AERONAUTICAL INFORMATION CIRCULAR 022/2026

TORONTO/LESTER B. PEARSON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (CYYZ) REVISION TO AIRPORT HOT SPOT INFORMATION

Purpose

This Circular advises pilots of revisions to the published airport hot spot information for Toronto/Lester B. Pearson International Airport (CYYZ).

The revisions introduce two new airport hot spots associated with Runway 15L/33R and renumber the remaining hot spots. The revised information is intended to enhance pilot situational awareness and support runway incursion prevention initiatives.

Background

As part of the Toronto Pearson Airport Runway Safety Program, runway incursion occurrence data were reviewed through the **Toronto Pearson 2026 Runway Incursion 10 Year Hotspot Analysis (2026-SMS-017)**. The analysis identified recurring runway incursion trends and elevated operational risk associated with aircraft taxiing eastbound in the vicinity of Runway 15L/33R.

To improve pilot awareness of these locations, two new airport hot spots have been established and will be incorporated into future aeronautical publications.

Description

The published airport hot spot information for CYYZ has been revised as follows:

- New Hot Spot HS 2 has been established to identify the risk of aircraft taxiing eastbound on Taxiway H failing to hold short of and inadvertently entering Runway 15L/33R.
- New Hot Spot HS 11 has been established to identify the risk of aircraft taxiing eastbound on Taxiway D continuing beyond Taxiway E and inadvertently entering Runway 15L/33R.
- Existing Hot Spots have been renumbered as HS 1 through HS 11; and
- Associated hot spot descriptions and chart annotations have been updated to reflect the revised numbering sequence

Hot Spots

Note: HS 5 to 9 - Short distance between parallel runways. Manage your taxi speed. Expect to hold short of parallel runway.

HS 1 – Taxiing northbound on rwy 33R aircraft fail to hold short of and incur on rwy 05/23.

HS 2 – Taxiing eastbound on twy H aircraft fail to hold short of and incur on rwy 15L/23R.

HS 3 – Taxiing northbound on twy B aircraft miss turn onto twy H and incur on rwy 05/23.

HS 4 – Taxiing eastbound on twy H aircraft continue onto twy Q and incur on rwy 23.

HS 5 – Exiting rwy 24L onto twy D8 aircraft fail to hold short of and incur on rwy 06L/24R.

HS 6 – Exiting rwy 24L onto twy D4 aircraft fail to hold short of and incur on rwy 06L/24R.
Note: Angled rwy hold position in effect on twy D4 south of rwy 06L/24R.

HS 7 – Exiting rwy 06R onto twy D3 aircraft fail to hold short of and incur on rwy 06L/24R.

HS 8 – Exiting rwy 06R onto twy D5 aircraft fail to hold short of and incur on rwy 06L/24R.
Note: Angled rwy hold position in effect on twy D5 south of rwy 06L/24R.

HS 9 – Taxiing southbound on twy D7 aircraft fail to hold short of the 24L approach hold line and incur on rwy 06R/24L.

HS 10 – Aircraft landing Rwy 24R and exiting at twy C4 encounter hold lines that are farther from the runway edge that may be anticipated. If the pilots slow and/or stop too soon on twy C4, or attempt to turn onto twy D4, they may generate a go-around and /or a runway incursion by not clearing the runway protected area. Unless otherwise instructed by ATC, pilots are reminded to continue taxiing on to twy C4 until passing the hold line to clear the runway.

HS 11 - Taxiing eastbound on twy D aircraft miss turn onto twy E and incur on rwy 15L/33R

Figure 1. Hot spot descriptions

New Hot Spot Information

HS 2

Taxiing eastbound on Taxiway H, aircraft may fail to hold short of and inadvertently enter Runway 15L/33R.

HS 11

Taxiing eastbound on Taxiway D, aircraft may continue beyond Taxiway E and inadvertently enter Runway 15L/33R.

Pilot Information

Pilots operating at CYYZ should review the revised hot spot information prior to arrival and departure.

Particular attention should be given to:

- taxi operations eastbound on Taxiway H approaching Runway 15L/33R.
- taxi operations eastbound on Taxiway D approaching Taxiway E.
- runway holding position markings, signage, and lighting.
- airport moving map displays, where available; and
- compliance with all ATC instructions.

Airport hot spots are advisory in nature and are intended to assist flight crews in identifying locations where heightened vigilance is required.

Chart

The revised CYYZ Airport Hot Spot Diagram accompanies this circular and depicts the locations of the new HS 2 and HS 11.

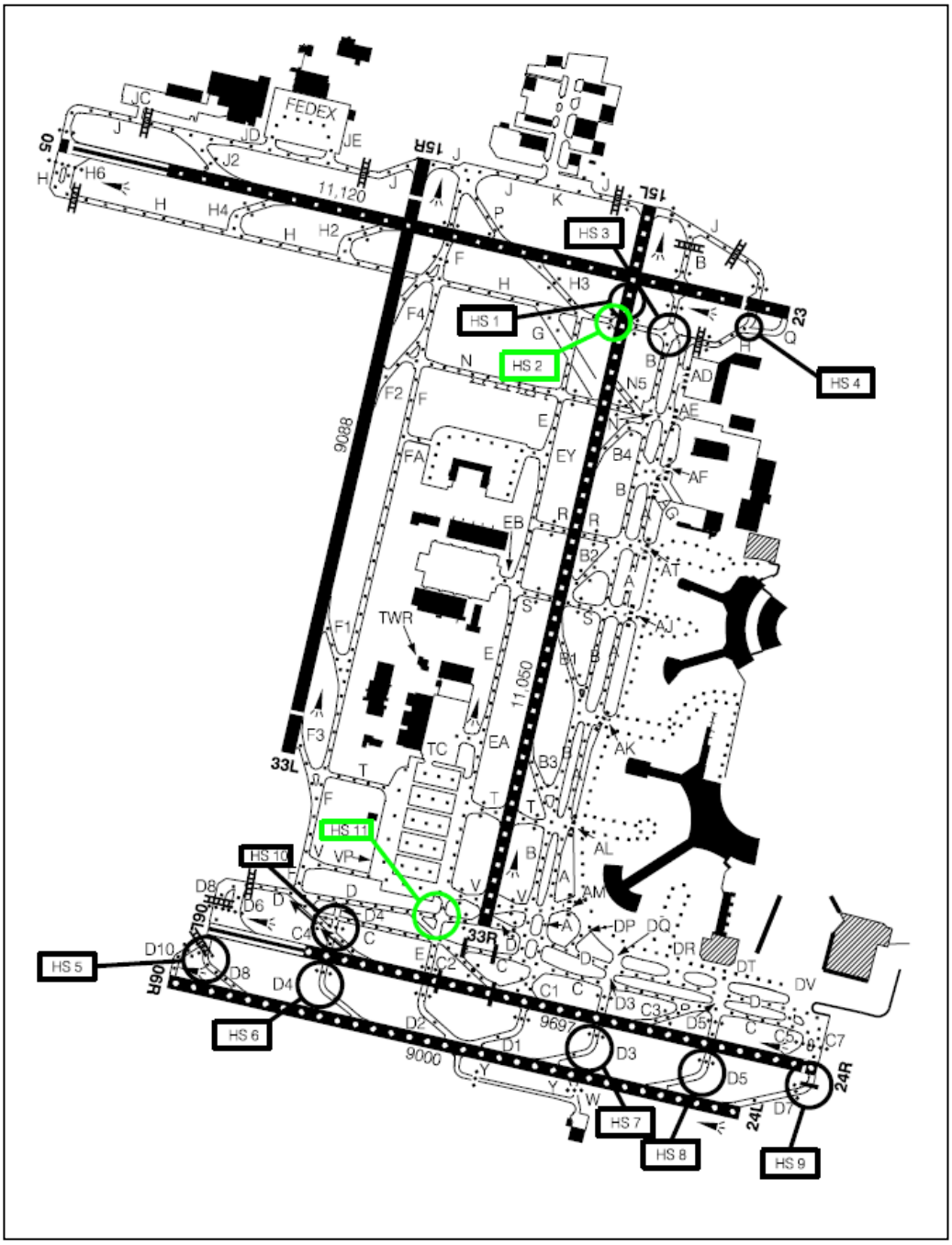

Figure 2.

Cancellation

This Circular shall remain in effect until the revised airport hot spot information is incorporated into CAP 206 (18 FEB 2027) and other applicable NAV CANADA aeronautical publications.

Further Information

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