

Supplementary Instruction (SI)

CAP 797 FISO Manual

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CAP 797 Flight Information Service Officer Manual – Use of Runway Designators

1 Introduction

- 1.1 The purpose of this Supplementary Instruction is to introduce a change to the use of runway designators in RTF messages relating to departure and arrival.

2 Background

- 2.1 At a meeting of the CAA's RTF Phraseology Working Group (RTFPWG) in July 2015, the use of runway designators within RTF messages relating to take-off and landing was discussed.
- 2.2 The discussion focussed on the recommendation by ICAO within PANS ATM (ICAO Doc 4444 7.9.3.3 and 7.10.2) to include the runway designator in RTF messages relating to take-off and landing, in order to reduce the potential for misunderstanding. The RTFPWG concluded that the United Kingdom should adopt the inclusion of the runway designator in take-off, touch and go, low approach and landing phraseologies.
- 2.3 CAP 413 Chapter 4 detailing AFIS phraseology for ground movement, take-off, landing and transit already provides examples of the correct RTF phraseology; however, the requirement to stipulate the runway designator was not made explicit within CAP 797.
- 2.4 In implementing this change, the CAA recognise that flexibility is needed as the potential for misunderstanding is influenced by the runway layout at any particular aerodrome. Therefore, Air Traffic Service Providers may seek to dispense with the inclusion of runway designator phraseology, in accordance with normal safety assurance and oversight processes.

3 Amendment to CAP 797

- 3.1 With effect from 1 February 2016, CAP 797 is amended as shown at [Appendix A](#). This will be incorporated into CAP 797 Edition 3 which is scheduled for publication on 28 April 2016.

4 Queries

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5 Cancellation

5.1 This SI shall remain in force until 26 May 2016.