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## **AERONAUTICAL** NOTICE

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#### REPORTING OF UNLAWFUL ACTS AGAINST THE SAFETY OF AVIATION

The Air Navigation and Transport Act, 1973 requires the reporting of unlawful acts against the safety of aviation and provides that it is an offence if a person engages in disruptive behaviour on board an aircraft in flight.

The Irish Aviation Authority, in pursuance of Articles 7(1) and 9(1) of the Irish Aviation Authority (Operations) Order 2006, (S.I. No. 61 of 2006), and Article 4(5) of the Irish Aviation Authority (Air Traffic Control Standards) Order, 2004, hereby directs;

- 1. Where a report of a disruptive or unruly passenger(s) endangers the safety of an aircraft in flight, the pilot-in-command of the aircraft shall report the incident to the local air traffic control unit of the destination aerodrome. The report should contain the following information:
  - a. Aircraft Registration,
  - b. Brief description of the incident,
  - c. The number of passengers involved,d. Destination aerodrome,

  - e. ETA.
- 2. Where an Air Traffic Control Officer of an Air Navigation Services Provider in the State receives a report of a disruptive or unruly passenger(s) in accordance with Paragraph 1 of this Direction, they or a service provider representative acting on their behalf shall as soon as is reasonably practicable report the matter to An Garda Siochana by telephone 999/112 (or by arrangement a local number or other means agreed between the Air Navigation Service Provider and An Garda Siochana).
- 3. Air Navigation Service Providers shall ensure that operation manuals contain the instructions and information required by Air Traffic Control Officers (or their representatives in this matter) to perform their duties in this regard. (Regulation (EU) 2017/373 ATM/ANS.OR.B.035 Operations manuals refers).

**Chief Executive Irish Aviation Authority** 

#### **Explanatory Notice**

(This note is not part of the Direction and does not purport to be a legal interpretation)

This Direction provides for the reporting of unlawful acts relating to the safety of aircraft in flight to An Garda Siochana.