

PART II

AIR TRAFFIC SERVICES

Applicability

3. This Part is applicable to the requirements for air traffic services including organization, flight information services and alerting services with respect to ATS operations in Trinidad and Tobago.

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Establishment of ATS

4. (1) The Director General shall determine, in accordance with standards prescribed in Part A of Schedule 1 and for the territories over which the Authority has jurisdiction, those positions of the airspace and those aerodromes where air traffic service will be provided.

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(2) The Director General shall make the necessary arrangements for ATS to be established and provided in accordance with Schedule 1, except by mutual agreement, the Authority may delegate to another State the responsibility for establishing and providing ATS in flight information regions, control areas or control zones extending over the territories for which the Authority has control.

(3) Those portions of airspace over the high seas or in airspace of undetermined sovereignty where ATS will be provided, shall be determined on the basis of regional navigation agreements.

(4) Where ATS are established, information shall be published as necessary to permit the utilization of the ATS.

Organization, Control Responsibility and Service

5. The Director General shall—

- (a) implement a safety management programme to achieve an acceptable level of safety in the provision of ATS;
- (b) establish an acceptable level of safety to be achieved in the provision of ATS; and
- (c) ensure that the organization and designation of airspace and ATS safety management programmes in Trinidad and Tobago are in accordance with the applicable standards by mutual agreement of the associated signatory States to regional air navigation agreement prescribed in Part A of Schedule 1.

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***Contingency Plans for Distribution or Potential Distribution for
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6. (1) The Director General shall develop and disseminate contingency plans for implementation in the event of disruption or potential disruption of ATS and related supporting services in the airspace for which the Authority is responsible.

(2) The contingency plans under subregulation (1) shall be developed in close coordination with operators affected or likely to be affected, with the assistance of ICAO as necessary.

Provision of ATS

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7. The Director General shall provide air traffic control services to all—

- (a) IFR flights in airspace Classes A, B, C, D, and E as applicable;
- (b) VFR flights in airspace Classes B, C, and D as applicable;
- (c) special VFR flights; and
- (d) Aerodrome traffic at controlled aerodromes.

Restriction on the Provision of ATS

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8. (1) A person shall not issue an air traffic control clearance or an air traffic control instruction, in the case of international airspace in respect of which Trinidad and Tobago has accepted, by means of a regional air navigation agreement, the responsibility of providing air navigation services, except in accordance with the standards prescribed in Part B of Schedule 1.

(2) Air traffic control services, control responsibilities and control clearances shall be in accordance with the standards prescribed in Part B of Schedule 1.

***Prohibition on the Performance of Duty on Air Traffic
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9. A person shall not perform any duty as an air traffic controller—

- (a) within eight hours after consumption of alcohol;
- (b) while under the influence of alcohol; or
- (c) while under the influence of any drug or other substances that would impair his ability to perform his duties and thereby jeopardize aviation safety.

Performance-Based Navigation (PBN) Operations

10. (1) The Director General shall prescribe navigation specification for performance-based navigation (PBN) operations which may be limited by navigational infrastructure constraints or specific navigation functionality requirements.

RNP for En Route Operations

(2) Where applicable, navigation specification for designated areas, tracks or ATS Routes shall be prescribed on the basis of regional air navigation agreements.

(3) The navigation specification prescribed under subregulation (1), shall be appropriate to the level of communications, navigation and ATS provided in the airspace concerned.

Control of Persons and Vehicular Traffic at Aerodromes

11. The Director General shall ensure that the movement of persons and vehicular traffic at aerodrome is controlled in accordance with the standards prescribed in Part B of Schedule 1.

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Provision of Flight Information Service

12. (1) Flight information service shall be provided to all aircraft which are likely to be affected by the flight information and which are—

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(a) provided with air traffic control service; or

(b) otherwise known to the relevant ATS units.

(2) Where ATS units provide both flight information and air traffic control service, the provision of air traffic control service shall have precedence over the provision of flight information service where the provision of air traffic control service so requires.

Flight Information Service to Aircraft

13. The Director General shall ensure that the following flight information services are provided in accordance with the applicable standards prescribed in Part C of Schedule 1:

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(a) voice-automatic terminal information service (voice-ATIS broadcast);

(b) data link automatic terminal information service (D-ATIS);

(c) automatic terminal information service (voice and/or data link);

(d) ATIS for arriving and departing aircraft; and

(e) ATIS for arriving aircraft.

Alerting Service

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14. The Director General shall ensure that—

(a) alerting service is provided—

(i) for all aircraft provided with an air traffic service;

(ii) where practicable, to all other aircraft having filed a flight plan or otherwise known to the air traffic services; and

(iii) to any aircraft known or believed to be the subject to an act of unlawful interference;

(b) the following alerting services are provided in accordance with the standards prescribed in Part D of Schedule 1:

(i) the notification of rescue coordinating centres;

(ii) the plotting of an aircraft in a state of emergency;

(iii) the use of communication facilities;

(iv) information to an operator; and

(v) information to aircraft operating in the vicinity of an aircraft in a state of emergency.

Communications Requirements for Air Traffic Service

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15. (1) The Director General shall ensure communications for the following are provided in accordance with the standards prescribed in Part E of Schedule 1:

(a) aeronautical mobile service (air-ground communications);

(b) aeronautical fixed service (ground-ground communications);

(c) surface movement control service; and

(d) aeronautical radio navigation service,

(2) Where air-ground voice communication channels are used for area control service and are worked by air-ground communicators, suitable arrangements shall be made by the Director General to permit direct pilot-controller voice communications, when required.

(3) Where conditions warrant the provision of aerodrome control service, the Authority shall ensure that separate communication channels are provided for the control of traffic operating on the maneuvering area.

Information Requirement for Air Traffic Service

16. The Director General shall ensure that air traffic service requirements for information are in accordance with the standards prescribed in Part F of Schedule 1.

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