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CHAPTER EIGHT INSTRUMENT FLIGHT RULES

8.1 Rules Applicable To All IFR Flights

8.1.1 A pilot shall fly in accordance with IFR:-

- a. if the airspace has been notified as Class A;
- b. if the meteorological conditions preclude VFR flight;
- c. at night;
- d. at or above FL160.
- e. at transonic and supersonic speeds.
- f. when specified by ATC.

8.1.2 Aircraft Equipment

8.1.2.1 Aircraft shall be equipped with suitable instrument and with navigation equipment appropriate to the route to be flown.

8.1.3 Minimum Levels

8.1.3.1 Except when necessary for take-off or landing, or except when specifically authorized by appropriate authority, an IFR flight shall be flown at a level which is not below the Minimum Flight Altitude established for the route to be flown, or, where no such Minimum Flight Altitude has been established :-

- a. over high terrain or in mountainous areas, at a level which is at least 600 m (2000 ft) above the highest obstacle located within 8 km of the estimated position of the aircraft;
- b. elsewhere than as specified in a), at a level which is at least 300 m (1000 ft) above the highest obstacle located within 8 km of the estimated position of the aircraft.

Note 1. The estimated position of the aircraft will take account of the navigational accuracy which can be achieved on the relevant route segment, having regard to the navigational facilities available on the ground and in the aircraft.

8.1.4 Change from IFR flight to VFR Flight

8.1.4.1 An aircraft electing to change the conduct of its flight from compliance with Instrument Flight Rules to compliance with Visual Flight Rules shall, if a Flight Plan was submitted, notify the appropriate Air Traffic Services Unit specifically that the IFR flight is canceled and communicate thereto the changes to be made to its Current Flight Plan;

8.1.4.2 when an aircraft operating under the Instrument Flight Rules is flown in or encounters Visual Meteorological Conditions, it shall not cancel its IFR flight unless it is anticipated and intended, that the flight will be continued for a reasonable period of time in uninterrupted Visual Meteorological Conditions.

8.1.5. Cancellation of IFR Flight Plan

8.1.5.1 An IFR flight plan shall not be canceled when VFR flight is disallowed for any reason.

8.1.5.2 Cancellation shall only be accepted when the pilot states " CANCELLING MY IFR FLIGHT " together with the changes, if any to be made to the current Flight Plan. Controllers shall acknowledge " IFR FLIGHT CANCELLED AT ...(time). Cancellation shall not be assumed when a pilot says, e.g. "Now VMC".

8.1.5.3 No invitation to change from IFR to VFR flight is to be made by controller directly or by inference.

8.1.5.4 Information on IMC reported or forecasted for the relevant route, shall be passed by the controller to the pilot prior to accepting a cancellation.

8.1.5.5 As soon as practicable after receiving notification of the cancellation, the ATS unit concerned shall notify all other ATS units to whom the IFR flight plan was addressed except those units whose regions or areas the flight has already passed.

8.2. Rules Applicable to IFR Flights Within Controlled Airspace

8.2.1 Pilots wishing to fly IFR inside Controlled Airspace shall comply with the following:-

- a. File a flight plan and obtain a clearance prior to commencing the flight.**
- b. Comply with clearances and instructions from ATC.**
- c. Report position at prescribed points or time unless exempted.**
- d. Notify ATC when landing or leaving Controlled Airspace.**
- e. Establish two-way communications on the prescribed frequency as required.**
- f. Maintain continuous listening watch on the prescribed frequency.**
- g. Maintain appropriate IFR level as per table of cruising levels (table 7-2), except that the correlation of levels to track shall not apply whenever otherwise indicated in Air Traffic Control Clearance.**

8.3. Rules Applicable to IFR Flights Outside Controlled Airspace

8.3.1 An IFR flight operating outside Controlled Airspace shall comply with the following:-

- a. File a flight plan.;
- b. Report position as required.
- c. Establish two-way communications on the prescribed frequency as necessary for the provision of Flight Information Service.
- d. Maintain continuous listening watch on the prescribed frequency.
- e. Maintain appropriate IFR level as per table of cruising levels (table 7-2), except that the correlation of levels to track shall not apply whenever otherwise indicated in Air Traffic Control Clearance.

Note:-Aircraft electing to use the Air Traffic Advisory Service whilst operating IFR within specified Advisory Airspace are expected to comply with the provisions of ICAO Annex 2, except that the flight plan and changes thereto are not subject to clearances and that two-way communication will be maintained with the Unit providing the Air Traffic Advisory service.
