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GEN 3.5 METEOROLOGICAL SERVICES

3.5.1 Responsible service

3.5.1.1 The meteorological services for civil aviation are provided by the Meteorological Department in:

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3.5.1.2 The service is provided in accordance with the provisions contained in the following ICAO documents:

Annex 3 — *Meteorological Service for International Air Navigation*

Doc 7030 — *Regional Supplementary Procedures*

Differences to these provisions are detailed in subsection GEN 1.7.

3.5.2 Area of responsibility

3.5.2.1 The Meteorological Department is the official meteorological office in Prishtina International Airport.

3.5.3 Meteorological observations and reports

3.5.3.1 Reports and Observations

1. Surface weather report

Reports of surface weather observations for the Prishtina International Airport consist of:

a. Routine reports,

METAR, are issued one half hour during opening hours and hourly when Airport is closed as agreed with Airport authorities.

b. Special reports

SPECI are issued whenever a significant deterioration or improvement of weather is observed between routine observations.

If the weather is deteriorating significantly SPECI is issued immediately but if it is improving, it is issued 10 minutes after the significant change.

SPECI may also be issued on a specific occasion on request by ATS or operator.

2. Surface wind

Wind speed and direction are measured

at Prishtina International Airport with cup anemometer and digital read-out. The anemometer is installed about 10 metres above ground level. The anemometer is located so as to give readings representative of conditions on the airfield, Indicators are located in the appropriate Air Traffic Service Units. Wind values are provided in accordance with Annex 3 *paragraph 4.4 and 4.5.*

3. Visibility (Prevailing)

Prevailing visibility is the visibility value, observed in accordance with the definition of 'visibility', which is reached or exceeded within at least half the horizon circle or within at least half of the surface of the aerodrome. These areas could comprise contiguous or non-contiguous sectors.

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If the visibility in one direction, which is not the prevailing visibility, is less than 1500 metres or less than 50% of the prevailing visibility, the lowest visibility observed should also be reported and its general direction in relation to the aerodrome indicated by reference to one of the eight points of the compass.

If the lowest visibility is observed in more than one direction, then the most operationally significant direction should be reported.

When the visibility is fluctuating rapidly and the prevailing visibility cannot be determined, only the lowest visibility should be reported, with no indication of direction.

4. Runway Visual Range (RVR)

At Prishtina International Airport Instrumented Runway Visual Range System (RVR) is installed. RVR values are included in METAR when either the horizontal visibility or the runway visual range is observed to be less than 1500 metres.

RVR is reported in increments of 25m up to 400m, 50m between 400 and 800m and 100m to the upper limiting values which is 1500 metres.

5. Cloud height

Cloud height is measured and estimated at Prishtina International Airport.

6. Temperature/Dew point temperature
Distant thermometer is connected to Pristina Airport.
Dewpoint temperature is measured at Pristina Airport.
7. QNH
Altimeter setting are given in hPa which equals millibar.
8. Wind shear
Low level wind shear is not measured instrumentally at Pristina Airport. Reports of wind shear from aircraft landing or taking off, or evidence as deduced from other available information can be included in METARs if of long duration. Aural information regarding wind shear are given in the vicinity of Pristina International Airport of short or long duration.

3.5.3.2 **Meteorological Stations**

To be developed

3.5.3.3 **Station Meteorological reports and observations**

To be developed

3.5.4 Types of services

3.5.4.1 Personal briefing and consultation for flight crew members are provided at Pristina International Airport - Meteorological Department.

3.5.4.2 For international flights, the flight documentation comprises a significant weather chart, an upper wind and upper air temperature chart and the latest available aerodrome forecast for the destination and its alternate aerodromes.

3.5.5 Notification required from operators

3.5.5.1 Notification from operators in respect of briefing, consultation, flight documentation and other meteorological information needed by them (ref. ICAO Annex 3, 2.3) is normally required for intercontinental flights of more than 3 500 km. Such notification should be received at least 6 hours before the expected time of departure.

3.5.6 VOLMET service

NIL

3.5.7 Terminal Aerodrome Forecast

3.5.7.1 Long TAF's are issued by the Meteorological Department at Pristina International Airport at a specified time.

3.5.8 SIGMET Service

NIL.

3.5.9 AIRMET Service

NIL.

3.5.10 Aerodrome Warnings

Aerodrome Warnings are issued in regular basis, if one of the following phenomena are expected to occur at the airport:

- Temperature below zero
- Heavy precipitation $\geq 10\text{mm/hr}$
- Freezing precipitation
- Freezing Fog
- Cross wind $\geq 20\text{kt}$
- Wind $\geq 40\text{kt}$
- Thunderstorms
- Volcanic Ash

The Aerodrome Warnings are issued in English and are distributed on accordance with a distribution list agreed upon locally.