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OPERATION OF AIRCRAFT

AIRCRAFT EQUIPMENT

MISUSE OF AIRCRAFT HIGH INTENSITY STROBE LIGHTS.

- Δ* Indicates changes
- Δ1. This AIC replaces AIC 26-1 dated 91-11-15.
 2. Although these lights serve a very useful purpose there are circumstances in which safety may be impaired by their use. The following are two of the more important examples:-
 - (i) when aircraft taxi or are parked within the manoeuvring area, including airport aprons, and
 - (ii) whilst flying in cloud.
 3. The duration of the detrimental effect of these lights, on the human sight, is long enough to cause a possible accident and it is recommended that strobe lights be switched off under the abovementioned circumstances and at any other time when it may effect aviation safety.
 4. Strobe lights should only be switched ON once take-off clearance has been obtained, or as the aircraft enters the runway for the purpose of take-off.

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