

AERONAUTICAL INFORMATION CIRCULAR 009/2026

NATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION OF TRIGGER NOTAM FOR AIRAC AIP AMENDMENTS EFFECTIVE 14 MAY 2026

(Replaces AIC 001/2025)

Introduction

Until now, Trigger NOTAMs have been used to notify airspace users that an AIP Supplement is published.

The ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices state that when an AIP Supplement (AIP SUP) or an AIRAC AIP amendment (AIRAC AIP AMDT) is published, a Trigger NOTAM must be issued.

Purposes of the Circular

This AIC explains how Trigger NOTAMs for AIRAC AIP AMDT are applied in Canada and remind airspace users how Trigger NOTAMs are applied for AIP SUP.

Current Canadian use of Trigger NOTAM for AIRAC AIP Amendments

Canadian Trigger NOTAMs for AIRAC AIP AMDT are issued every publication cycle of 56 days. One Trigger NOTAM per NOTAM Region is issued 14 days before the AIRAC Effective date and remains in place until 14 days after the AIRAC effective date (figure 1). The Trigger NOTAM lists all applicable aeronautical information products of Canada (example). Information on NOTAM Regions can be found in AIP Canada GEN 3.1.3.4.

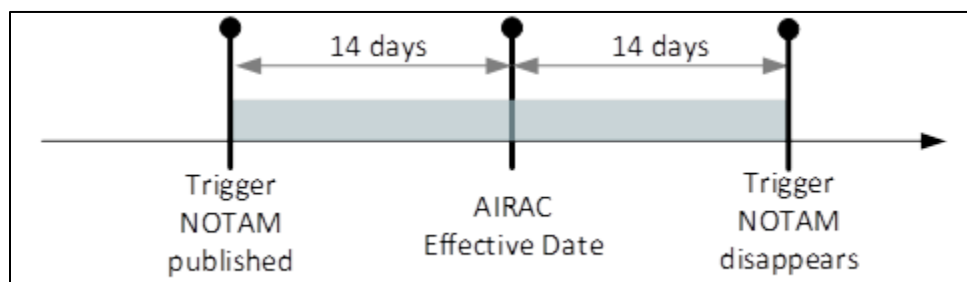


Figure 1. Trigger NOTAM for AIRAC AIP amendments

Example of Trigger NOTAM for AIRAC AIP AMDT:

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Q) CZXX/QOATT/IV/BO/E/000/999/4310N07956W999

A) CZWG CZYZ B) YMMDDHHMM C) YMMDDHHMM

E) TRIGGER NOTAM – PERM AIRAC AIP AMDT (AIRAC CANADA) ISSUES 01/2026 TO 10/20265 WEF 14 MAY 2026. AIP CANADA, CANADA FLT SUPPLEMENT (CFS), CANADA AIR PILOT (CAP), RESTRICTED CANADA AIR PILOT (RCAP), DESIGNATED AIRSPACE HANDBOOK (DAH), TERMINAL, LOW AND HIGH ENR CHARTS AMENDED.

Current Canadian use of AIP Supplement vs NOTAM

Aerodrome Construction

AIP Supplements (AIP SUP) are only used for situational awareness for construction projects at aerodromes and when closures or limitations are difficult to describe with words only. Aerodrome authorities are provided with templates to ensure the information is complete and follows a standardized presentation.

The AIP Supplements will illustrate the various closures or limitations and NOTAM are used to advise when these are in effect to manage the information dynamically.

The AIP Supplement for aerodrome construction activities does not replace the need for NOTAMs.

Airspace

An AIP Supplement describing airspace by way of multiple coordinate points will have a NOTAM issued with the same coordinates. This will allow downstream systems to automate the portrayal of these temporary airspace boundaries.

Obstacles

When cranes are expected to be in place for more than 3 months, the related information is included in an AIP Supplement. No additional NOTAM are expected except if cranes are operating at an airport.

Canadian use of Trigger NOTAMs for AIP SUP

Trigger NOTAMs are used to notify airspace users that an AIP Supplement is published. They do not replace other NOTAM that may be needed in conjunction with the AIP Supplement and as such, they only contain basic information.

The duration of the Trigger NOTAMs is aligned with international practices:

- If the AIP Supplement is effective for more than 14 days, the Trigger NOTAM will remain in effect for only 14 days from the effective date.
- If the AIP Supplement is effective for 14 days or less, the Trigger NOTAM will remain published for the duration of the AIP Supplement.

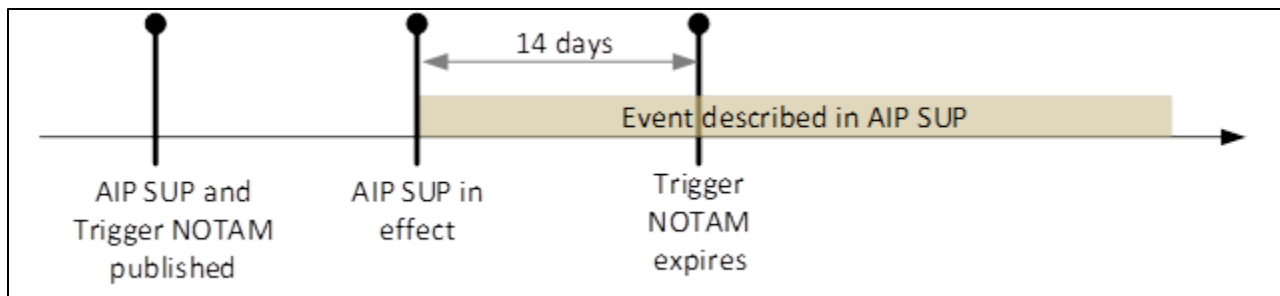


Figure 2. Trigger NOTAM for AIP SUP

The aviation community is reminded to consult AIP Supplements during the flight planning preparation as there could be no Trigger NOTAM for a given AIP Supplement still in force.

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