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GENERAL

PUBLICATION

**PUBLICATION OF AERODROMES/HELISTOPS AERONAUTICAL DATA IN AN
AERONAUTICAL INFORMATION CIRCULAR (AIC)**

1. *International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Annex 15 Appendix 7 details Aeronautical Data publication resolution and integrity classification requirements for the publication of aeronautical data in the South African Aeronautical Information Publication (AIP).*
2. *Since the South African Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA) currently has no legal means to enforce these requirements on Aerodrome/Helistop License Holders a resolution was taken to, in future, only publish in the AIP, aeronautical data which is supplemented by survey data, being International Airports, Airports with an Air Traffic Service Unit and Airports with Instrument Approach Procedures.*
3. *In the interest of promoting aviation safety, the SACAA will continue to publish the licensed aerodromes and helistops currently contained in the AIP and which do not meet the Annex 14 and Annex 15 Aeronautical Data Quality, Integrity and Resolution requirements in an Aeronautical Information Circular. This information will contain minimum unverified (non-surveyed) data.*
4. *It has to be noted that Civil Aviation Regulation Part 91.02.7 paragraph 2(a) states:*

“(2) The PIC of an aircraft shall –

 - (a) *not commence a flight unless he or she has ascertained through the relevant NOTAM, AIC, IAIP or AIP Supplement that the aerodromes, navigation aids and communication facilities are adequate for the manner in which the flight is to be conducted;”*
5. *The responsibility remains with the pilot in command of an aircraft to obtain information relevant to the serviceability and availability of aerodrome/helistop infrastructure, facilities and services prior to commencing a flight.*
6. *The SACAA intends to continue updating the AIC, once published, with aeronautical data of these Aerodromes/Helistops as the information becomes available.*



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