

AERONAUTICAL INFORMATION CIRCULAR 4/17

REQUIREMENT TO MAINTAIN LISTENING WATCH AND ESTABLISH COMMUNICATION WHEN USING DATALINK

NAV CANADA has implemented controller-pilot data link communications (CPDLC) throughout most of the Canadian Domestic Airspace (CDA) and within the Gander oceanic control area (OCA). Automatic dependent surveillance – contract (ADS-C) is used in lieu of voice position reporting in the Gander OCA and in some parts of the CDA. Details on the CPDLC and ADS-C services supported by NAV CANADA are provided in the *Transport Canada Aeronautical Information Manual (TC AIM)* and in other aeronautical information circulars (AIC).

Data link communications provide many benefits over voice communications. However, CPDLC and ADS-C do not negate certain requirements associated with voice communications. Regardless of whether CPDLC or ADS-C is being used, pilots shall ensure that a listening watch is maintained and communication is established with the air traffic control unit, on the appropriate frequency.

This AIC will remain in effect until 30 April 2018.

Further Information

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