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SUPPLEMENT**  
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### AIR TRAFFIC SERVICE SYSTEM

### RSA

#### S017/12. Letdown procedures: International and other Airports

- ☞ Indicates changes.
- ☞ This Supplement S017/12 replaces Supplement S011/12.
- ☞ Effective dates indicated individually for each procedure.
- ☞ Mthatha FAUT (Page 57, RNAV-02), Wonderboom FAWB (Page 71, NDB-01).

#### LETDOWN PROCEDURES: INTERNATIONAL AND OTHER AIRPORTS.

1. Any aircraft approaching a facility for letdown in Sector I and II and when within 30° from the outbound heading, as laid down in ICAO recommended joining procedures may, in the event of no delay for the approach, with ATC approval where applicable, proceed over the facility outbound on the reciprocal of the final approach track and carry out a procedure turn which coincides with the base turn of the holding pattern at the height published in the descent procedure. Pilot's phraseology should be –"Request procedure turn approach". Where no ATC Service is provided "Executing a procedure turn approach".
2. Instrument approach and/or Cloud break procedures:  
  
Cloud break procedures may be approved by the Commissioner for Civil Aviation, when one or more of the following conditions apply:
  - (a) Such procedure is conducted outside controlled airspace.
  - (b) Such procedure is conducted inside controlled airspace.
  - (c) The runway and/or equipment does not comply with the ICAO requirements.
  - (d) The final approach track is not aligned with the runway.
  - (e) Local QNH may not be available.  
In the event that such runway and/or equipment do not comply with ICAO requirements, the OCA/H will not be lower than that specified for circling minima applicable to aircraft category.
3. Any procedure conducted outside controlled airspace is conducted entirely at the discretion of the pilot-in-command.
3. Holding procedures within holding areas should be flown for 1 minute outbound timing up to and including FL140 and 1½ minutes above FL140. The distances specified in descents outbound before base turns are maximum distances providing safe obstacle clearance calculated in accordance with ICAO specifications. A shorter distance may be flown on the outbound leg at pilots/operators discretion taking aircraft performance into account.
4. When circle to land OCA/H is not specified in the R.S.A, then any circle to land is conducted entirely at the discretion of the Pilot-in-command, unless totally prohibited.
5. Aerodrome Operating Minima: Refer to Civil Aviation Regulations (CAR) and SA-Civil Aviation Technical Standards (SA-CATS).
6. IFR procedures: CAR 91.06.27 (2). Subject to the provisions of regulation 91.06.25, the pilot in command of an aircraft may execute, or endeavour to execute, a cloud break procedure, or let down procedure at an aerodrome, or an aerodrome nominated as an alternate aerodrome; Provided that the requirements relating to cloud break or let down procedures and to flights under IMC, as published by the Commissioner in a AIP Supplement or by NOTAM, can be complied with.