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OPERATION OF AIRCRAFT

GENERAL

R/T CONGESTION – JOHANNESBURG ATC FREQUENCIES.

☛ Indicates changes

☛ This AIC replaces AIC 20-8 dated 01-09-15.

1. Severe congestion on Johannesburg ATC frequencies is often caused by pilots requesting:

(i) cancellation of the ATC speed restriction, as published in the South African AIP; or

☛ (ii) landing clearance for the western parallel runway at OR Tambo International Airport.

☛ **ALLOCATION OF LANDING RUNWAY – OR TAMBO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

☛2. The ATC procedures prescribing runway utilization for parallel runway operations at OR Tambo International Airport, dictate that:-

(i) the western runway 03L/21R shall be the designated take-of runway.

(ii) the eastern runway 03R/21L shall be the designated landing runway.

3. The above notwithstanding, ATC is aware of aircrew preference for landing on the western runway and of the occasional requirement to use the eastern runway for take off.

4. The procedure employed by ATC, permit aircraft to land on the western runway, provided no delay will be incurred to IFR traffic subject to slot time departures. Once the prescribed criteria have been complied with ATC will initiate the appropriate action, altering the assigned landing runway.

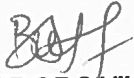
5. In the South African AIP-ENR section, speed restrictions applicable to aircraft inbound to the Johannesburg Terminal Airspace are published. The aim of these speed restrictions are, inter alia, to facilitate the sequencing of arriving traffic, safeguarding noise abatement requirements and maintaining the safe and orderly flow of air traffic.

ATC SPEED RESTRICTIONS AS PUBLISHED IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN AIP

6. ATC will cancel or alter the prescribed speed restrictions when the prevailing traffic conditions so permit. The cancellation of these restrictions are not based on individual requests. Therefore, air crew are to be discouraged from placing such requests.

EMERGENCY TRAFFIC

7. *None of the above precludes a pilot experiencing an emergency from placing requests for priority handling to Air Traffic Control. In this context "EMERGENCY" is accepted as meaning a situation where the safety of an aircraft or any of its occupants are in danger. The concept does not include situations where, for example, a delayed flight is trying to make up lost time.*



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