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Changes to UK Meteorological Observing and Forecast Arrangements for Civil Aviation ICAO Annex 3 – Amendment 77

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Applicability:	
Aerodromes:	All Aerodrome Operators
Air Traffic:	All ATS
Airspace:	All NATMAC Representatives
Airworthiness:	Not primarily affected
Flight Operations:	All AOC Holders and PAOC Holders, All General Aviation Pilots
Licensed/Unlicensed Personnel:	All ATCO, All Pilots

1 Introduction

- 1.1 The International Civil Aviation Organisation's (ICAO) Annex 3 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation, entitled "Meteorological Services for International Air Navigation," provides the basis for the formulation of UK requirements for meteorological observing and forecasting services. Approximately every three years, ICAO issues an amendment to the Annex, based on input and guidance from Contracting States during the intervening period. ICAO has now published the final version of Amendment 77 to ICAO Annex 3.
- 1.2 The amendments arise from:
 - 1.2.1 Amendment 77-A: Minor modifications and editorial alignments; and
 - 1.2.2 Amendment 77-B: A proposal on the use of a global reporting format for assessing and reporting runway surface conditions.
- 1.3 This Information Notice (IN) sets out how the UK will implement the amendments, which will be effective from 0001 UTC on 10 November 2016 (Amendment 77-A), and from 0001 UTC on 5 November 2020 (Amendment 77-B).

2 Scope

- 2.1 The changes that are being implemented on 10 November 2016 are given at [Appendix 1](#), and the changes that are being implemented on 5 November 2020 at [Appendix 2](#).

3 Queries and Feedback

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

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4 Cancellation

- 4.1 This Information Notice shall remain in force until 10 November 2016.