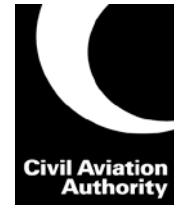


Supplementary Instruction (SI)

CAP 493 MATS Part 1

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Change in definition: Minimum Fuel

1 Introduction

- 1.1 This MATS Part 1 Supplementary Instruction (SI) follows Information Notice (IN) 2015/068 ('Minimum Fuel Calls') and introduces the change in definition of 'Minimum Fuel' within the Manual of Air Traffic Services (MATS) Part 1.

2 Background

- 2.1 During May 2012 the UK implemented 'minimum fuel' phraseology into the MATS Part 1. The definition of 'minimum fuel' used within MATS Part 1 to date has been ICAO's 2007 definition, which states:

"Minimum fuel The term used to describe a situation in which an aircraft's fuel supply has reached a state where little or no delay can be accepted."

- 2.2 ICAO has subsequently redefined 'minimum fuel' as follows:

"Minimum fuel The term used to describe a situation in which an aircraft's fuel supply has reached a state where the flight is committed to land at a specific aerodrome and no additional delay can be accepted."

- 2.3 This new definition complements and aligns with the intent of MATS Part 1, Section 1, Chapter 4, Paragraph 10A entitled 'Minim Fuel and Fuel Shortage, which itself was amended by SI 2014/05 and incorporated into MATS Part 1, Edition 6 at Amendment 1 / Amendment 1 Corr.

3 Revised MATS Part 1 Definition

- 3.1 With immediate effect, CAP 493 is amended as shown at Appendix A.
- 3.2 This change will be incorporated into CAP 493, Edition 6 at Amendment 2 in due course.

4 Queries

- 4.1 Any queries or further guidance required on the content of this SI should be addressed to:

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5 Cancellation

- 5.1 This SI shall remain in force until incorporated into CAP 493 or is cancelled, suspended or amended.