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## AIR NAVIGATION SERVICES

### GENERAL

#### ICAO GLOBAL CAMPAIGN ON NOTAM IMPROVEMENT

☞ Indicates changes.

This AIC replaces AIC D003/2021 dated 09 September 2021.

The purpose of the AIC is to inform the industry of an ICAO initiative on the improvement of NOTAM.

ICAO launched a Global Campaign on NOTAM Improvement (NOTAM2021) of which Phase 1 of the campaign was launched on 8 April 2021, with the support of all seven ICAO regional offices.

The objective is to eliminate the number of old NOTAM still in circulation.

Due to the huge number of NOTAM that a flight crew receives in their briefing pack before a flight, the risk of critical information being missed is increased.

On any given day, there are some 35,000 active NOTAM in the global air transport system. In 2020, the total number of NOTAM issued exceeded 1.7 million. Findings have shown that about twenty percent of these are old NOTAM, exceeding their three-month applicability period as per ICAO Annex 15 - Aeronautical Information Services.

An AFI Virtual Workshop on NOTAM improvement took place from 22 – 24 June 2021. At the workshop, some actions were adopted with the most urgent being the elimination of old and very old NOTAM to decrease the proliferation of NOTAM.

States ANSP's is to assess their old and very old NOTAM and NOTAM Estimates and to plan and implement actions to mainly eliminate these old and very old NOTAM.

The actions to be taken include the:

- a) Incorporation in the AIP of NOTAM PERM that are AIP qualified, and their cancellation,
- b) Issuance of AIC in lieu of NOTAM PERM that is not AIP qualified, and their cancellation,
- c) Issuance of AIP Supplement in lieu of NOTAM EST that were repeated more than once, and their cancellation,
- d) Progress report to be sent to ICAO Regional offices.
- e) Full cooperation from NOTAM originators. If for whatever reason, a NOTAM originator cannot comply, a motivation shall be sent to the SACAA AIS office email: venterl@caa.co.za
- f) All non-conformances will be reported to the SACAA AIS office.

Old NOTAM: A NOTAM Valid for more than 3 months up to 12 months.

Very Old NOTAM: A NOTAM Valid for more than 12 months.

As per ICAO DOC 8126: A NOTAM shall not be REPLACED more than once. It is therefore imperative that NOTAM originators ensure that their respective NOTAM are incorporated into either an AIP Supplement or an AIC once the NOTAM information is still valid after 6 months of the initial NOTAM being issued.

To incorporate the NOTAM into an AIP Supplement: Follow the below steps:

- ★ Contact the ATNS Aeronautical Information (AI) department on [aim@atns.co.za](mailto:aim@atns.co.za)
- ★ ☞ The contents of the NOTAM information will be evaluated, and the subsequent NOTAM information will be incorporated into an AIP supplement, which will remain valid for a period of 6 months.
- ★ Upon the AIP Supplement becoming effective, the NOTAM office will cancel the applicable NOTAM.
- ★ ☞ If the status of the information published in the AIP supplement changes within the 6 months; the originator shall notify the AI department immediately.
- ★ ☞ The AI department will request a NOTAM to be published and replace the existing AIP supplement in the next available publication date.

To incorporate the NOTAM into an AIC (Aeronautical Information Circular): Follow the below steps:

- ★ ☞ Contact the SA CAA AIS department at: [venterl@caa.co.za](mailto:venterl@caa.co.za), [khumalog@caa.co.za](mailto:khumalog@caa.co.za), [pitsot@caa.co.za](mailto:pitsot@caa.co.za) and [nkosiv@caa.co.za](mailto:nkosiv@caa.co.za).
- ★ The contents of the NOTAM information will be evaluated, and the NOTAM information will be incorporated into an AIC.
- ★ Upon the AIC becoming effective, the NOTAM office will cancel the applicable NOTAM.
- ★ If the status of the information published in the AIC changes the originator shall notify the SACAA AIS department immediately.
- ★ The AIS department will subsequently replace the existing AIC.

The Aviation Industry is herewith advised that the SACAA will implement the above actions to eliminate the number of Old NOTAM in the system and that all relevant AIP, AIC and AIP Supplements should be monitored to be kept informed of the actions taken.



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