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Runway Incursions (ICAO Definition)

1. Purpose

This Notice to Air Navigation Service Providers is issued to remind Air Traffic Controllers (ATCO's) and Aerodrome Flight Information Officers (AFISO's) of their obligation to take account of the new ICAO definition of a runway incursion when compiling mandatory occurrence reports (MOR's) of such incidents at aerodromes.

2. Runway Incursion Definition

The new ICAO definition of a runway incursion is:

“Any occurrence at an aerodrome involving the incorrect presence of an aircraft, vehicle or person on the protected area of a surface designated for the landing and take-off of aircraft.”

This definition refers to ‘incorrect presence’ rather than ‘unauthorised or unplanned presence’ therefore, an incident resulting from an ATC error, such as when a pilot correctly follows an erroneous clearance or a clearance issued erroneously, will now be identified and captured as a runway incursion.

The IAA having adopted the ICAO definition (AIC Nr 01/05 refers) is aware that although it might result in an increase in the number of runway incursions reported and identified, it will facilitate the direct comparison with runway incursion data analysed elsewhere. The primary benefit of having one agreed definition, applicable globally is the possibility to determine common factors that contribute to runway incursion events. As common contributory factors are revealed, the hazards that led to them can be identified, mitigated and, where possible, eliminated.

3. Further Information

In November 2004, ICAO published a new definition of a runway incursion for use by member States. The ICAO definition has been adopted by Eurocontrol and the European Action Plan for the Prevention of Runway Incursions (EAPPRI) has been amended to reflect this change.

Further information can be found on the following website:

http://www.eurocontrol.int/runwaysafety/public/subsite_homepage/homepage.html

Requests for further information on the contents of this notice should be addressed to: ansdinfo@iaa.ie

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