TRANSMITION TO THE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION (ICAO) NOTAM FORMAT FOR ALL CANADIAN NOTAMs

Commencing on 10 October 2019, all Canadian NOTAMs will be created and disseminated in the internationally recognized format described in Annex 15, “Aeronautical Information Services,” of the Convention on International Civil Aviation. The Canadian domestic format will be discontinued, except for runway surface condition NOTAM format, also known as “NOTAMJ”, which is scheduled to be replaced in November 2020.

NOTAMs currently disseminated in series A, B, Y, and Z will be assigned a different series in accordance with dissemination categories, NOTAM regions, and subject groupings.

Due to the number limitation for each series, three (3) dissemination categories and three (3) NOTAM regions have been created to better serve stakeholders. Each NOTAM region will be assigned two (2) NOTAM series for each dissemination category (for a total of 6 series per NOTAM region).

Dissemination Categories

- **International**: specific aerodromes of this category and associated facilities and services, navigation aids (NAVAIDs), and airspace.
- **International – United States of America**: specific aerodromes of this category and associated facilities and services, NAVAIDs, and airspace.
- **National**: specific aerodromes of this category and associated facilities and services, obstacles, and obstacle light outages.

NOTAM Regions

- **Western region**: comprising Vancouver (CZVR) and Edmonton (CZEG) flight information region (FIR).
- **Central region**: comprising Winnipeg (CZWG) and Toronto (CZYZ) FIR, excluding 3 areas where service is provided in English and French.
- **Eastern region**: comprising Montreal (CZUL), Moncton (CZQM), and Gander (CZQX) FIR, including 3 areas from the central region where the service is provided in English and French.
On 10 October 2019, the AIP Canada (ICAO), Section GEN 3.1.3.4 will include detailed information on:

- NOTAM series, NOTAM regions, and dissemination categories;
- Lists of specific aerodromes, NAVAIDs, and Class F airspace; and,
- Query or response procedures.

The October version of the AIP Canada (ICAO) will be available in advance.

For Canadian users, a briefing comparing the domestic format and international format has been prepared and can be found on the NAV CANADA website at <http://www.navcanada.ca/EN/products-and-services/Pages/Transition-to-ICAO-NOTAM-format.aspx>.
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