harness or rescue triangle for no more than two persons.
 - (2) A fixed-rope system for no more than two persons, to be attached under a single cargo hook or Y-rope to be attached to a dual hook.
- (b) The following may not qualify as a simple PCDS:
- (1) Any system that connects three persons or more to the helicopter.

- (2) A PCDS with new or novel features.
 - (3) A PCDS that has not yet been proven by an appreciable and satisfactory service experience.
- (c) The connecting elements to the hoist or cargo hook are part of the PCDS.

GM18 Annex I Definitions

DETERMINING THE PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS

- (a) The principal place of business encompasses the principal financial functions and operational control of the activities of an operator. It may refer to the organisation’s site from which the majority of its management personnel specified in ORO.GEN.110 directs, controls or coordinates its operational activities, ensuring that the organisation complies with TCAR OPS. For non-commercial operations, this is usually the home base of the aircraft concerned or the location of the flight department.
- (b) Since an operator, especially in the world of non-commercial operations, may use several places where it performs financial transactions, or several operational bases where there are personnel in charge of operational control, for the purpose of an effective oversight, it is relevant that the principal place of business be the one:
 - (1) where the operator has registered its organisation with the local register and where it pays corporate tax ;
 - (2) where its main building facilities are located
 - (3) where ; main administrative and financial work is being done (where salaries and employment benefits are paid) ; and
 - (4) from where the organisation management directs, controls or coordinates a substantial part of its activities, ensuring that the organisation complies with the requirements specified in TCAR OPS.
- (c) Organisations that perform also activities which are not subject to Part ORO, Part NCC or Part SPO are recommended to consider that part of the organisation which is responsible for the operation of aircraft subject to Part ORO, Part NCC or Part SPO.

For such organisations, the accountable manager is that manager who has the authority to ensure that all activities subject to Part ORO, Part NCC or Part SPO can be financed and carried out in accordance with the applicable requirements. If the accountable manager is not located in the part of the organisation that is responsible for the operation of aircraft, but the other criteria mentioned in point (b) apply, the location of the accountable manager does not need to be considered for the determination of the principal place of business.

GM19 Annex I Definitions

EVIDENCE-BASED TRAINING

‘Behaviour’ refers to the way a person responds, either overtly or covertly, to a specific set of conditions, and which is capable of being measured.

‘Instructor concordance’ is also called ‘inter-rater reliability’.

‘Conditions’ refers to anything that may qualify a specific environment in which performance will be demonstrated.

‘Cycle’ refers to the combination of two modules where Cycle 1 comprises Modules 1 and 2, Cycle 2 comprises Modules 3 and 4, and Cycle 3 comprises Modules 5 and 6 of the 3-year EBT programme.

‘Equivalency of approaches’ refers to approach clustering in other industry documentation.

‘Equivalency of malfunctions’ refers to malfunction clustering in other industry documentation.

‘Evaluation phase (EVAL)’ refers to the phase where a first assessment of competencies is performed in order to identify individual training needs. On completion of the evaluation phase, any areas that do not meet the minimum competency standard will become the focus of the subsequent training. The evaluation phase comprises a complete mission as a crew but not necessarily a complete flight.

‘Facilitation technique’ refers to an active training method, which uses effective questioning, listening and a non-judgemental approach, and is particularly effective in developing skills and attitudes, assisting trainees in developing insight and their own solutions, resulting in better understanding, retention and commitment.

‘Line-orientated flight scenario(s)’ are comprised of scenario elements derived from the table of assessment and training topics.

‘Line-orientated safety audit (LOSA)’ is one of the tools used to help evaluate the performance of the operations. It consists of line flights that are observed by appropriately qualified operator personnel to provide feedback to validate the EBT programme. LOSA may be one of the tools used to look at those elements of the operation that are unable to be monitored by FDM or Advanced FDM programmes.

‘Manoeuvres training phase’ refers to the phase where skill retention is trained (body memory actions). Flight path control may be accomplished by a variety of means including manual aircraft control and the use of auto flight systems.

‘Monitoring’ refers to a cognitive process to compare an actual to an expected state. It requires knowledge, skills and attitudes to create a mental model and to take appropriate action when deviations are recognised.

‘Observable behaviour (OB)’ refers to a single role-related behaviour that can be observed. The instructor may or may not be able to measure it.

‘Performance criteria’ refers to statements used to assess whether the required levels of performance have been achieved for a competency. A performance criterion consists of an OB, a condition (or conditions) and a competency standard.

‘Practical assessment (or EBT practical assessment)’ refers to a method for assessing performance that serves to verify the integrated performance of competencies. It takes place in either a simulated or an operational environment. An EBT assessment is equivalent to a proficiency check and is performed under the instructor privilege in the context of proficiency check in accordance with Appendix 10 to Part FCL. More information can be found in ICAO Doc 9868 ‘PANS-TRG’.

‘Scenario-based training phase (SBT)’ refers to the largest phase in the EBT programme. It is designed to maximise crew’s exposure to a variety of situations that develop and sustain a high level of competency and resilience. The scenario for this phase should include critical external and environmental threats, to build effective crew interaction to identify and manage errors. A portion of the phase will also be directed towards the management of critical system malfunctions.

Scenario elements address the training topic and detail the threat and/or error that the crew are exposed to.

‘Train-to-proficiency’ refers to approved training designed to achieve end-state performance objectives, providing sufficient assurance that the trained individual is capable of consistently carrying out specific tasks safely and effectively.

Note: In the context of this definition, ‘train-to-proficiency’ can be replaced by ‘training-to-proficiency’.

GM20 Annex I Definitions

CONTAMINATED RUNWAY

As the runway condition is reported in runway thirds, a significant portion of the runway surface area is more than 25 % of one third of the runway surface area within the required length and width being used.

The runway length being used in this context is the physical length of runway available, typically from the start of the take-off run available (TORA) in one direction to the start of the TORA in the opposite direction. When the runway is shortened by a notice to airmen (NOTAM) — for example, due to works, or the aerodrome operator is not able to clear the full length of the runway and closes part of it for operations, the length being used is that declared in the NOTAM and the ‘reduced runway length’ that declared in the RCR.

The runway width being used in this context is the physical width of the runway (between the runway edge lights), or the ‘cleared width’ if reported in the RCR. It is not intended that 25 % coverage is reported when contaminants affect only the runway edges after runway cleaning. Runway inspectors are instructed to focus on the area around the wheel tracks when reporting the contaminant type, coverage and depth.

GM21 Annex I Definitions

DRY RUNWAY/WET RUNWAY

The ‘area intended to be used’ means the area of the runway that is part of the TORA, accelerate and stop distance available (ASDA) or landing distance available (LDA) declared in the aeronautical information publication (AIP) or by a NOTAM.

GM22 Annex I Definitions

RUNWAY SURFACE CONDITION(S)

- (a) The runway surface conditions used in the RCR establish a common language between the aerodrome operator, the aeroplane manufacturer and the aeroplane operator.

- (b) Aircraft de-icing chemicals and other contaminants are also reported but are not included in the list of runway surface condition descriptors because their effect on the runway surface friction characteristics and the RWYCC cannot be evaluated in a standardised manner.

GM24 Annex I Definitions

RUNWAY SURFACE CONDITION DESCRIPTORS — GENERAL

The runway surface condition descriptors are used solely in the context of the RCR and are not intended to supersede or replace any existing World Meteorological Organization (WMO) definitions.

RUNWAY SURFACE CONDITION DESCRIPTORS — FROST

- (a) Freezing refers to the freezing point of water (0 °C).
- (b) Under certain conditions, frost can cause the surface to become very slippery, and it is then reported appropriately as downgraded RWYCC.

RUNWAY SURFACE CONDITION DESCRIPTORS — STANDING WATER

Running water of depth greater than 3 mm is reported as ‘standing water’ by convention.

RUNWAY SURFACE CONDITION DESCRIPTORS – WET ICE

Freezing precipitation can lead to runway conditions associated with wet ice from an aeroplane performance point of view. Wet ice can cause the surface to become very slippery. It is then reported appropriately as downgraded RWYCC.

GM25 Annex I Definitions

LANDING DISTANCE AT TIME OF ARRIVAL

The landing distance data to be used for a landing performance assessment at time of arrival allow to establish an operationally achievable landing distance from 50ft above runway threshold to full stop that takes into account AFM procedures for final approach and landing and is provided as a function of the main influence parameters such as aeroplane mass and configuration, pressure altitude, wind, outside air temperature, runway slope and approach speed increments. It may be provided for use of automation such as autobrakes and autoland and may account for reverse thrust use. As the landing distance at time of arrival is the unfactored minimum landing distance achievable for the assumed conditions, an appropriate margin should be applied to this distance to determine the minimum LDA necessary for a safe stop.

GM26 Annex I Definitions

SLIPPERY WET RUNWAY

- (a) The surface friction characteristics of the runway are considered degraded when below the minimum standards.
- (b) A portion of runway in the order of 100 m long may be considered significant.

GM27 Annex I Definitions

FLIGHT RECORDER

A flight recorder may be crash-protected or lightweight and may be deployable or not. Crash-protected flight recorders are capable of withstanding very severe crash conditions such as those encountered during some accidents of large aeroplanes and large helicopters. Crash-protected flight recorders comprise one or more of the following systems: a flight data recorder (FDR), a cockpit voice recorder (CVR), an airborne image recorder (AIR), or a data link recorder (DLR). Lightweight flight recorders are usually designed to meet less demanding requirements than crash-protected flight recorders, which allows them to be lighter. A non-deployable flight recorder is permanently attached to the aircraft. A deployable flight recorder includes a part that is capable of automatically deploying from the aircraft.

GM28 Annex I Definitions for terms used in TCAR OPS Parts

FLIGHT MONITORING AND FLIGHT WATCH — RELEVANT SAFETY INFORMATION

Relevant safety information is any element that may affect the safety of the flight, such as:

- (a) an aircraft technical failure (e.g. failures where flight operations personnel can help to calculate the landing distance or new trip fuel or to update the aerodrome minima);
- (b) unforeseen hazards:
 - (1) air traffic (e.g. delays and/or long distance to complete the approach, extensive use of radar vectoring);
 - (2) meteorological conditions (e.g. DH and aerodrome operating minima, adverse or extreme meteorological conditions);
 - (3) aerodrome and runway status (e.g. insufficient runway length due to brake failure, obstruction or closure of the runway, runway contamination, failure or malfunction caused by on-ground navigation or approach equipment);
 - (4) navigation aid status (e.g. failure of the navigation aids);
 - (5) availability of communications (e.g. failure of communications capabilities, interruptions, interferences, change of frequency channels); and
 - (6) terrain and obstacles (e.g. geophysical phenomena (volcanic eruptions, earthquakes, tsunami), difficult terrain at an unplanned aerodrome (large bodies of water, mountains));
- (c) updates of the operational flight plan when they affect the fuel reserves:
 - (1) diversion to an en route alternate (ERA) aerodrome, a destination alternate, or a take-off alternate aerodrome;
 - (2) change of the runway selected for landing if the new runway is shorter;
 - (3) location of the decision point or the point of no return (PNR) due to, for instance, change in altitude, in wind data, etc.;
 - (4) significant in-flight change of the flight route compared to the route in the flight planning;
or
 - (5) significant deviation from the planned fuel consumption; and
- (d) position reporting:

- (1) flight-monitoring personnel should report in every phase of the flight: taxi, take-off, climb, cruise, cruise steep climb, descent, approach, landing;
- (2) flight watch provides active tracking; and
- (3) where no real-time automatic position-reporting is possible, the operator should have an acceptable alternative to ensure in-flight reporting at least every hour.

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FUEL/ENERGY

The energy used for aircraft propulsion comes from various sources and is of various types.

A frequently used type of energy in aviation is derived from processing (in a piston or turbine engine) hydrocarbon-based fuels that include gasoline (leaded or unleaded), diesel, avgas, JET A-1, and JET B. Hydrogen may also be used as fuel for fuel cell applications, which generate electricity that is used to generate propulsion. However, as current technologies already use other sources of energy for aircraft propulsion, such as stored electrical energy, the typical term ‘fuel’ has become restrictive and no longer covers emerging technologies.

Therefore, a broader, combined term is introduced to accommodate new types of energy, other than fuel, used for aircraft propulsion purposes.

The term ‘fuel/energy’ should cater for both typical fuel and any other type or source of energy used for aircraft propulsion, including but not limited to electrical energy stored in batteries.

When used in the combination ‘fuel/energy’, the term ‘energy’ only refers to the electrical energy used for aircraft propulsion purposes. It does not include any other form of stored electrical energy that is used on board an aircraft (e.g. batteries of EFBs, ELTs, underwater locating devices (ULDs), automatic external defibrillators (AEDs), or backup energy sources).

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FUEL/ENERGY EN ROUTE ALTERNATE (ERA) AERODROME

Fuel/energy ERA aerodromes could be used in the following cases:

- (a) ‘fuel ERA aerodrome critical scenario’: that aerodrome is used when additional fuel is required at the most critical point along the route to comply with point (c)(6) of point CAT.OP.MPA.181 ‘Fuel/energy scheme — fuel/energy planning and in-flight re-planning policy — aeroplanes’;
- (b) ‘fuel ERA aerodrome 3 %’: that aerodrome is used when an operator reduces the contingency fuel to 3 %; and
- (c) ‘fuel ERA aerodrome PNR’: that aerodrome is used at the PNR during isolated aerodrome operations.

GM31 Annex I Definitions

DEFINITIONS OF TERMS RELATED TO ALL-WEATHER OPERATIONS

The following terms and concepts are used in the provisions related to all-weather operations in the AMC and GM to TCAR OPS:

‘Advanced aircraft’ means an aircraft with equipment in addition to that required for a basic aircraft for a given take-off, approach or landing operation.

‘AFM or additional data from the TC/STC holder’ — an AFM or additional data from the TC/STC holder may provide:

- limitations, in accordance with which the aircraft must be operated. This means that the aircraft may NOT exceed those given values; or
- demonstrated capabilities, which are the assumptions, envelope or conditions that were used to demonstrate adequate performance to comply with the appropriate certification specifications or airworthiness standards acceptable to the CAAT.

However, some AFMs (especially for those aircraft or landing systems that were certified before the introduction of EASA CS-AWO Issue 2) may not include all of the assumptions, envelope or conditions that were used to demonstrate adequate performance. Information regarding the assumptions, envelope, or conditions that were used to demonstrate adequate performance of a landing system can be provided by equivalent documentation issued by TC/STC holder.

Other types of information issued by the TC/STC holder may include(not an exhaustive list):

- equivalence between different aircraft models (types);
- equivalence between aircraft types and variants;
- landing systems equivalence;
- a list of runways with their demonstrated performance;
- a letter of no-technical objection/ evaluation letter.

Note: ‘TC/STC holder’ should be understood as the holder of the certificate for the landing system.

‘Basic aircraft’ means an aircraft which has the minimum equipment required to perform the intended take-off, approach or landing operation.

‘Continuous descent final approach (CDFA)’: when the circling altitude/height is reached, it is acceptable to maintain altitude (level-off) and transition to the visual segment. The operator may provide a point in the visual segment in which the descent may be resumed to follow a continuous descent to a point approximately 15 m (50 ft) above the landing runway threshold or the point where the flare manoeuvre begins for the type of aircraft flown.

‘Enhanced flight vision system (EFVS)-Approach (EFVS-A)’ means a system that has been demonstrated to meet the criteria to be used for approach operations from a decision altitude/height (DA/H) or a minimum descent altitude/height (MDA/H) to 100 ft (30 m) threshold elevation while all system components are functioning as intended, but may have failure modes that could result in the loss of EFVS capability. It should be assumed for an EFVS-A that:

- (a) the pilot will conduct a go-around at or above 100 ft threshold elevation, in the event of an EFVS failure; and
- (b) descent below 100 ft above the threshold elevation through to touchdown and roll-out should be conducted using natural vision so that any failure of the EFVS does not prevent the pilot from completing the approach and landing.

‘Enhanced flight vision system (EFVS)-Landing (EFVS-L)’ means a system that has been demonstrated to meet the criteria to be used for approach and landing operations that rely on sufficient visibility conditions to enable unaided roll-out and to mitigate for loss of EFVS function.

‘Head-up display (HUD) or equivalent display system’ means a display system which presents flight information to the pilot’s forward external field of view (FOV), and which does not significantly restrict the external view.

‘Landing system’ means an airborne equipment, which:

- (a) provides automatic control of the aircraft during the approach and landing (i.e. automatic landing system); or
- (b) has been demonstrated to meet the criteria to be used for approach and landing operations (e.g. HUD landing system, EFVS-L or any other approved system).

‘Landing system assessment area (LSAA)’ means the part of the runway that extends from the threshold to a distance of 600 m from the threshold.

Note — Although the landing systems certification criteria use a value greater than 600 m after the threshold to evaluate limit conditions, for the purpose of flight operations assessment a distance of 600 m is the relevant part as landing beyond this point is not expected to occur in day-to-day operations. The LSAA may not necessarily be coincident with the touchdown zone.

‘Low-visibility procedures (LVPs)’ means procedures applied by an aerodrome for the purpose of ensuring safety during low-visibility operations (LVOs).

Regular runway means a runway whose characteristics fit within the acceptable limits demonstrated by the original equipment manufacturer (OEM) during certification. The classification of a runway as a ‘regular runway’ is different from one set of equipment to another.

‘Required visual reference’ refers to that section of the visual aids or of the approach area which should have been in view for sufficient time for the pilot to have made an assessment of the aircraft position and rate of change of position, in relation to the desired flight path. In the case of a circling approach, the required visual reference is the runway environment.

‘Satellite-based augmentation system (SBAS)’ means a wide coverage augmentation system in which the user receives augmentation information from a satellite-based transmitter. The lists of SBAS coverage areas as follows:

- European Geostationary Navigation Overlay Service (EGNOS);
- MTSAT Satellite Based Augmentation Navigation System (MSAS);
- GPS-Aided GEO Augmented Navigation System (GAGAN);
- System for Differential Corrections and Monitoring (SDCM).

‘Synthetic vision system (SVS)’ means a system that displays data derived synthetic images of the external scene from the perspective of the flight deck.

‘Landing area’ means that part of a movement area intended for the landing or take-off of aircraft.

‘Touchdown zone (TDZ)’ means the portion of a runway, beyond the threshold, where landing aeroplanes are intended to first contact the runway.

‘Type B instrument approach operations categories’: where decision height (DH) and runway visual range (RVR) fall into different categories of operation, the instrument approach operation would be conducted in accordance with requirements of the most demanding category. This does not apply if the RVR and/or DH has been approved as operational credits.

GM32 Annex I Definitions

EFVSs — DIFFERENCES WITH ENHANCED VISION SYSTEMS (EVSs)

(a) Introduction to EVSs

EVSs use sensing technology to improve a pilot’s ability to detect objects and topographical features ahead of the aircraft. Different types of sensing technology are used on different aircraft installations. Sensing technologies used include forward-looking infrared, millimetre wave radiometry, millimetre wave radar or low-light level intensification; additional technologies may be developed in the future. The image from sensors may be displayed to the pilot in a number of different ways including ‘head-up’ and ‘head-down’ displays.

(b) EVSs and EFVSs

An EFVS is an EVS that is integrated with a flight guidance system, which presents the image from sensors to the pilot on a head-up display (HUD) or equivalent display. If EFVS equipment is certified according to the applicable airworthiness requirements and an operator holds the necessary specific approval, then an EFVS may be used for EFVS operations. An EFVS operation is an operation with an operational credit which allows operating in visibility conditions lower than those in which operations without the use of EFVS are permitted.

(c) Functions of EVSs

Depending on the capabilities of the particular system, EVSs may be useful during operations at night or in reduced visibility for the following:

- (1) improving visibility of airport features and other traffic during ground operations;
- (2) displaying terrain and obstructions in flight;
- (3) displaying weather in flight;
- (4) improving visibility of the runway environment during approach operations; and
- (5) improving visibility of obstructions on a runway (e.g. aircraft, vehicles or animals) during take-off and approach operations.

(d) Limitations of EVSs

EVSs are a useful tool for enhancing situational awareness; however, each EVS installation has its own specific limitations. These may include:

- (1) Performance variations depend on conditions including ambient temperature and lighting and weather phenomena. A system may provide very different image qualities in the same visibility depending on the particular phenomena causing restricted visibility, e.g. haze, rain, fog, snow, dust, etc.
- (2) An EVS may not be able to detect certain types of artificial lighting. Light emitting diode (LED) lights have a much lower infrared signature than incandescent lights and therefore may not be detected by some types of EVSs. LED lighting is used for runway, taxiway and approach lighting at many airports.
- (3) Monochrome display. EVSs will generally not be able to detect and display the colour of

airport lighting. This means that colour coding used on airport lighting will not be visible to the pilot using an EVS.

- (4) Many EVS installations do not have redundancy, so a single failure may lead to loss of EVS image.
- (5) The location of the sensor on the airframe may mean that in certain conditions it could be susceptible to ice accretion or obscuration from impact damage from objects such as insects or birds.
- (6) Where an EVS image is presented on a HUD or an equivalent display, the image needs to be consistent with the pilot's external view through the display. Particular installations may have limitations on the conditions under which this consistent image can be generated (e.g. crosswind conditions during approach).
- (7) Imaging sensor performance can be variable and unpredictable. Pilots should not assume that a flightpath is free of hazards because none are visible in an EVS image.

(e) Considerations for the use of EVSs

EVSs may be used in all phases of flight and have significant potential to enhance the pilot's situational awareness. No specific approval is required for the use of an EVS; however, the operator is responsible for ensuring that the flight crew members have received training on the equipment installed on their aircraft in accordance with ORO.FC.120. In addition, the operator is responsible for evaluating the risks associated with system limitations and for implementing suitable mitigation measures in accordance with ORO.GEN.200(a)(3) before using the EVS.

The use of EVSs does not permit the use of different operating minima, and EVS images cannot replace natural vision for the required visual reference in any phase of flight including take-off, approach or landing.

An EVS that is not an EFVS cannot be used for EFVS operations and therefore does not obtain an operational credit.

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INSTRUMENT APPROACH OPERATIONS

- (a) Depending on the instrument approach procedure (IAP) in use, the lateral and vertical navigation guidance for an instrument approach operation may be provided by:
 - (1) a ground-based radio navigation aid; or
 - (2) computer-generated navigation data from ground-based, space-based or self-contained navigation aids or a combination of these.
- (b) A non-precision approach (NPA) procedure flown as CDFA with vertical path guidance calculated by on-board equipment is considered to be a 3D instrument approach operation. Depending on the limitations of the equipment and information sources used to generate vertical guidance, it may be necessary for the pilot to cross-check this guidance against other navigational sources during the approach and to ensure that the minimum altitude/height over published step-down fixes is observed. CDFAs with manual calculation of the required rate of descent are considered 2D operations.
- (c) Further guidance on the classification of an instrument approach operation based on the designed lowest operating minima is contained in Appendix J to ICAO Doc 9365 Manual of All-Weather Operations, Fourth Edition, 2017.

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DECISION ALTITUDE (DA) OR DECISION HEIGHT (DH)

- (a) Decision altitude (DA) is referenced to mean sea level and decision height (DH) is referenced to the threshold elevation.
- (b) For operations using DA, the aircraft altimeters are set to QNH. For operations using a barometric DH, the aircraft altimeters are set to QFE.
- (c) For SA CAT I, SA CAT II, CAT II/III operations, the DH is based on the use of a radio altimeter or other devices capable of providing equivalent performance. The DH is determined with reference to threshold elevation, but the value of the DH set for the approach will be based on the height of the aircraft above the pre-threshold terrain, which may be higher or lower than the threshold.
- (d) For convenience, when both expressions are used, they may be written in the form ‘decision altitude/height’ and abbreviated ‘DA/H’.

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MINIMUM DESCENT ALTITUDE (MDA) OR MINIMUM DESCENT HEIGHT (MDH)

- (a) Minimum descent altitude (MDA) is referenced to mean sea level and minimum descent height (MDH) is referenced to the aerodrome elevation or to the threshold elevation if that is more than 7 ft below the aerodrome elevation. An MDH for a circling approach is referenced to the aerodrome elevation.
- (b) For operations using MDA, the aircraft altimeters are set to QNH. For operations using a barometric MDH, the aircraft altimeters are set to QFE.
- (c) For convenience, when both expressions are used, they may be written in the form ‘minimum descent altitude/height’ and abbreviated ‘MDA/H’.