



SAFETY ALERT 2021-05

Issue 01

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SUBJECT:

POSTPONEMENT OF THE APPLICABILITY DATES OF SARPS AND PANS RELATED TO THE ENHANCED GLOBAL REPORTING FORMAT FOR ASSESSING AND REPORTING RUNWAY SURFACE CONDITIONS (GRF)

REFERENCE PUBLICATIONS:

IB 2020-17

BACKGROUND:

Following ICAO State Letter 2020/73, the GCAA has published IB 2020-17 to announce the postponement of the applicability date of requirements related to enhanced Global Reporting Format (GRF) to 04th November 2021.

This safety alert is issued to urge Aircraft operators, Aerodrome operators, ATS, AIM and MET units to submit before 15th April 2021 to the GCAA a Management of Change (MOC) documenting their GRF implementation plan to meet compliance.

This safety alert cancels IB 2020-17

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- a) Aircraft operators, Aerodrome operators, ATS, AIM and MET units should submit, by 15th April 2021 unless otherwise stipulated by the Principal Inspector, to the GCAA a Management of Change (MOC) that includes a safety risk assessment and documents their GRF compliance plan.
- b) The Management of Change document should be submitted to the Principal Inspector and must include, but is not limited to:
 - 1) the safety risk assessment;
 - 2) the plan to comply with GRF requirements;
 - 3) actual status and upcoming actions; and
 - 4) impact of the change on internal and external stakeholders, in particular when other States have mandate GRF requirements on their own operators before 4th November 2021 or will do so after 4th November 2021.
- c) The risk assessment performed by aircraft operator should include the assurance of the compatibility of its aircraft with GRF requirements. Confirmation from the aircraft OEM should be sought.
- d) Since some states may have decided to mandate GRF requirements before 04th November 2021, it remains the aircraft operator's responsibility to ensure compliance with the foreign requirements.

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