

Supplementary Instruction (SI)

CAP 797 FISO Manual

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CAP 797 Flight Information Service Officer Manual – Chapter 23 Meteorological Services

1 Introduction

- 1.1 The purpose of this Supplementary Instruction is to introduce Chapter 23 Meteorological Services into the Flight Information Service Officer (FISO) Manual (CAP 797).

2 Chapter 23 Meteorological Services

- 2.1 Since its inception on 1 April 2013, Chapter 23 of the FISO Manual has referred Aerodrome FISOs to CAP 746 Meteorological Observations at Aerodromes and has provided no policy or guidance to Aerodrome FISOs on the provision of meteorological information at aerodromes.
- 2.2 This Supplementary Instruction addresses that gap and provides specific policy on inter alia:
- Meteorological requirements at AFIS units.
 - Aircraft observations and reports.
 - Meteorological observations and reports.
 - Special aerodrome meteorological reports.
 - Contingency arrangements.

3 Amendment to CAP 797

- 3.1 With effect from 10 December 2015, CAP 797 is amended as shown at [Appendix A](#). This will be incorporated into CAP 797 Edition 2 at Amendment No. 3 which is scheduled for publication on 6 November 2015.

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 10 December 2015.

Appendix A

CAP 797 Section 10 Chapter 23

Meteorological Requirements at AFIS units

- 23.1 The required level of meteorological service provided by AFIS units is determined by:
- a) Whether Official Meteorological Reports, in the form of a meteorological aerodrome report (METAR), are produced in accordance with CAP 746 and routinely disseminated beyond the aerodrome, using processes that adhere to ICAO standards;
 - b) Whether the aerodrome has instrument approach procedures;
 - c) Where applicable, by local agreement with the aerodrome and operators.
- 23.2 For aerodromes that are certificated by the CAA under the EASA Common Requirements (EC REG 1035/2011) as Air Navigation Service Providers and which routinely disseminate Official Meteorological Reports beyond the aerodrome using processes that adhere to ICAO standards, the requirements specified in CAP 746 Meteorological Observations at Aerodromes shall apply, i.e. observations shall:
- a) Be produced by accredited and competent observers, and
 - b) The instrumentation used at the aerodrome shall comply with the requirements for meteorological equipment specified in CAP 746.
- 23.3 For aerodromes that are certificated by the CAA under the EASA Common Requirements (EC REG 1035/2011) as Air Navigation Service Providers and which do not routinely disseminate Official Meteorological Reports beyond the aerodrome, observations do not have to be produced by accredited observers but shall:
- a) Be made by those with a basic competency in assessing Met conditions and reading Met instrumentation, and
 - b) The instrumentation used at the aerodrome shall comply with the requirements for meteorological equipment as specified in CAP 746. Noting that less stringent requirements are required at aerodromes that are without published or airport owned instrument approach procedures.
 - c) Observations made at aerodromes without accredited observers (non-MET certificated ATS personnel) are not regarded as official reports. If transmitted to aircraft or disseminated beyond the aerodrome, the message must be prefixed by: "Unofficial observation from (name of aerodrome) at (time) UTC gives (observation)".