

AERONAUTICAL INFORMATION CIRCULAR 14/19

TITLING OF PERFORMANCE-BASED NAVIGATION INSTRUMENT APPROACH PROCEDURES

Purpose of Circular

This circular advises pilots about changes they may see to the titling of performance-based navigation (PBN) instrument approach procedures at some locations outside of Canada.

Background

In 2014, the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) revised Document 8168 Procedures for Air Navigation Services – Aircraft Operations (PANS-OPS) to change the titles of PBN instrument approach procedures. The revision recommended that States retitle PBN approaches from “RNAV” to “RNP” no later than 1 December 2022. As a result, several States began to make changes in 2015.

ICAO’s new titling convention changes:

Previous Title	New Title
RNAV (GNSS) RWY XX	RNP RWY XX
RNAV (RNP) RWY XX	RNP RWY XX (AR)

Discussion

In November 2016, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) published Information for Operators (InFO) 16020 explaining that the United States does not intend to change the titles of their PBN instrument approach procedures from RNAV to RNP. Canada has similarly decided not to change the titles of Canadian PBN instrument approach procedures, and will continue to use the current **RNAV (GNSS) RWY XX** and **RNAV (RNP) RWY XX** titles.

Implementation in Other Countries

Implementations in other countries could vary. Pilots flying PBN procedures at locations outside of Canada (and the United States) should pay particular attention to applicable foreign aeronautical information publications to determine eligibility and pertinent operational information.

Further Information

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