AERONAUTICAL INFORMATION CIRCULAR 7/22

PERSONS OPERATING INSTRUMENT FLIGHT RULES AIRCRAFT WHEN APPROACHING OR LANDING AT AN UNCONTROLLED AERODROME

Objective
Refresher on reporting requirements for pilots operating instrument flight rules (IFR) aircraft into uncontrolled aerodromes.

Context
Recent incidents have shown that some pilot confusion may exist with regard to reporting requirements for a pilot-in-command of an IFR flight to provide a report when conducting IFR approach and landing operations at uncontrolled aerodromes. Although NAV CANADA’s flight service specialists (FSS) and air traffic controllers (ATC) routinely coordinate arrival information for IFR flights into uncontrolled airports, this does not absolve a pilot of fulfilling Canadian Aviation Regulations (CARs) requirements.

Procedure
Subsection 2 of CARs 602.104 (below) applies when conducting IFR approach and landing operations at uncontrolled aerodromes, regardless of whether or not the aerodrome lies within a mandatory frequency (MF) area:

The pilot-in-command of an IFR aircraft who intends to conduct an approach to or a landing at an uncontrolled aerodrome shall report

(a) the pilot-in-command’s intentions regarding the operation of the aircraft
   (i) five minutes before the estimated time of commencing the approach procedure, stating the estimated time of landing,
   (ii) when commencing a circling maneuver, and
   (iii) as soon as practicable after initiating a missed approach procedure; and

(b) the aircraft’s position
   (i) when passing the fix outbound, where the pilot-in-command intends to conduct a procedure turn or, if no procedure turn is intended, when the aircraft first intercepts the final approach course,
   (ii) when passing the final approach fix or three minutes before the estimated time of landing where no final approach fix exists, and
   (iii) on final approach.

Example
Sept Iles Radio, Inuit 832, we are still with Montreal Center, descending through 15,000’, 40 miles west, planning the ILS09. Estimating landing in 7 minutes.

Note: Cette information est aussi disponible dans l’autre langue officielle.
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