

# GRF and SNOWTAM implementation in MET and AIS domains



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# GRF concept: history and background information

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#### Chicago Midway runway overrun and collision (2005), a turning point ...

Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> 2005, 19.14 - SWA flight 1248 (B737) ran off the Runway 31C after landing at MDW.

'The aircraft rolled through a blast fence, an airport perimeter fence, and onto an adjacent roadway, where it struck a car before coming to a stop.'



#### <u>Outcome</u>

- a child killed and 1 pax seriously injuried in the car
- other 3 car pax and 18 out of 103 acft occupants injuried
- airplane substantially damaged



#### Weather conditions on the day of the accident

- 13.47: beginning of snowfall, snow removal ops ongoing (as per Snow Plan)
- 19.15: wind from 110º 7 kts, moderate snow / freezing fog, temp. 4° C
- 19.37 (after accident): wind from 160° 5 kts; heavy snow / freezing fog; t. 3°C

#### Runway (31C) field conditions

- 18.45: last runway clearing (cleared 5 times during the 6 hrs before accident)
- 18.47: Mu readings after rwy clearing: 72/59/68 (avg 67)
- 18.50: 1/16 inch 'wet snow' over 90% of rwy surface, 10% 'wet'
- 19.22: Mu readings (8 min.) after accident 41/40/38 (avg 40)



#### US NTSB (National Transportation Saferty Board) Investigation

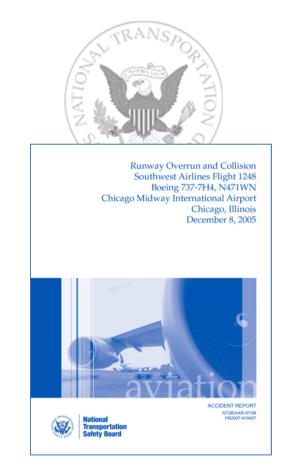
#### Probable cause of accident

'Pilots' failure to use available reverse thrust in a timely manner to safely slow or stop the airplane after landing, during a challenging landing.'

#### Contributing factors (among others):

'Airlines' failure to

- provide its pilots with clear and consistent guidance and training regarding [...] landing distance calculations;
- include a margin of safety in the arrival assessment to account for operational uncertainties.'





#### NTSB - Additional findings [abstract]

- lack of consistent airline guidance, training, policies, procedures on interpretation of braking action reports and the assumptions affecting landing distance assessments;
- urgent need for
  - guidance to Pilots, ATCO and Aerodrome Personnel on braking action and contaminant type and depth reports to minimize subjectivity;
  - means of correlating acft braking ability with rwy surface condition for reliable assessment of airplane's landing performance capability;
  - an operationally feasible, airplane-based, acft braking ability / runway condition assessment & reporting system;
- use of the most conservative information to increase the landing safety margin.'



Methods in use for runway condition assessment and reporting (2005)

- runway contaminant (type and depth) 'observations'
  - no clear correlation between contaminant and acft performance
- ground friction measurements (measured / calculated coefficient)
  - no agreed correlation between friction values and acft braking capability
  - unreliability of CFMEs under certain condition
  - meaningless, not usable for landing distance calculations
- pilot braking action reports
  - subjective judgement, reflecting individual perceptions
  - sensitive to airplane type and deceleration methods used



#### NTSB Recommendation to FAA

- to issue standards and guidelines for the development, delivery, and interpretation of runway surface condition reports.
- to establish standards for correlating acft braking ability to braking action reports and rwy contaminant type/depth reports for rwy surface conditions other than 'dry';
- to require Part 121, 135, and 91 subpart K operators to
  - conduct arrival landing distance assessments before landing based on existing performance data, actual conditions, incorporating a 15% min. safety margin;
  - provide guidance and training to pilots / dispatchers on surface condition and braking action reports and assumptions affecting landing distance calculations.



#### The TALPA (Take-off And Landing Performance Assessment) Project

TALPA ARC - Aviation Rulemeking Committee (ARC), established by FAA in 2008

- based on NTSB recommendations following MDW accident
- involving different stakeholders: NAA, Aircraft Operators & Manufacturers, Airports
- objective:

addressing the aircraft 'take-off and landing performance assessment' issue by means of real-time communications of rwy conditions (from aiports to pilots) expressed in terms directly related to the expected aircraft performance.

Source: TALPA ARC Aiport/Part 139 Working Group Recommendation (2009)



#### TALPA ARC Recommendations, 2009

- focus on performance data provided by the aircraft manufacturers for given runway conditions
- definition of a Paved Rwy Condition Assessment Table (Matrix), a tool for
  - aerodromes to perform rwy surface assessments
  - pilots to interpret the reported runway conditions

'in a standardized format based on acft performance data supplied by aircraft manufacturers for each of the stated contaminant types and depths.'

#### TALPA ARC Airport/Part 139 Working Group Recommendation April 9, 2009

Background: Following the overrun of a Boeing 373 at Midway in December of 2005 the FAA found that the current state of the industry practices did not have adequate guidance and regulation addressing the operation on non-day, non-wet rearways, i.e., contaminated ranways, As such they chartered an Aviation Rulemaking Committee (ARC) to address Takeoff and Landing Performance Assessment (TALPA) requirements for the appropriate part 33, 23, 91K, 121, 125, 133, and 139 Parts of 14 CFR. In formulating their commenchations in became clear to the ARC that the ability to communicate actual ranway conditions to the pilots in real time and in terms that directly relate to expected aircraft performance was critical to the success of the perjoic. While researching current NOTAM processes in numerous significant thort comings were discovered that humpered this communication process that would support this major staty initiatives and resolve the identified short comings. Without accurate real time information pilots cannot safely assess takeoff or landing performance.

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In order to succeed, this concept will require extensive retraining of airport operations personnel, dispatchers and pilots to assure that the application of the matrix is consistent across airports and that interpretation of the results and reporting of braking performance via PIREPs is consistent with the terms of the matrix. Specific training issues requiring amendon are identified in Appendix A.

Since the matrix has only been exted at two airports for a pointion of the winter of 2008/2009, and some potential discrepancies between the matrix and both airport personnel assessments and PIREPs have been identified under contain conditions, a much more extensive pilot program should be conducted during the winter of 2009/2010. This pilot program should have been always and the subject of refinements to the matrix or the accompanying instructions, if warranted. This pilot program might be conducted under the suspices of the Commercial Aviation Safety Team, using the ASIAS program with its capability of employing FOQUAC data to correlate individual airplanes tapping performance with innoway condition assessment codes in effect at the time, it would also be highly desirable to have sirline participation in the pilot program.

During the course of this ARC work effort, numerous cases were identified by the airport.Part 139 working group where various FAA guidance documents use inconsistent terms or definitions. A thorough harmonization of other guidance documents with this recommendation should be undertaken. The documents identified by the working group are listed in Appendix B.

Advisory Circular 150f \$200-30 was amended hast winter to address the immediate needs of closing a runway upon receipt of a "nil" braking action report and taking specific actions upon receipt of two successive "poot" braking action reports. There is a pressing seed to further revise that AC before next winter too clarify the appropriate method of returning a runway to service after a closing due to "nil" braking reports and to address other accessiveness is the working group has identified.

Because of the close interrelationship between performing runway condition assessments and the reporting of those assessments, these recommendations are presented in two sections: each section must be considered as integral to the overall recommendation. The first section addresses runway condition assessment using the matrix and the section addresses runway to endition assessment using the matrix and the section addresses changes to the reporting system that should be incorporated into the revisions to the NOTAM system, currently being designed. While the use of the matrix as the basis for ultimate replementation of nurway conditions assessment and reporting is the core recommendation of the working group, it must be treated as a "living document" and any changes that result from additional experience gained during the pilot program, or otherwise, must be fully coordinated with all stakebolders and incorporated frish both sections of this recommendation.



#### **TALPA-ARC Matrix**

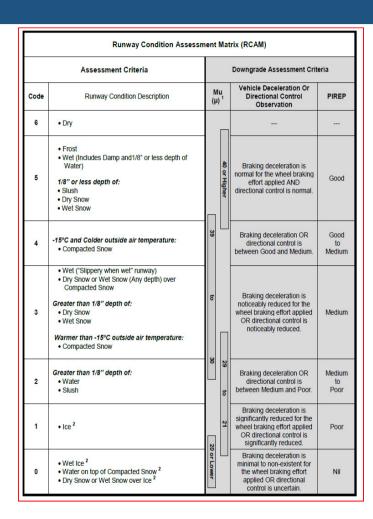
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#### The matrix aims at providing

- objective assessments
- directly related to contaminant type/depth categories
- determined by acft manufacturers to cause specific changes in acft braking performance

Related procedures: FAA AC No:150/5200-28F

Source: FAA - Technical Note DOT/FAA/TC-TN13/22 (June 2013)





#### ICAO work to address the rwy condition assessment / reporting issue

#### Friction Task Force (FTF), est. 2008:

- focused on reviewing ICAO SARPS and proposing amendments thereof
- multidisciplinary approach, key industry experts/stakeholders involved

#### FTF Phase 1 (2008-2011)

- revised Annex 14 and 15, reporting procedure
- revised Snowtam Form (ESF, no longer 'Mu')
- publication of Circular 329

#### FTF Phase 2 (2011-2020)

- development of Global Reporting Format concept (2016)
- proposed further amendments to ICAO SARPs, publ. of Circular 355



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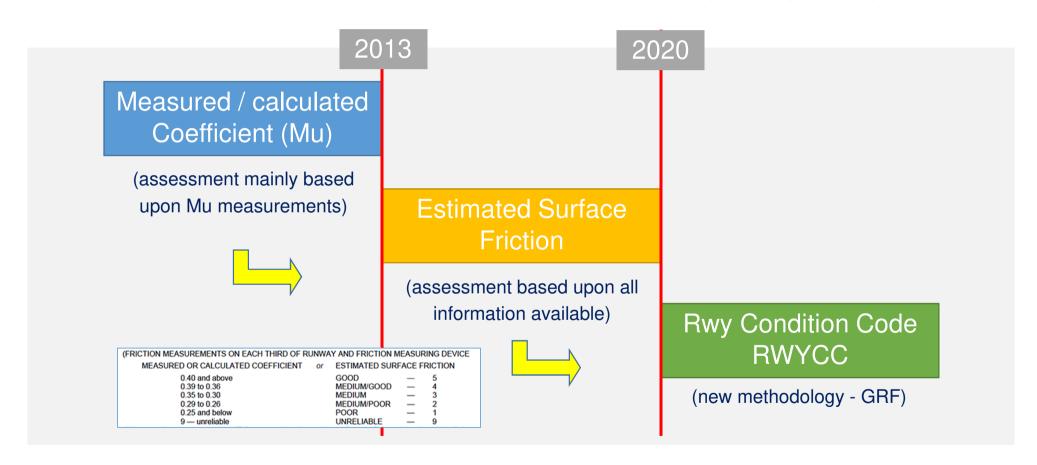
2013

2016

2020



ICAO - Evolution of of rwy condition assessment methodology and philosophy ...





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## GRF concept:

WHY GRF in the perspective of two of the most interested stakeholders (IATA- IFALPA)

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## Contaminated runway was a contributing factor in 57% of runway excursions accidents



- Runway excursions have been consistently one of the most frequent accident categories classified, representing 30% of accidents in HY 2020.
- Since 2011, there have been 148 runway/taxiway
   excursions that met the IATA Accident definition. 42% (62)
   of these accidents were a runway overrun, and 58% (86) a
   lateral excursion.

#### Contaminated runway

Out of these 148 accidents, 28% (41) had Contaminated runway – poor braking action as a contributing factor, with an increase in accident rate during the first half of 2020.

**76% (31)** Jet aircraft **22% (9)** Hull losses

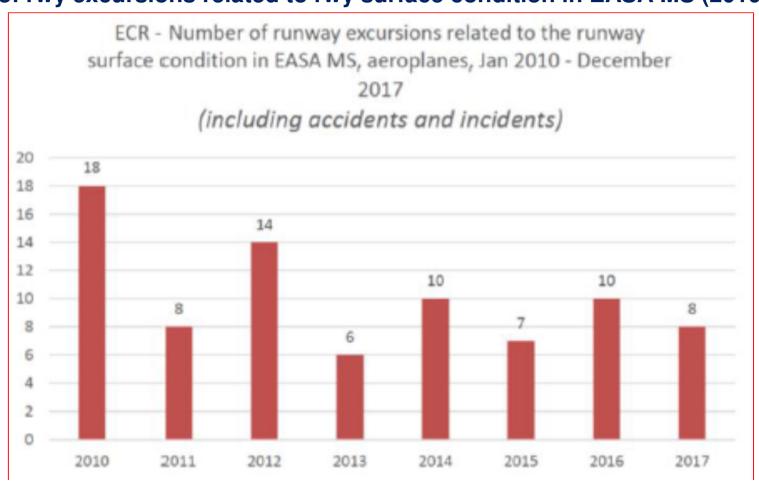
Accident data updated as of 30 June 2020





Source: EASA Annual Safety Review 2019

#### Number of rwy excursions related to rwy surface condition in EASA MS (2010 / 17)





#### **IFALPA**



## Runway excursions

- Aviation's number one safety risk category
- Caused usually by more than one factor;
  - Unrealistic or Erroneous Perf. Calculations
  - → Unstable approach Hot & High!
  - → Long flare or floating
  - → Inadequate use of reverse thrust and spoilers
  - Tailwind



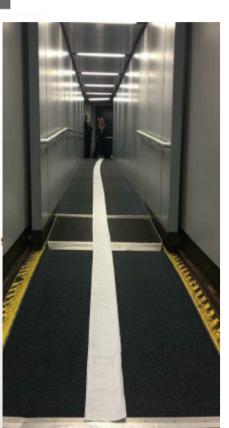
Among the top contributing factors are poor braking action due to contaminated runways combined with shortfalls in the accuracy and timeliness of assessment and reporting of the runway surface conditions.



#### **IFALPA**



- Inadequate aircraft performance data.
- Huge NOTAM files where information about runway condition may dissappear.
- Different ways of reporting runway condition, friction or braking action.
- Increasing information flow & workload
  - Preflight
  - → In Flight





## **Pilots**

**IFALPA** 

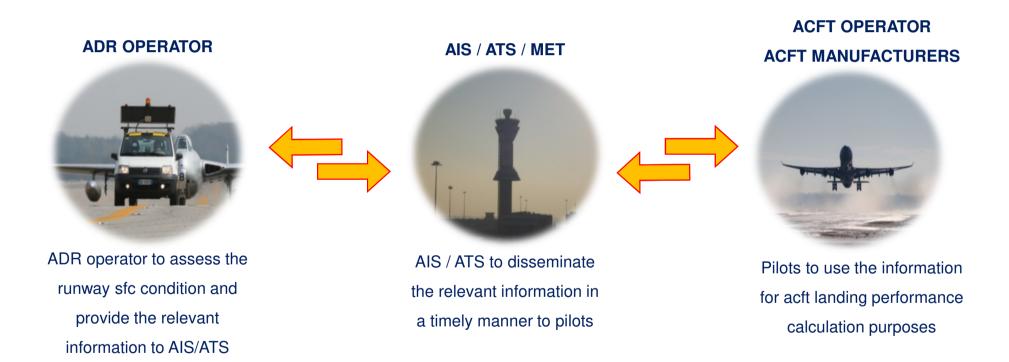


- They do not read the regulations
  - "Regulations are for the authorities and operators"
- They don 't have AIPs
- They do read the operators OPS manuals;
  - → Company OPS manual OM-A
  - → The aeroplane AFM / FCOM / OM-B
  - + Charts / OM-C
- → THEY NEED TRAINING!





#### need for a 'global' approach ...



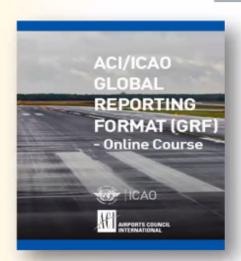
... and a common language for all the players!



#### Global Reporting Format (GRF) for Runway Surface Conditions Courses

This course aims to assist aviation personnel to understand, use and meet the new ICAO requirements for runway surface condition assessment and reporting requirements as outlined in ICAO Annex 14, Volume 1; Doc 10064 and Circular 355.

#### ICAO Compliance date 4 November 2021



ICAO-ACI Global Reporting Format (GRF)

#### **Target Population:**

- Airport Operations
   Management, Officers and
   Staff
- Airport Emergency Managers, Officers and Staff
- Airport Safety Managers, Officers and Staff Structure of the course:

Course duration: 3 Hours Delivery mode: Online Course Language of instruction: English ICAO-IATA Introduction to the Global Reporting Format (GRF)

#### **Target Population:**

- Flight crew
- Airline operational staff
- Dispatchers

#### Structure of the course:

Course duration: 3 Hours Delivery mode: Online Course Language of instruction: English

ICAO-IATA GRF course link: https://www.icao.int/training/Pages/training-catalogue-

details.aspx?catid=4067&language=0&region=&ITP=0

ICAO-ACI GRF Course: <a href="https://www.icao.int/training/Pages/training-catalogue-details.aspx?catid=2658&language=0&region=&ITP=0">https://www.icao.int/training/Pages/training-catalogue-details.aspx?catid=2658&language=0&region=&ITP=0</a>





# [1.1b] Global Reporting Format- GRF Benefits and challenges

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### What is 'GRF' about?

GRF (Global Reporting Format) is 'a new ICAO harmonized methodology for assessing and reporting runway surface conditions (on wet / contaminated rwys), enabling the harmonized assessmnet and reporting of runway surface correlating the reported conditions with aeroplanes performance, aimed at the improvement of flight crew assessment of take-off and landing performance in light of supporting mitigation of the risk of rwy excursions.'







Global - unique common 'code' spoken by all the players, on a global basis Reporting - focused on reporting runway conditions to the final user Format - use of standardized information layout



Applicability: worldwide as of Nov. 2021, but in EASA MS as of 12 Aug. 2021!!!



 This implementation is expected to reduce the risk of runway excursions since the GRF improves the accuracy and timeliness of runway condition assessment and harmonizes this information globally



## Benefits for Operators

- Harmonized Global Standard
- Easier to understand than current SNOWTAM
- Direct Relation to Operational Procedures and Performance
- Improved Reporting Relevance and Timeliness
- Better situation awareness for Pilots
- Same information on SNOWTAM, ATIS, ATC
- AIREPs for continuous observation of changes



#### Challenges for Operators

- Decision making for varying conditions along runway length
- Length of ATIS reports for multi-runway airports
- Getting the RCR to the cockpit in-flight
- Takeoff
  - Missing contaminants in tables and performance software
  - Slippery Wet
  - Downgraded RWYCC
- Making Special Air Reports (AIREPS)



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Adoption of GRF - coordinated amendment of ICAO Annexes & Docs ICAO ...

Annex 3 (Meteor. Service ...)

Annex 6-II (Operations of acft)

Annex 8 (Airworthiness of acft)

Annex 14-I (Aerodromes)

Annex 11 (ATS)

Annex 15 (AIS)

Circular 355 (replacing Circ. 329)

Doc 9981 PANS - Aerodromes

Doc 10066 PANS - AIM

Doc 4444 PANS - ATM

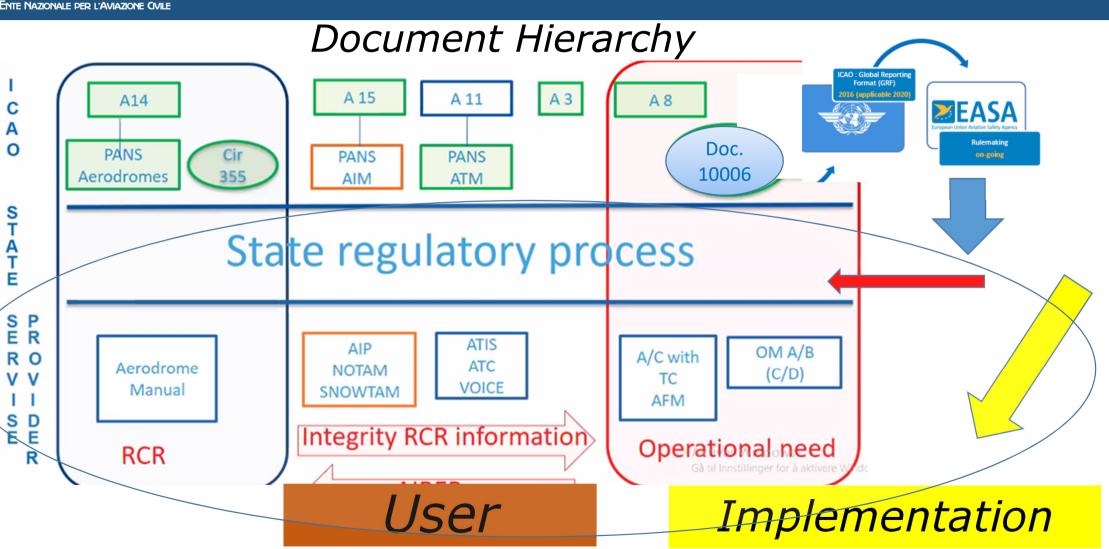
Doc 10064 Acft Performance Manual\*

Circular 355 (new, replaces C. 329)



<sup>\*</sup> new, unedited version



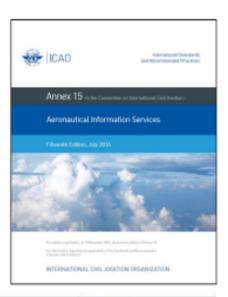




#### **Amendment 39B to Annex 15**

#### Amendment 39B arises from:

 Recommendations of the Friction Task Force of the Aerodrome Design and Operations Panel (ADOP) relating to the use of a global reporting format for assessing and reporting runway surface conditions.



Amendment	Source(s)	Subject	Adopted/Approved Effective Applicable
39 <b>-</b> B	Friction Task Force of the Aerodrome Design and Operations Panel (ADOP)	Amendment concerning the use of a global reporting format for assessing and reporting runway surface conditions	22 February 2016 11 July 2016 5 November 2020



## Major changes of amendment 39B

- SNOWTAM Definition
- SNOWTAM Provisions
- SNOWTAM Format (reporting format for assessing and reporting runway surface conditions has changed)



SNOWTAM.† A special series NOTAM notifying the presence or removal of hazardous conditions due to snow, ice, slush or standing water associated with snow, slush and ice on the movement area, by means of a specific format.

SNOWTAM.†† A special series NOTAM given in a standard format providing a surface condition report notifying the presence or cessation of hazardous conditions due to snow, ice, slush, frost, standing water or water associated with snow, slush, ice or frost on the movement area.

† Applicable until 3 November 2021.

†† Applicable as of 4 November 2021.



#### Major Changes in SNOWTAM Provisions

#### **SNOWTAM Provisions (PANS AIM)**

- "Assessment" instead of "Observation"
- The letters used to indicate items in SNOWTAM (A, B, C, ...) are only used for reference purpose and should not be included in the messages.
- The maximum validity of SNOWTAM is 8 hours (not 24 hours).
- A SNOWTAM cancels the previous SNOWTAM
- New SNOWTAM shall be issued whenever a new Runway Condition Report (RCR) is received.
- Mandatory information in RCR / SNOWTAM:
  - i) AERODROME LOCATION INDICATOR
  - ii) DATE AND TIME OF ASSESSMENT
  - iii) LOWER RUNWAY DESIGNATOR NUMBER
  - iv) RUNWAY CONDITION CODE FOR EACH RUNWAY THIRD
  - v) CONDITION DESCRIPTION FOR EACH RUNWAY THIRD



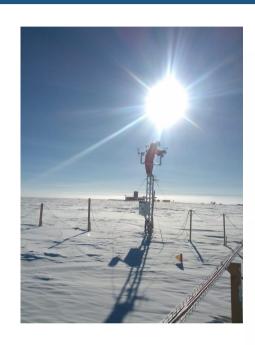
#### **Major Changes in SNOWTAM Provisions**

#### **SNOWTAM Provisions (PANS AIM)**

#### Notes (from PANS Aerodrome)

- RCR shall be initiated when a significant change in runway surface condition occurs due to water, snow, slush, ice or frost. Reporting of the runway surface condition should continue to reflect significant changes until the runway is no longer contaminated.
- A change in the runway surface condition used in the runway condition report is considered significant whenever there is:
  - a) any change in the RWYCC;
  - b) any change in contaminant type;
  - c) any change in reportable contaminant coverage according to Table II-1-1;
  - d) any change in contaminant depth according to Table II-1-2; and
  - e) any other information, for example a pilot report of runway braking action, which according to assessment techniques used, are known to be significant.





- New SNOWTAM shall be issued whenever a new runway condition report (RCR) is received from the aerodrome operator.
- As of 4 November 2021, the maximum validity of SNOWTAM is 8 hours.
- A SNOWTAM cancels the previous SNOWTAM. When a new SNOWTAM is issued
  for a specific aerodrome that has another valid SNOWTAM, the new one
  automatically replaces the older SNOWTAM (there is no need to reference the older
  SNOWTAM in the new SNOWTAM, as what we do for NOTAM).
- the letters used to indicate items (A to T; third column of the SNOWTAM template)
  are only used for reference purpose and should not be included in the messages.



### **SNOWTAM Provisions moved to PANS AIM**



 After amendment 40 to Annex 15 and with the introduction of the new PANS AIM (DOC 10066), the provisions related to SNOWTAM were moved to PANS AIM.



AMENDMENT NO. 2

TO THE

PROCEDURES

**FOR** 

AIR NAVIGATION SERVICES

#### AERONAUTICAL INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

(Doc 10066)

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- 1) AERODROME LOCATION INDICATOR;
- 2) DATE AND TIME OF ASSESSMENT;
- 3) LOWER RUNWAY DESIGNATOR NUMBER;
- 4) RUNWAY CONDITION CODE FOR EACH RUNWAY THIRD; and
- 5) CONDITION DESCRIPTION FOR EACH RUNWAY THIRD (when runway condition code (RWYCC) is reported 1–5)



#### Appendix 4

#### SNOWTAM FORMAT

(see Chapter 5, 5.2.5.1.4)

(applicable until 3 November 2021)

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SNOWTAM Template applicable till 3rd November 2021 in ICAO domain, till 11 th August 2021 in EU



#### Appendix 4. SNOWTAM FORMAT

(See Chapter 5, 5.2.5.1.4)

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#### EXAMPLE OF COMPLETED SNOWTAM FORMAT

Example SNOWTAM 1

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Example SNOWTAM 2

GG EADBZQZX EADNZQZX EADSZQZX
170140 EADDYNYX
SWEA0150 EADD 02170135
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EADD
02170055 09L 5/5/5 100/100/100 NR/NR/03 WET/WET/WET SNOW
02170135 09R 5/2/2 100/50/75 NR/06/06 WET/SLUSH/SLUSH

SNOWTAM Template applicable from 4th November 2021 in ICAO domain from 12 August 2021 in EU



# NEW



GG EADBZQZX EADNZQZX EADSZQZX 170350 EADDYNYX

SWEA0149 EADD 02170345

(SNOWTAM 0149

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SNOW 35

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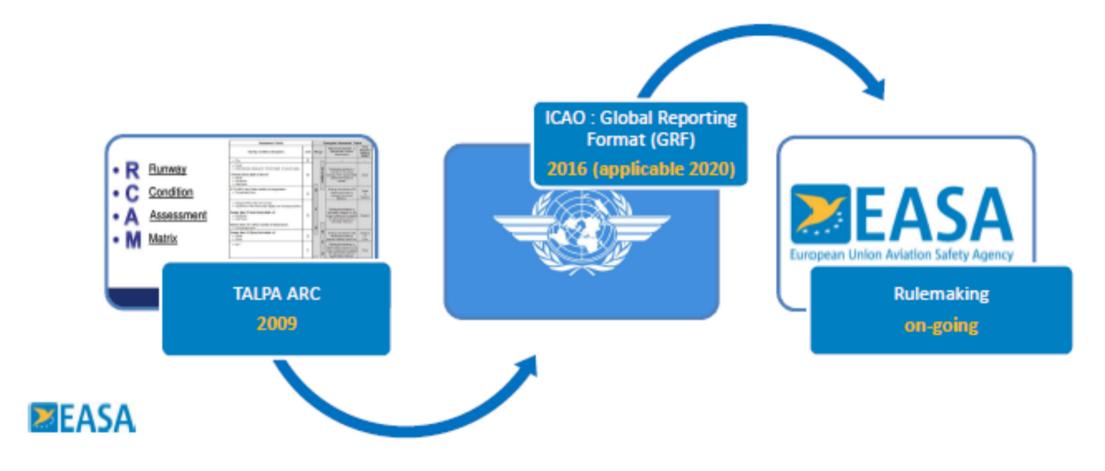


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## **EASA** framework for GRF

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# Implementation - 1



Adoption of all Regulations by early 2020

 Some adopted in 2019

#### In the mean time

- Safety promotion to raise awareness
- Focus on training
- Support the development of standards for automated systems for runway surface conditions assessments



# Implementation - 2



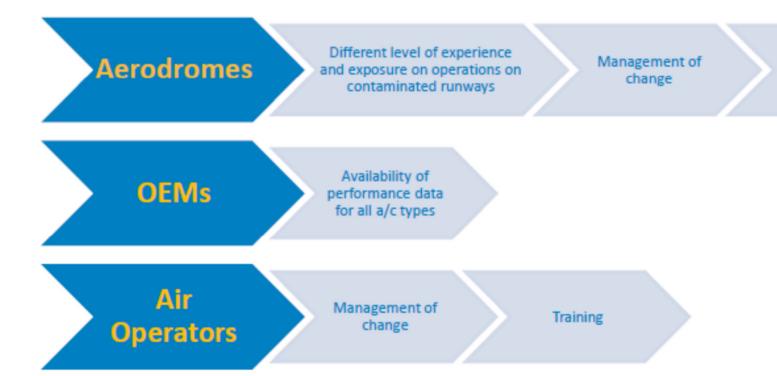
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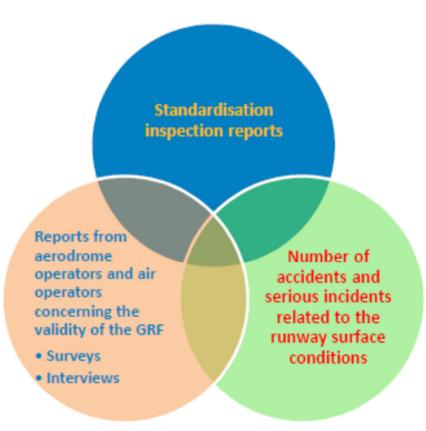
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# Implementation - 3







# Implementation of GRF



- → Opinion 2/2019 Changes to Reg. (EU) 965/2012 Air Operations
- → Opinion 2/2018 Changes to Reg. (EU) 2017/373 AIS & MET
- → Opinion 3/2019 Changes to Reg. (EU) 139/2014 Aerodromes & Reg. (EU) 923/2012 - Standardized European Rules of the Air & Reg. (EU) 2017/373 - ATM/ANS





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Upcoming ED Decisions – CS/AMC/GM

# EASA regulatory process





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## Changes stemming from EASA Regulation

## **METAR – Reporting**

- Changes to the METAR Format
  - Removal of runway surface conditions
- Obligation of the PIC to report back when braking action encountered is not as good as reported
- Obligation of the ATS to report to the aerodrome operator when a pilot indicates that the braking action is not as good as reported.



# Global Reporting Format- GRF RWY conditions assessment and reporting

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#### 'Runway Condition Report (RCR)' concept

The aerodrome operator is required to report to AIS/ATS on matters of operational significance affecting operations on the <u>movement area</u> with regard to the presence of:

- water
- snow
- slush
- ice
- frost
- anti-icing or de-icing liquid chemicals or other contaminants
- snowbanks or drifts

Ref. new ADR.OPS.A.060



#### Reporting of runway surface condition

The aerodrome operator shall report the rwy surface condition over each third of the runway using a runway condition report (RCR), including the RWYCC (0 to 6), the contaminant coverage and depth, and a description using the following terms: [...]

COMPACTED SNOW

DRY

**DRY SNOW** 

DRY SNOW ON TOP OF COMPACTED SNOW

DRY SNOW ON TOP OF ICE

**FROST** 

ICE

**SLIPPERY WET** 

**SLUSH** 

SPECIALLY PREPARED WINTER RWY

STANDING WATER;

WATER ON TOP OF COMPACTED SNOW

WET

**WET ICE** 

**WET SNOW** 

WET SNOW ON TOP OF COMPACTED SNOW

WET SNOW ON TOP OF ICE

CHEMICALLY TREATED

LOOSE SAND

Ref.: new ADR.OPS.A.065



- Reporting shall start when a significant change in runway surface condition occurs due to water, snow, slush, ice or frost.
- Subsequent reports required to reflect significant changes until the runway is no longer contaminated.\*
- When a paved rwy or portion thereof is 'slippery wet', the aerodrome operator shall issuing a NOTAM to inform pilots and describe the location of the affected portion.
- N.B.: Friction measurements shall not be reported!

\* In this case, the operator shall issue an RCR that states that the runway is wet or dry (as appropriate).

Ref.: new ADR.OPS.A.065



#### Runway Condition Report (RCR)

• RCR is a <u>comprehensive standardized report</u> relating to runway surface condition and its effect on the aeroplane landing and take-off performance.

(New definition added in Annex I to Reg. 139/2014)

- RCR consists of 2 sections:
  - Airplane Performance Calculation Section
  - Situational Awareness Section.



#### Philosophy of the RCR

- The aerodrome operator assesses the runway surface condition whenever water, snow, slush, ice, frost are present and reports the information by means of a RCR.
- The RCR describes a basic structure applicable for all the climatic conditions to which movement areas are exposed.
- The RCR format (based on the type, depth and coverage of contaminants) is the best assessment of runway surface condition by the aerodrome operator.
- The RCR provides the flight crew with the information needed for the safe operation of the airplane (performance calculation).



#### RCR - Aeroplane performance calculation section

#### Information to be included

- Aerodrome location indicator (mandatory)
- date and time of assessment (mandatory)
- lower runway designation number (mandatory)
- RWYCC for each runway third (mandatory)
- % coverage contaminant for rwy third (conditional)
- depth of loose contaminant for rwy third\*(conditional)
- condition description for runway third\*\* (mandatory)
- width of runway (conditional) if less than published

Aeroplane performance calculation section				
AERODROME LOCATION INDICATOR)	M	A)		G
(DATE/TIME OF ASSESSMENT (Time of completion of assessment in UTC))	M	B)		$\rightarrow$
LOWER RUNWAY DESIGNATION NUMBER)	M	C)		$\rightarrow$
RUNWAY CONDITION CODE (RWYCC) ON EACH RUNWAY THIRD) From Runway Condition Assessment Matrix (RCAM) 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6)	M	D)	//	$\rightarrow$
PER CENT COVERAGE CONTAMINANT FOR EACH RUNWAY THIRD)	С	E)	11	$\rightarrow$
DEPTH (mm) OF LOOSE CONTAMINANT FOR EACH RUNWAY THIRD)	С	F)	11	$\longrightarrow$
(CONDITION DESCRIPTION OVER TOTAL RUNWAY LENGTH (Obscred on each runway third, starting from threshold having the lower runway designation number)  COMPACTED SNOW DRY DRY SNOW ON TOP OF COMPACTED SNOW DRY SNOW ON TOP OF COMPACTED SNOW DRY SNOW ON TOP OF ICE FROST ICE SLIPPERY WET SLUSH SPECIALLY PREPARED WINTER RUNWAY STANDING WATER WATER ON TOP OF COMPACTED SNOW WET WET SNOW WE	M	G)	11	<b>→</b>
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<sup>\*</sup> for standing water, dry snow, wet, snow, slush only \*\* (ADR.OPS.A.065(a))



The 'airplane performance calculation section' is reported as

- a string of grouped information,
- separated by a space '[]'
- ending with a return and a two-line feed '<<≡', in order to distinguish the aeroplane performance calculation section from
  - the following situational awareness section or
  - the following performance calculation section of another rwy.

#### **Example**

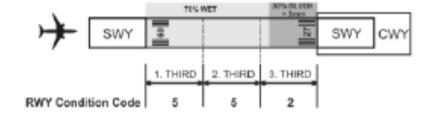
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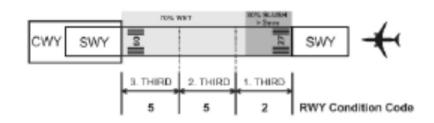
#### RCR - Runway condition code for each runway third

The RWYCC is expressed as one-digit number identifying each rwy third, reported in a three-character group separated by a '/' for each third.

 The direction for listing the runway thirds on the Snowtam is <u>always as seen from the</u> <u>lower designation number</u>.



 However, when information is transmitted by ATS to flight crews, the sections are referred to as the first, second or third part of the rwy as seen in the direction of landing or take-off.





#### RCR - Per cent coverage contaminant for each runway third

- Number identifying the percentage coverage, reported in an up-to-nine character group (separated by a '/' for each runway third).
- Based upon an <u>even distribution</u> within the rwy thirds (25-50-75-100); in case of uneven distribution additional info is given in the plain-language remark box of the situational awareness section.
- Not reported for any rwy third dry or covered with less than 10%.
- When no information is to be reported, 'NR' is inserted at the relevant position of the message, to indicate to the user no information exists.



#### RCR - Depth of loose contaminant

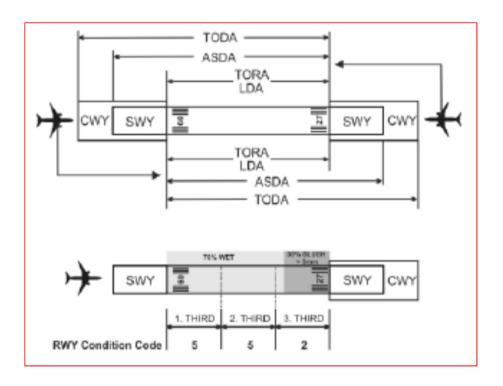
- expressed as a 2- or 3-digit number representing the assessed depth (mm) of the contaminant for each third (6- to 9-character group sep. by a '/' for each rwy third);
- to be reported for dry / wet snow, slush or standing water only (for each rwy third);
   not reported ('NR') for other contaminant types;
- based upon an even distribution\* within the runway thirds following an assessment.

<sup>\*</sup> When the depth of the contaminants varies significantly within a runway third, additional information is to be given in the plain-language remark part of the situational awareness section of the RCR. Draft EASA GM1 ADR.OPS.A.065(b);(c)

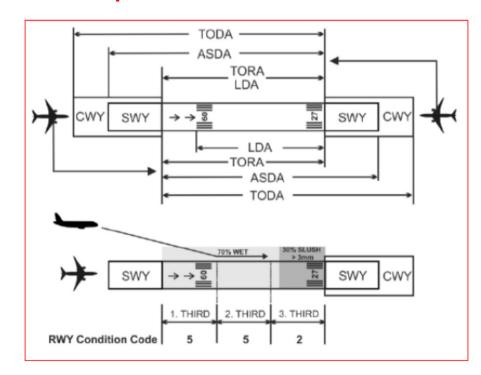


### Reporting of RWYCC vs declared distances

#### A - 'balanced field'



#### B - 'displaced threshold'

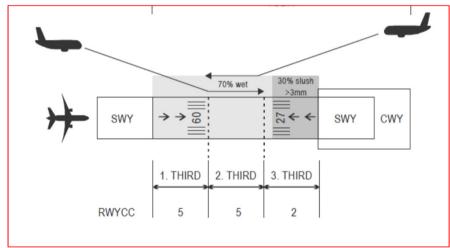




The information reported in the RCR refers to the <u>physical extent of the runway</u>, notwithstanding the length of the declared distances (position of the threshold).

This is an important concept for flight crew to understand when interpreting the RCR, especially when:

- landing on a runway with a significantly displaced threshold
- performing an intersection take-off
- part of a rwy is declared as a RESA but is available for take-off



Source: ICAO Circular 355



#### RCR - Situational awareness section

#### Information to be included

- reduced runway length \* (conditional)
- drifting snow on the runway (conditional)
- loose sand on the runway (conditional)
- chemical treatment on the runway (conditional)
- snowbanks on the runway (conditional)
- snowbanks on the taxiway (conditional)
- snowbanks adjacent to the runway (conditional)
- taxiway conditions (conditional)
- apron conditions (conditional)
- plain-language remarks (optional)

Situational awareness section			
(REDUCED RUNWAY LENGTH, IF LESS THAN THE PUBLISHED LENGTH (m))	0	I)	<b>→</b>
(DRIFTING SNOW ON THE RUNWAY)	0	J)	$\rightarrow$
(LOOSE SAND ON THE RUNWAY)	0	K)	$\rightarrow$
(CHEMICAL TREATMENT ON RUNWAY)	0	L)	$\rightarrow$
(SNOWBANKS ON THE RUNWAY) (If present, distance from runway centreline (m) followed by 'L', 'R' or 'LR' as applicable))	0	M)	<b>→</b>
(SNOWBANKS ON A TAXIWAY)	0	N)	$\rightarrow$
(SNOWBANKS ADJACENT TO THE RUNWAY)	0	0)	$\rightarrow$
(TAXIWAY CONDITIONS)	0	P)	$\rightarrow$
(APRON CONDITIONS)	0	R)	$\rightarrow$
(MEASURED FRICTION COEFFICIENT)	0	S)	$\rightarrow$
(PLAIN-LANGUAGE REMARKS)	0	T)	)≪≡
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<sup>\*</sup> when a NOTAM is published with a new set of declared distances affecting the landing distance avbl



	Assessment Criteria	Downgrade Assessment Criteria				
RWYCC	Runway surface description	Aeroplane deceleration or directional control observation	Special air-report of runway braking action			
6	• DRY	-	-			
5	<ul> <li>FROST</li> <li>WET (the runway surface is covered by any visible dampness or water up to and including 3mm)</li> <li>Up to and including 3 mm depth:</li> <li>SLUSH</li> <li>DRY SNOW</li> <li>WET SNOW</li> </ul>	Braking deceleration is normal for the wheel braking effort AND directional control is normal	GOOD			
4	<ul> <li>SPECIALLY PREPARED WINTER RUNWAYS</li> <li>-15°C and lower outside temperature:</li> <li>COMPACTED SNOW</li> </ul>	Braking deceleration OR directional control observation is between good and medium	GOOD TO MEDIUM			
3	<ul> <li>SLIPPERY WET</li> <li>DRY SNOW or WET SNOW (any depth) ON TOP OF COMPACTED SNOW</li> <li>More than 3 mm depth:</li> <li>DRY SNOW</li> <li>WET SNOW</li> <li>Higher than -15°C outside temperature:</li> <li>COMPACTED SNOW</li> </ul>	Braking deceleraton is noticeably reduced for the wheel braking effort applied OR directional control is noticeably reduced	MEDIUM			
2	More than 3 mm:     STANDING WATER     SLUSH	Braking deceleration OR directional control is between medium and poor	MEDIUM TO POOR			
1	• ICE	Braking deceleration is significantly reduced for the wheel braking effort applied OR directional control is significantly reduced	POOR			
0	<ul> <li>WET ICE</li> <li>WATER ON TOP OF COMAPCTED SNOW</li> <li>DRY SNOW or WET SNOW ON TOP OF ICE</li> </ul>	Braking deceleration is minimal to non-existent for the wheel braking effort applied OR directional control is uncertain	LESS THAN POOR			



Assessment

DRY SNOW or WET SNOW ON TOP OF ICE

#### Online Training Webinar 18 November 2020

## **Runway Condition Assessment Matrix (RCAM)**

Downgrade assessment criteria

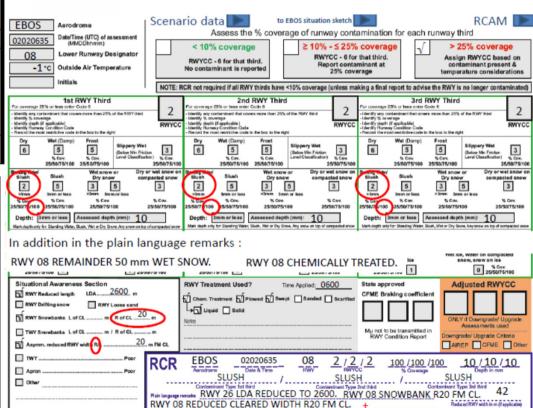
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POOR

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4	-15°C and Lower outside air temperature: •COMPACTED SNOW	Braking deceleration OR directional control is between Good and Medium.	GOOD TO MEDIUM
3	WET ("slippery wet" runway)  DRY SNOW or WET SNOW (any depth) ON TOP OF COMPACTED SNOW  More than 3 mm depth:  DRY SNOW  WET SNOW  WET SNOW  Higher than -15°C outside air temperature:  COMPACTED SNOW	Braking deceleration is noticeably reduced for the wheel braking effort applied OR directional control is noticeably reduced.	MEDIUM
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Runway condition assessment matrix (RCAM)





AIRPORT (ICAO LOCATION IND.)	>	LIME	OPERATOR	>	AAA SpA
LOWER RWY DESIGNATION	>	14.0	DATE / TIME	>	10/12/20 10:30
		A - 1st third	B - 2nd third		C - 3rd third
TEMPERATURE (OAT)		-5,0	-3,0		-2,0
CONTAMINANTTYPE		ICE	SLIPPERY WET		SP. PREP. WINTER RWY
ACTUAL COVERAGE %		100	100		25
MEASURED DEPTH		1	1		1
INITIAL RWYCC		1	3		6
SPECIAL AIR-REP		MEDIUM	GOOD TO MEDIUM		MEDIUM
BRAKING ACTION (NUMERICO)		3	4		3
SUGGESTED RWYCC		1	3		6
FINAL RWYCC (INS. MANUALLY)		1	3		6
REPORTED COVERAGE %		100	100		25
REPORTED DEPTH mm		NR	NR		NR
CONTAMINANTTYPE		ICE	SLIPPERY WET		SP. PREP. WINTER RWY

In house Tool under development and customization phase as a DST for assessing RCR and RCAM in order to help Airport Management in assessing RCR AIM Management must report RCR via new SNOWTAM

RCR - A	RCR - AEROPLANE PERFORMANCE CALCULATION SECTION (INFORMATION STRING)										
RCC A	RCC B	RCC C	% COV A	% COV B	% COV C	SP. A	SP. B	SP. C	CONT. A	CONT. B	CONT. C
1	3	6	100	100	25	NR	NR	NR	ICE	SLIPPERY WET	SP. PREP. WINTER RWY
IF ALL TH	F ALL THE FIELDS ARE REPORTED AS "". NO RCR IS TO BE GENERATED										



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[3.2]

# SNOWTAM Template Differences between ICAO and EASA provisions





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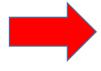
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## Runway safety

RELATED NPA/CRD 2018-14 — RMT.0703 (INCLUDING ALSO RMT.0704)



#### ANNEX II



Draft Annex II to draft Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) .../... amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/373 laying down common requirements for providers of air traffic management/air navigation services and other air traffic management network functions and their oversight

Appendix 3a

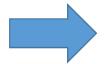


SNOWTAM FORMAT



#### Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/373

ATS.OR.530 is added to ensure that when air traffic services are receiving special air-reports in regard to runway surface condition, they are communicated immediately to the aerodrome operator. This is a consequential change in ICAO Doc 4444 by the introduction of the GRF and is considered important for the implementation of the new method. This provision complements SERA.12005 and ensures a proper communication link between aerodrome operators, pilots and air traffic services.



The template of the METAR (Appendix 1) in Annex V is replaced by a new one where the information for runway surface conditions is deleted. This is a consequential change to ICAO Annex 3, following the introduction of the GRF.

In AIS.TR.330, point (b)(2) is deleted and transferred to point (a)(29). Currently, the publication of a NOTAM is not required for temporary closures of runways under (b)(2); however, it is considered safer as even in these cases, the publication of the NOTAM will increase pilots' situational awareness.



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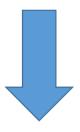
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## GUIDANCE ON THE ISSUANCE OF SNOWTAM



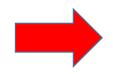
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## The SNOWTAM Format

Information concerning the presence on the movement area of

- snow
- slush
- ice
- frost
- standing water or
- water associated with snow, slush, ice or frost

are disseminated through SNOWTAM and contains the information required by the SNOWTAM Format.

**HEADING** 

AEROPLANE
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CALCULATION
SECTION

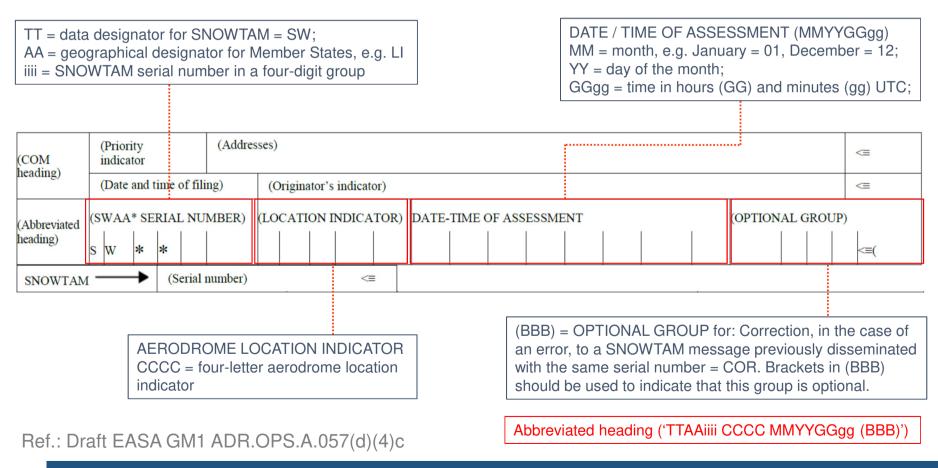
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Ref.: new ADR.OPS.A.057(d) / Appendix 2 Reg.



## How to fill in the SNOWTAM format ... Heading





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ERODROME LOCATION INDICATOR)		M	(A)	******	and minute in UTC
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OWER RUNWAY DESIGNATION NUMBER)		M	(C)		C) (nn[L] or nn[C] or nn[R]). Only on
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<sup>\*</sup> If the cleared width is not symmetrical, additional info is given in the plain-language remark of the situational awareness section.



[nnnn]/[nnnn]/... POOR or ALL APRONS POOR).

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#### I) Applicable rwy designator and available length in m [...] Situational awareness section (e.g. RWY nn [L] or nn [C] or nn [R] REDUCED TO [n]nnn). Situational awareness section J) lower rwy design with a space 'DRIFTING SNOW' (RWY nn or RWY nn[L] or nn[C] or nn[R] DRIFTING SNOW). (REDUCED RUNWAY LENGTH, IF LESS THAN THE PUBLISHED LENGTH (m)) 0 I) (DRIFTING SNOW ON THE RUNWAY) J) 0 K) lower rwy designator with a space 'LOOSE SAND' (RWY nn or RWY nn[L] or nn[C] or nn[R] LOOSE SAND). K) (LOOSE SAND ON THE RUNWAY) 0 L) (CHEMICAL TREATMENT ON RUNWAY) 0 L) lower rwy designator with a space 'CHEMICALLY (SNOWBANKS ON THE RUNWAY) 0 M) (If present, distance from runway centreline (m) followed by 'L', 'R' or 'LR' as applicable)) M) lower rwy des. with a space 'SNOWBANK' and a space (SNOWBANKS ON A TAXIWAY) 'L' or 'R' or both sides 'LR', followed by distance in m from 0 cl separated by a space 'FM CL' (RWY nn or RWY nn[L] or (SNOWBANKS ADJACENT TO THE RUNWAY) 0 nn[C] or nn[R] SNOWBANK Lnn or Rnn or LRnn FM CL) P) (TAXIWAY CONDITIONS) 0 N) twys des. with a space 'SNOWBANKS' (TWY [nn]n or R) (APRON CONDITIONS) TWYS [nn]n/[nn]n/ or ALL TWYS SNOWBANKS) S) (MEASURED FRICTION COEFFICIENT) O) snowbanks penetrating the height profile in the snow (PLAIN-LANGUAGE REMARKS) plan, lower rwy designator and 'ADJ SNOWBANKS' (RWY S) NR (not reported) nn or RWY nn[L] or nn[C] or nn[R] ADJ SNOWBANKS) NOTES: R) slippery/poor apron condition, apron designator followed P) slippery/poor twy conditions, twy designator followed by a space 'POOR' (TWY [n or nn] POOR or TWYS [n or by a space 'POOR' (APRON [nnnn] POOR or APRONS

nn]/[n or nn]/... POOR or ALL TWYS POOR).



## SNOWTAM - Aeroplane performance calculation section - sample

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The letters used to indicate items are only for reference purposes and should not be included in the messages.



## **Example of complete information string**

[COM header and abbreviated header] (Completed by AIS)
GG EADBZQZX EADNZQZX EADSZQZX
070645 EADDYNYX
SWEA0151 EADD 02170055
SNOWTAM 0151

[Aeroplane performance calculation section]

EADD 02170055 09L 5/5/5 100/100/100 NR/NR/NR WET/WET/WET

EADD 02170135 09R 5/2/2 100/50/75 NR/06/06 WET/SLUSH/SLUSH

EADD 02170225 09C 2/3/3 75/100/100 06/12/12 SLUSH/WET SNOW/WET SNOW

[Situational awareness section]

RWY 09L SNOWBANK R20 FM CL. RWY 09R ADJ SNOWBANKS.

TWY B POOR, APRON NORTH POOR.

Acceptant performance calculation section			
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(LOWER BENWAY DESIGNATION NEARING)	M		
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Ref.: Draft EASA GM3 ADR.OPS.A.065(a)



## Information on alkali-organic runway de-/anti-icing substances

- During winter operations, the aircraft carbon brakes (discs) and open wheel/bay are exposed to alkali-organic rwy de-/anti-icing substances during taxi, take-off, landing.
- The presence of the alkali-organic salt creates a catalytic condition lowering the carbon oxidation temperature, leading to deterioration of the carbon discs and reduction of brakes service life and efficiency.
- It is fundamental for aircraft operators to have information on the de-/anti-icing substances used, in order to assess the acft exposure and adjust the maintenance programme.

Ref.: Draft EASA GM1 ADR.OPS.B.035(b)(3)



The information, in the RCR or AIP, should be given using the following key words:

- KAC, for potassium acetate fluids
- KFOR, for potassium formate fluids
- GAC, for glycerine acetate fluids
- NAFO, for sodium formate solids
- NAAC, for sodium acetate solids
- EG, for ethylene glycol fluids
- PG, for propylene glycol fluids
- UREA
- SAND

Ref.: Draft EASA GM1 ADR.OPS.B.035(b)(3)



SNOWTAM dissemination

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## **ICAO** Reporting Formats

Annex 14 (Vol. I, 2.9.1) establishes the need to promulgate the runway surface conditions, through the appropriate AIS / ATS units; ICAO's methods of reporting / promulgating information are:

- a) Aeronautical Information Publications (AIPs)
- b) Aeronautical Information Circulars (AICs)
- c) Notice to Airmen (NOTAM)
- d) SNOWTAM
- e) AIREPs
- f) Automatic Terminal Information Services (ATIS)
- g) Air Traffic Control (ATC) communications.

The formats for a) to d) are described in Annex 15; the formats for e), f), g) are described in Doc 4444.

Source: ICAO Circular 355



## Global Reporting Format AIS Aspects (SNOWTAM)

Aerodrome operator assess the runway surface conditions, including contaminants, for each third of the runway length, and report it by mean of a uniform runway condition report (RCR) Aeronautical information services (AIS) provide the information received in the RCR to end users (SNOWTAM)

Air traffic services (ATS) provide the information received via the RCR to end users (radio, ATIS) and received special air-reports Aircraft operators utilize the information in conjunction with the performance data provided by the aircraft manufacturer to determine if landing or take-off operations can be conducted safely and provide runway braking action special air-report (AIREP)



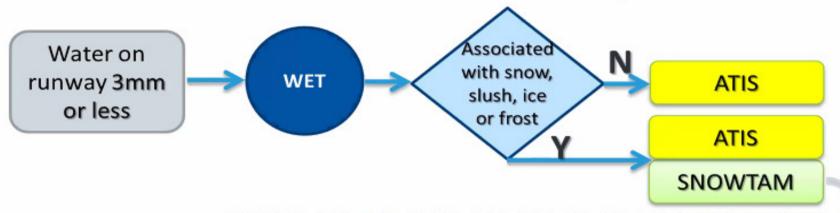
## Dissemination of information

- Through the AIS and ATIS: when the runway is wholly or partly contaminated by standing water, snow, slush, ice or frost, or is wet associated with the clearing or treatment of snow, slush, ice or frost.
- Through the ATIS only: when the runway is wet, not associated with the presence of snow, slush, ice or frost.





## Water on runway



01150915 09R 5/5/5 100/100/100 NR/NR/NR WET/WET/WET

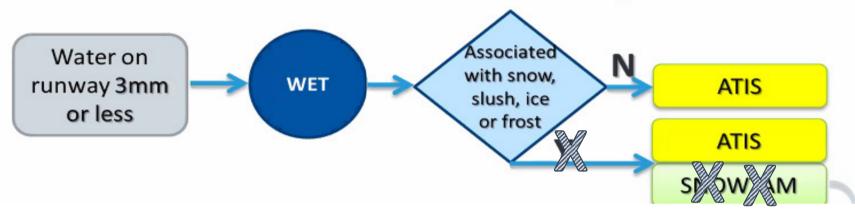


01150915 09R 5/2/2 100/50/50 NR/08/12 WET/STANDING WATER/STANDING WATER

SNOWTAM PROVISION- Scenarios



## Water on runway



## SNOWTAM PROVISION- Scenario 1

water 0-3 mm exists on runway but no snow slush ice or frost associated NO SNOWTAM only ATIS



#### Scenario-2



- Water 0-3 mm exist on runway
- Water <u>is</u> associated with snow, slush, ice or frost
- → SNOWTAM is issued (& ATIS)
  - RCC 5 (wet)
  - RCC 3 (Slippery wet)

#### 02160930 11L 5/5/5 100/50/50 NR/NR/NR WET/WET/WET

#### Scenario-3



- Water 4 mm (or above) exist on runway
- → SNOWTAM is issued (& ATIS)
  - RCC 2 (standing water)
- <u>It doesn't matter</u> whether water is associated with snow, slush, ice or frost, or not



SNOWTAM samples

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## Issuance of RCR / SNOWTAM - Ex. 1

Airport: Milan Linate

Date: 16 Feb

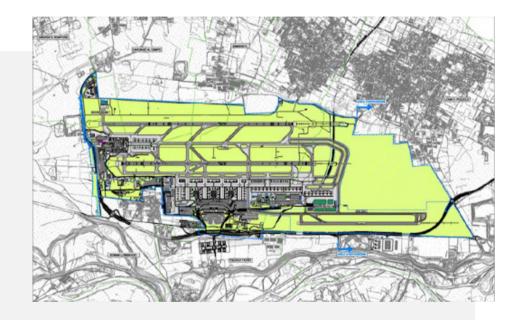
Runway: 18/36

Time of assessment: 06:55

Type of contaminant: water / water / wet snow

Depth of contaminant: 1 mm / 2 mm / 2 mm

% Coverage: 80/100/80



Additional info: OAT 1°C / No Braking Action Report avbl



#### Issuance of RCR / SNOWTAM - Ex. 1

**INFORMATION STRING** 

SWLI0020 LIML 02160655

(SNOWTAM 0020

LIML

02160655 18 5/5/5 100/100/100 NR/NR/03 WET/WET/WET SNOW)

Airport: Milan Linate, 16 Feb

Runway: 18/36

Type of contaminant: water / water / wet snow
Depth of contaminant: 1 mm / 2 mm / 2 mm

% Coverage: 80/100/80

Additional info: OAT 1°C /no braking action avbl



## Issuance of RCR / SNOWTAM - Ex. 2

Airport: Milan Malpensa

Date: 16 Feb

Runway: 17L/35R Time of assessment: 06:50

Type of contaminant: water / water / wet snow

Depth of contaminant: 1 mm / 2 mm / 2 mm

% Coverage: 100/100/80

Runway: 17R/35L Time of assessment: 06:55

Type of contaminant: water / slush / slush

Depth of contaminant: 0 mm / 6 mm / 6 mm

% Coverage: 90/100/70



Additional info: OAT 1°C / No Braking Action Report avbl



#### Issuance of RCR / SNOWTAM - Ex. 2

**INFORMATION STRING** 

SWLI0021 LIMC 02160655

(SNOWTAM 0021

LIMC

02160650 17L 5/5/5 100/100/100 NR/NR/03 WET/WET/WET SNOW

02160655 17R 5/2/2 100/100/75 NR/06/06 WET/SLUSH/SLUSH)

Runway: 17L/35R, 16Feb

Type of contaminant: water / water / wet snow

Depth of contaminant: 1 mm / 2 mm / 2 mm

% Coverage: 100/100/80

Runway: 17R/35L

Type of contaminant: water / slush / slush
Depth of contaminant: 0 mm / 6 mm / 6 mm

% Coverage: 90/100/70



## Issuance of RCR / SNOWTAM - Ex. 3

Airport: Milan Malpensa

Date: 16 Feb

Runway: 17L/35R / Time of assessment: 08:00

Type of contaminant: water / water / wet snow

Depth of contaminant: 1 mm / 2 mm / 2 mm

% Coverage: 100/100/100

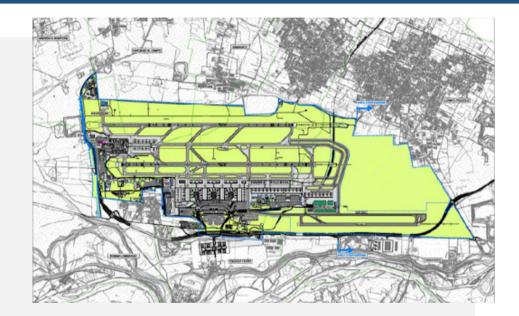
Runway: 17R/35L / Time of assessment: 08:05

Type of contaminant: water / slush / slush, snowbanks 30 m from center line (west of rwy)

Depth of contaminant: 2 mm / 6 mm / 6 mm

% Coverage: 100/100/70

Additional info: OAT 0°C / No Braking Action Report avbl, poor surface conditions on twy Y





## Issuance of RCR / SNOWTAM - Ex. 3

**INFORMATION STRING** 

SWLI0022 LIMC 02160805

(SNOWTAM 0022

LIMC

Runway: 17L/35R

Type of contaminant: water / water / wet snow Depth of contaminant: 1 mm / 2 mm / 2 mm

% Coverage: 100/100/100

Runway: 17R/35L snowbanks 30 m from c/l west side

Type of contaminant: water / slush / slush
Depth of contaminant: 2 mm / 6 mm / 6 mm

% Coverage: 100/100/70

Add. info: OAT 0°C/no braking action avbl /twy Y poor

02160800 17L 5/5/5 100/100/100 NR/NR/03 WET/WET/WET SNOW

02160805 17R 5/2/2 100/100/75 NR/06/06 WET/SLUSH/SLUSH

RWY 17R SNOWBANK R30 FM CL. TWY Y POOR.)



#### Issuance of RCR / SNOWTAM - Ex. 4

Airport: Milan Malpensa

Date: 16 Feb

Runway: 17L/35R / Time of assessment: 10:30

Type of contaminant: water / water / slush

Depth of contaminant: 1 mm / 1 mm / 2 mm

% Coverage: 100/100/100

Runway: 17R/35L / Time of assessment: 10:35

Type of contaminant: water / slush / slush

Depth of contaminant: 3 mm / 6 mm / 6 mm

% Coverage: 100/100/70



Additional info: OAT -1°C / No Braking Action Report avbl / runway 35R chemically treated



#### Issuance of RCR / SNOWTAM - Ex. 4

**INFORMATION STRING** 

SWLI0023 LIMC 02161035

(SNOWTAM 0023

Runway: 17L/35R

Type of contaminant: water / water / slush

Depth of contaminant: 1 mm / 1 mm / 2 mm

% Coverage: 100/100/100

Runway: 17R/35L, chemically treated

Type of contaminant: water / slush / slush
Depth of contaminant: 3 mm / 6 mm / 6 mm

% Coverage: 100/100/70

Additional info: OAT -1°C / No Braking Action abl

LIMC

02161030 17L 5/5/5 100/100/100 NR/NR/03 WET/WET/SLUSH

02161035 17R 5/2/2 100/100/75 NR/06/06 WET/SLUSH/SLUSH

RWY 17L CHEMICALLY TREATED.)



#### Issuance of RCR / SNOWTAM - Ex. 5

Airport: Milan Malpensa

Date: 16 Feb

Runway: 17L/35R / Time of assessment: 10:30

Type of contaminant: dry snow / compacted snow / ice

Depth of contaminant: 4 mm / - mm

% Coverage: 100/100/100

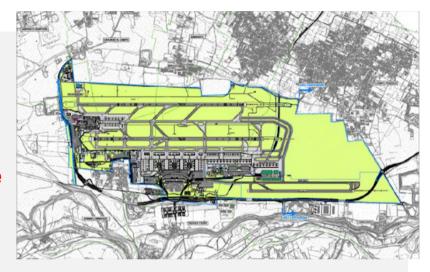
Runway: 17R/35L / Time of assessment: 10:35

Type of contaminant: ice / ice / ice

Depth of contaminant: - mm / - mm / - mm

% Coverage: 100/100/70

Additional info: OAT -5°C / No Braking Action Report avbl





#### Issuance of RCR / SNOWTAM - Ex. 5

**INFORMATION STRING** 

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Runway: 17L/35R

Type of contaminant: dry snow / compacted snow / ice

Depth of contaminant: 4 mm / - mm / - mm

% Coverage: 100/100/100

Runway: 17R/35L

Type of contaminant: ice / ice / ice

Depth of contaminant: - mm / - mm / - mm

% Coverage: 100/100/70

Additional info: OAT -5°C / No Braking Action avbl

LIMC

02161030 17L 3/3/1 100/100/100 04/NR/NR DRY SNOW/COMPACTED SNOW/ICE

02161035 17R 1/1/1 100/100/75 NR/NR/NR ICE/ICE/ICE

Remark: for compacted snow at -15°C or lower RWYCC = 4, for compacted snow at higher than -15°C RWYCC = 3

Ref.: Draft EASA GM2 ADR.OPS.A.057(d)(4) Origination of NOTAM

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## Thanks for your attention

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