

ENR 1.10 FLIGHT PLANNING

(Restriction, limitation or advisory information)

1. Procedures for the submission of a flight plan

A flight plan shall be submitted in accordance with ICAO Annex 2,3.3.1, prior to operating:

- a) any **IFR** flight; and
- b) any **VFR** flight:
 - operated along the designated routes in the TMA; and
 - across the FIR boundary, i.e. international flights.

Time of submission

Except for repetitive flight plans, a flight plan shall be submitted at least 30 minutes prior to departure, taking into account the requirements of **ATS** units in the airspace along the route to be flown for timely information.

Place of submission

Flight plan shall be submitted to the Aeronautical Information Services (AIS) at the Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International Airport during office hours.

VFR flight plan for alerting service only

An alerting service is, in principle, provided to flights for which a flight plan has been submitted.

Contents and form of a flight plan

- a) **ICAO** flight plan forms are available at the AIS . The instructions for completing those forms shall be followed.
- b) Flight plans concerning **IFR** flights along **ATS** routes need not include FIR-boundary estimates. Inclusion of FIR-boundary estimates is, however, required for off-route **IFR** flights and international **VFR** flights.

- c) When a flight plan is submitted by telephone, teletype or telefax, the sequence of items in the flight plan form shall be strictly followed.

Maximum cruising levels for short range flights

It is generally recommended not to select levels above FL240 for flights up to a distance of 300 NM.

2. Repetitive flight plan system

General

The procedures concerning the use of Repetitive Flight Plans (**RPL**) conform to **ICAO** Doc 7030 and the PANS-RAC, 12th edition.

RPL lists relating to flights in and to flights overflying the MAURITIUS FIR shall be submitted at least two weeks in advance, in duplicate, to the following address:

Director of Civil Aviation
Department of Civil Aviation
Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International Airport
Plaine Magnien
Telefax: (230) 6373164
Telex : Nil
AFS : FIMPYAYX

RPL lists shall be replaced in their entirety by new list prior to the introduction of the summer and winter schedules.

Incidental changes and cancellations of RPL

Incidental changes to and cancellations of **RPL** relating to departure from Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International Airport shall be notified as early as possible and not later than 30 minutes before departure to the Control Tower.

Delay

When a specific flight is likely to encounter a delay of one hour or more in excess of the departure time stated in the **RPL**, the **ATS** unit serving the departure aerodrome shall be notified immediately.

*Note: Failure to comply with this procedure may result in the automatic cancellation of the **RPL** for that specific flight.*

ATS messages

For a flight operated on an **RPL**, no flight plan message (FPL) will be transmitted. Departure messages (DEP) and delay messages (DLA) relating to such flights will be transmitted to **ATS** units outside the MAURITIUS FIR.

3. Changes to the submitted flight plan

All changes to a flight plan submitted for an **IFR** flight or a controlled **VFR** flight and significant changes to a flight plan submitted for an uncontrolled **VFR** flight shall be reported as soon as possible to the appropriate **ATS** unit. In the event of a delay in departure of 30 minutes or more for a flight for which a flight plan has been submitted, the flight plan shall be amended or a new flight plan shall be submitted after the old plan has been canceled.

***Note 1.** : If a delay in departure of a controlled flight is not properly reported, the relevant flight plan data may no longer be readily available to the appropriate **ATS** unit when the clearance is ultimately requested, which will consequently result in extra delay for the flight.*

***Note 2.** : If a delay in departure (or cancellation) of an uncontrolled **VFR** flight is not properly reported, alerting or search and rescue action may be unnecessarily initiated when the flight fails to arrive*

at the destination aerodrome within 30 minutes after its current ETA.

Whenever a flight, for which a flight plan has been submitted, is canceled, the appropriate **ATS** unit shall be informed immediately.

Changes to a current flight plan for a controlled flight during flight shall be reported, or requested, subject to the provisions in **ICAO** Annex 2, 3.6.2 (Adherence to flight plan). Significant changes to a flight plan for an uncontrolled **VFR** flight include changes in endurance or in the total number of persons on board or changes in time estimates of 30 minutes or more.

Arrival report (closing a flight plan)

A report of arrival shall be made at the earliest possible moment after landing to the airport office of the arrival aerodrome by any flight for which a flight plan has been submitted except when the arrival has been acknowledged by the local **ATS** unit. After landing at an aerodrome which is not the destination aerodrome (diversionary landing), the local **ATS** unit shall be specifically informed accordingly. In the absence of a local **ATS** unit at the aerodrome of diversionary landing, the pilot is responsible for passing the arrival report to the destination aerodrome.

Arrival reports shall contain the following elements of information:

- aircraft identification;
- departure aerodrome;
- destination aerodrome; and
- time of arrival.

In the case of diversion, insert the "arrival aerodrome" between "destination aerodrome" and "time of arrival".