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Halon 1211 – Fire Extinguishing Agent – Removal from Use at Aerodromes

This Information Notice contains information that is for guidance and/or awareness.

Recipients are asked to ensure that this Information Notice is copied to all members of their staff who may have an interest in the information (including any 'in-house' or contracted maintenance organisations and relevant outside contractors).

Applicability:	
Aerodromes:	All Aerodrome Operators
Air Traffic:	Not primarily affected
Airspace:	Not primarily affected
Airworthiness:	Not primarily affected
Flight Operations:	Not primarily affected
Licensed/Unlicensed Personnel:	Not primarily affected

1 Introduction

- 1.1 Halons are ozone-depleting substances listed as controlled substances in Group III of Annex I to Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1005/2009. Their production in EU Member States has been banned since 1994, in line with the requirements of the Montreal Protocol.
- 1.2 Their use, however, continues to be permitted for certain 'critical uses' including use on Airport Rescue and Firefighting Service (RFFS) vehicles, and to protect aircraft in hangars and maintenance areas.
- 1.3 The purpose of this Information Notice (IN) is to remind aerodrome operators that the above 'critical use' permission ends on 31 December 2016 after which the Halon must not be used.

2 Scope

- 2.1 **Commission Regulation (EU) No. 744/2010**, which amends Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1005/2009, establishes the 'end date' for the use of Halons at aerodromes.
- 2.2 With effect from 31 December 2016, the use of Halons will no longer be permitted and by this date all Halon fire extinguishers and fire protection systems should have been replaced, converted or decommissioned.
- 2.3 The CAA recommends that aerodrome operators liaise with their extinguishing agent suppliers to determine suitable alternatives, and to make arrangements for the disposal of Halon stocks.

2.4 Guidance on the provision of complementary extinguishing agent can be found at the following sources:

- a) **CAP 168 Licensing of Aerodromes - Chapter 8**
- b) Commission Regulation (EU) No. 139/2014 – Annex IV – AMC/GM to part ADR/OPS
- c) **CAP 1168 – UK Guidance Material** for Organisations, Operations and Design Requirements for Aerodromes

3 Queries

3.1 Any queries or requests for further guidance as a result of this communication should be addressed to:

Airspace, ATM and Aerodromes
Safety and Airspace Regulation Group
Civil Aviation Authority
1NE Aviation House
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4 Cancellation

4.1 This Information Notice will remain in force until 31 December 2016.

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