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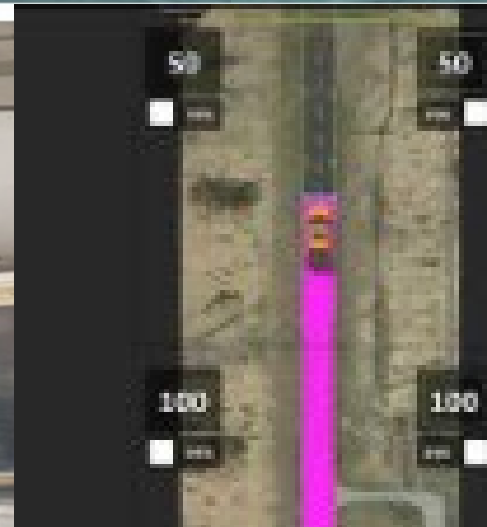
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GRF: RwyCC & SNOWTAM Preps

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Supporting the
Runway Condition
Assessment
Matrix and
Auditable Reporting
Requirements
for TALPA



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ICAO'S Global Reporting Format – General Information Recap



Global Reporting Format (GRF):

- ✈ ICAO's methodology of GRF, was applicable **since November 4th 2021** for the NAMCCAR region
- ✈ It is used for assessing and reporting of runway surface conditions
- ✈ Enables the harmonized assessment and reporting of runway surface conditions



Global Reporting Format (GRF) is described through:

- ✈ **Annex 3 — Meteorological Service for International Air Navigation;**
- ✈ **Annex 6 — Operation of Aircraft, Part I — International Commercial Air Transport — Aeroplanes and Part II — International General Aviation — Aeroplanes;**
- ✈ **Annex 8 — Airworthiness of Aircraft;**
- ✈ **Amendment 13-B to Annex 14 — Aerodromes, Volume I — Aerodrome Design and Operations;**
- ✈ **Annex 15 — Aeronautical Information Services**
- ✈ **Procedures for Air Navigation Services (PANS) —**
- ✈ **Aerodromes (PANS-Aerodromes, Doc 9981),**
- ✈ **Aeronautical Information Management (PANS-AIM, Doc 10066); and**
- ✈ **Air Traffic Management (PANS-ATM, Doc 4444).**





Global Reporting Format (GRF):

- ✈ **Helps improve flight crew assessment of take-off and landing performances**
- ✈ **Improves the accuracy and timeliness of runway condition assessment and harmonizes this information globally**
- ✈ **Expected to reduce the risk of runway excursions.**





Reporting runway surface conditions:

- ✈ The Aerodrome Operator assesses runway surface conditions, whenever water is present on an operational runway.
- ✈ The Aerodrome Operator produces a Runway Condition Report (RCR).
- ✈ Helps to coordinate with and establish a common language between the related parties involved, such as:
Aerodrome operator - Aircraft operators & Pilots - ATC - AIS/AIM.



Reporting runway surface conditions *(relevant to this region):*

Contaminant Types	Definition
Wet / slippery wet	Water on the surface less than 1/8 inch in depth
Water	Water on the surface at least 1/8 inch in depth
Standing water	Water on the surface of depth greater than 3 mm.
Sand / dirt	Grains of finely divided rock and mineral particles
Slush	Mix of water and sand/dirt

Evaluation of the Runway is carried out by Airport Operations with the help of the Runway Condition Assessment Matrix (RCAM)



Reporting runway surface conditions:

✈ Contaminated runway

A runway is contaminated when more than 25% per third of the runway surface area (whether in isolated areas or not) within the required length and width being used is covered by water, or slush more than 3 mm (0.125 in) deep.

✈ Dry runway

A dry runway is one which is clear of contaminants and visible moisture within the required length and the width being used.

✈ Wet runway

A runway that is neither dry nor contaminated.

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Runway Condition Assessment Matrix (RCAM)

<div> </div> RUNWAY CONDITION ASSESSMENT MATRIX (RCAM)			
Source: ICAO PANS-Aerodromes, Doc 9981			
Assessment		Downgrade Assessment Criteria	
Runway Condition Code	Runway Surface Description	Airplane Deceleration or Directional Control Observation	Pilot Report of Runway Braking Action
6	• Dry	---	---
5	• FROST • WET (The runway surface is covered by visible dampness or water level of 3 mm and below) Up to and including 3mm: • SLUSH • DRY SNOW • WET SNOW	Braking deceleration for the wheel-braking effort applied AND the directional control is normal.	GOOD
4	-15°C and lower outdoor air temperature: • COMPACTED SNOW	Braking deceleration AND directional control is between Good and Medium.	GOOD TO MEDIUM
3	-WET ("slippery wet" runway) -DRY SNOW or WET SNOW (any depth) ON TOP OF COMPACTED SNOW More than 3 mm depth: • DRY SNOW • WET SNOW Higher than -15°C outdoor air temperature 1: • COMPACTED SNOW	Braking deceleration is noticeably reduced for the wheel-braking effort applied AND directional control is noticeably reduced.	MEDIUM
2	More than 3 mm depth of water or slush: • STANDING WATER • SLUSH	Braking deceleration AND directional control is between Medium and Poor.	MEDIUM TO POOR
1	ICE ²	Braking deceleration is significantly reduced for the wheel-braking effort applied AND directional control is significantly reduced.	POOR
0	• WET ICE ² • WATER ON TOP OF COMPACTED SNOW ² • DRY SNOW or WET SNOW ON TOP OF ICE ²	Braking deceleration is minimal to non-existent for the wheel-braking effort applied OR directional control is uncertain.	LESS THAN POOR

¹ Runway surface temperature should preferably be used where available.

² The aerodrome operator may assign a higher RWYCC (but no higher than code 3) for each third of the runway, provided the procedure in PANS-Aerodromes Doc 9981, 1.1.3.15 is followed.

Runway condition assessment matrix (RCAM)			
Assessment		Downgrade assessment criteria	
Runway condition code	Runway surface description	Aeroplane deceleration or directional control observation	Pilot report of runway braking action
6	• DRY	---	---
5	• FROST • WET (The runway surface is covered by any visible dampness or water up to and including 3 mm depth) Up to and including 3 mm depth: • SLUSH • DRY SNOW • WET SNOW	Braking deceleration is normal for the wheel-braking effort applied AND directional control is normal.	GOOD
4	-15°C and Lower outside air temperature: • COMPACTED SNOW • WET ("slippery wet" runway) • DRY SNOW or WET SNOW (any depth) ON TOP OF COMPACTED SNOW More than 3 mm depth: • DRY SNOW • WET SNOW Higher than -15°C outside air temperature: • COMPACTED SNOW	Braking deceleration OR directional control is between Good and Medium.	GOOD TO MEDIUM
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Runway Condition Assessment Matrix (RCAM)

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Runway surface condition	DRY	WET (any visible dampness)	WET ("slippery wet")	CONTAMINATED																	
Runway surface condition descriptors				STANDING WATER	WATER ³	FROST	SLUSH		DRY SNOW				WET SNOW				COMPACTED SNOW		ICE ²	WET ICE ²	
Depth		Up to and including 3 mm		More than 3 mm			Up to and including 3 mm	More than 3 mm	Up to and including 3 mm	More than 3 mm			Up to and including 3 mm	More than 3 mm							
Runway surface condition descriptors continued					ON TOP OF COM-PACTED SNOW ²					ON TOP OF COM-PACTED SNOW	ON TOP OF ICE ²			ON TOP OF COM-PACTED SNOW	ON TOP OF ICE ²	-15°C and lower outside air temperature ¹	Higher than -15°C outside air temperature ¹	In cold and dry conditions			
RWYCC	6	5	3	2	0	5	5	2	5	3	0	5	3	0	4	3	1	0			
Downgrade assessment criteria																					
Aeroplane deceleration or directional control observation	Braking deceleration is normal for the wheel braking effort applied AND directional control is normal		Braking deceleration OR directional control is between good and medium			Braking deceleration is noticeably reduced for the wheel braking effort applied OR directional control is noticeably reduced				Braking deceleration OR directional control is between medium and poor				Braking deceleration is significantly reduced for the wheel braking effort applied OR directional control is significantly reduced				Braking deceleration is minimal to non-existent for the wheel braking effort applied OR directional control is uncertain			
AIREP	GOOD		GOOD TO MEDIUM			MEDIUM				MEDIUM TO POOR				POOR				LESS THAN POOR			
RWYCC	5		4			3				2				1				0			

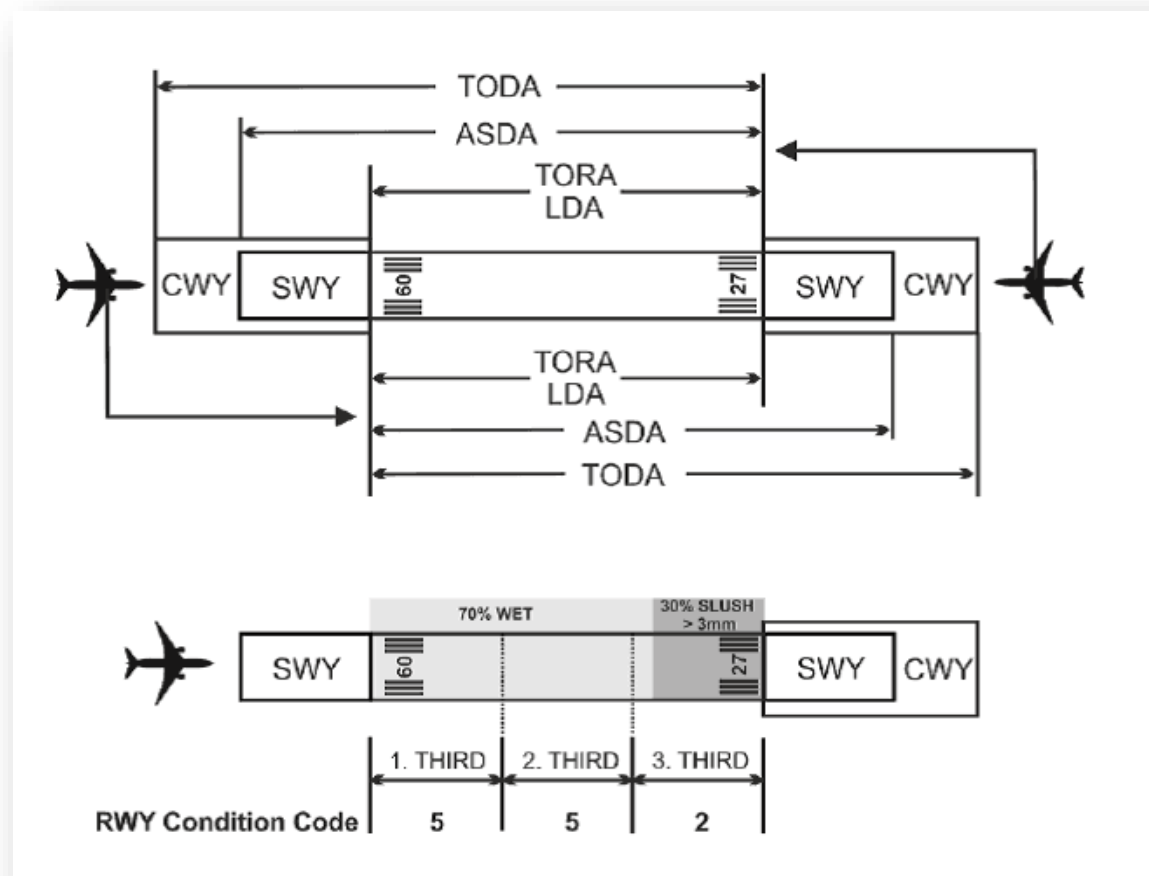
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³ The runway surface condition descriptor is "WATER OF TOP OF COMPACTED SNOW". "WATER" is not reportable on its own.

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Runway Surface Conditions – RWY Third Analyses



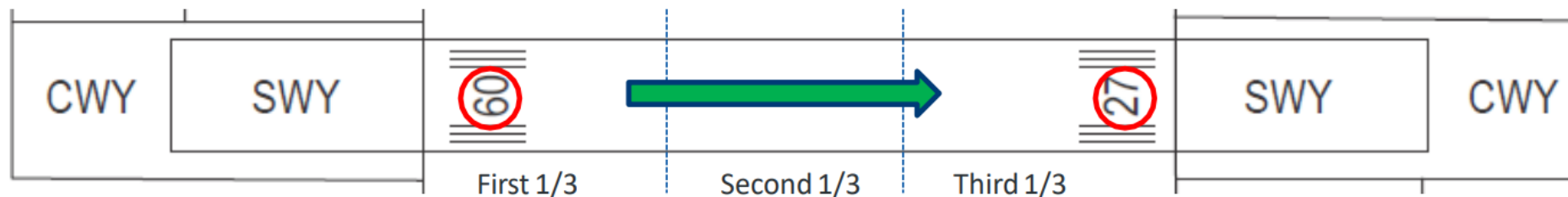


Runway Surface Conditions - Contaminated Runway

STANDING WATER

- ✈ Water of a depth more than 3 mm is defined as standing water
- ✈ The RWYCC for Standing Water is 2.

REPORTING



- ✈ A RWYCC is reported for each runway third in the format of n/n/n
- ✈ The percentage of the runway covered by contaminants, contaminant depth and contaminant type should also be reported for each runway third
- ✈ Runway thirds should reflect the entire usable pavement length of the runway, inclusive of displaced threshold
- ✈ The direction for listing the runway thirds should be in the direction as seen from the lower runway designation number



Runway Surface Conditions - Contaminated Runway

Contaminated Runway Reporting

- ✈ Mud, ash, sand and oil are also examples of reportable contaminants.
- ✈ However there is insufficient of varying data on their impact on aircraft performance
- ✈ Therefore, RCC are not reported for these contaminants – rather, they are reported in the plain language remark session of the RCR
- ✈ Ash, oil, sand and rubber contaminants should be reported without a measured depth, while the measured depth should be reported for mud.
- ✈ An exception is rubber contamination, for which in service data indicates that an assumption of RWYCC 3 restores usual performance margins. .
- ✈ Where contaminant depth is not being reported, operator should indicate that no information exists by entering **NR**

Resource: <https://www.icao.int/ESAF/Documents/meetings/2020/GRF-Rwanda%202020/Presentations/RCR%201.pdf>

How does i.e. the Dutch Caribbean (DC) Islands exercise/execute the GRF Implementation?

✈ When delivering SNOWTAM related data, the data originator (DO) can send the RCR via the email-automated system OR when no application is in place, the DO uses the company “SNOWTAM Request form”, fills it out and sends it to the NOF.

APPENDIX 2. SNOWTAM FORMAT (See Chapter 5, 5.2.3.)										1-6
(ICOM heading)	(PRIORITY INDICATOR)	(DATE AND TIME OF FLIGHT)	(ADDRESS)	(ORIGINATOR'S INDICATOR)	(LOCATION INDICATOR)	(DATE-TIME OF OBSERVATION)	(OPTIONAL GROUP)			7-8
(Abbreviated heading)	S	W	+	•	(SERIAL NUMBER)					9-10
SHOWTAM	(Serial number)									11-12
(A) →										
(B) →										
(C) →										
(D) →										
P1, P2, P3, P4, P5, P6, P7, P8, P9, P10, P11, P12, P13, P14, P15, P16, P17, P18, P19, P20, P21, P22, P23, P24, P25, P26, P27, P28, P29, P30, P31, P32, P33, P34, P35, P36, P37, P38, P39, P40, P41, P42, P43, P44, P45, P46, P47, P48, P49, P50, P51, P52, P53, P54, P55, P56, P57, P58, P59, P60, P61, P62, P63, P64, P65, P66, P67, P68, P69, P70, P71, P72, P73, P74, P75, P76, P77, P78, P79, P80, P81, P82, P83, P84, P85, P86, P87, P88, P89, P90, P91, P92, P93, P94, P95, P96, P97, P98, P99, P100, P101, P102, P103, P104, P105, P106, P107, P108, P109, P110, P111, P112, P113, P114, P115, P116, P117, P118, P119, P120, P121, P122, P123, P124, P125, P126, P127, P128, P129, P130, P131, P132, P133, P134, P135, P136, P137, P138, P139, P140, P141, P142, P143, P144, P145, P146, P147, P148, P149, P150, P151, P152, P153, P154, P155, P156, P157, P158, P159, P160, P161, P162, P163, P164, P165, P166, P167, P168, P169, P170, P171, P172, P173, P174, P175, P176, P177, P178, P179, P180, P181, P182, P183, P184, P185, P186, P187, P188, P189, P190, P191, P192, P193, P194, P195, P196, P197, P198, P199, P200, P201, P202, P203, P204, P205, P206, P207, P208, P209, P210, P211, P212, P213, P214, P215, P216, P217, P218, P219, P220, P221, P222, P223, P224, P225, P226, P227, P228, P229, P230, P231, P232, P233, P234, P235, P236, P237, P238, P239, P240, P241, P242, P243, P244, P245, P246, P247, P248, P249, P250, P251, P252, P253, P254, P255, P256, P257, P258, P259, P260, P261, P262, P263, P264, P265, P266, P267, P268, P269, P270, P271, P272, P273, P274, P275, P276, P277, P278, P279, P280, P281, P282, P283, P284, P285, P286, P287, P288, P289, P290, P291, P292, P293, P294, P295, P296, P297, P298, P299, P300, P301, P302, P303, P304, P305, P306, P307, P308, P309, P310, P311, P312, P313, P314, P315, P316, P317, P318, P319, P320, P321, P322, P323, P324, P325, P326, P327, P328, P329, P330, P331, P332, P333, P334, P335, P336, P337, P338, P339, P340, P341, P342, P343, P344, P345, P346, P347, P348, P349, P350, P351, P352, P353, P354, P355, P356, P357, P358, P359, P360, P361, P362, P363, P364, P365, P366, P367, P368, P369, P370, P371, P372, P373, P374, P375, P376, P377, P378, P379, P380, P381, P382, P383, P384, P385, P386, P387, P388, P389, P390, P391, P392, P393, P394, P395, P396, P397, P398, P399, P400, P401, P402, P403, P404, P405, P406, P407, P408, P409, P410, P411, P412, P413, P414, P415, P416, P417, P418, P419, P420, P421, P422, P423, P424, P425, P426, P427, P428, P429, P430, P431, P432, P433, P434, P435, P436, P437, P438, P439, P440, P441, P442, P443, P444, P445, P446, P447, P448, P449, P450, P451, P452, P453, P454, P455, P456, P457, P458, P459, P460, P461, P462, P463, P464, P465, P466, P467, P468, P469, P470, P471, P472, P473, P474, P475, P476, P477, P478, P479, P480, P481, P482, P483, P484, P485, P486, P487, P488, P489, P490, P491, P492, P493, P494, P495, P496, P497, P498, P499, P500, P501, P502, P503, P504, P505, P506, P507, P508, P509, P510, P511, P512, P513, P514, P515, P516, P517, P518, P519, P520, P521, P522, P523, P524, P525, P526, P527, P528, P529, P530, P531, P532, P533, P534, P535, P536, P537, P538, P539, P540, P541, P542, P543, P544, P545, P546, P547, P548, P549, P550, P551, P552, P553, P554, P555, P556, P557, P558, P559, P560, P561, P562, P563, P564, P565, P566, P567, P568, P569, P570, P571, P572, P573, P574, P575, P576, P577, P578, P579, P580, P581, P582, P583, P584, P585, P586, P587, P588, P589, P590, P591, P592, P593, P594, P595, P596, P597, P598, P599, P600, P601, P602, P603, P604, P605, P606, P607, P608, P609, P610, P611, P612, P613, P614, P615, P616, P617, P618, P619, P620, P621, P622, P623, P624, P625, P626, P627, P628, P629, P630, P631, P632, P633, P634, P635, P636, P637, P638, P639, P640, P641, P642, P643, P644, P645, P646, P647, P648, P649, P650, P651, P652, P653, P654, P655, P656, P657, P658, P659, P660, P661, P662, P663, P664, P665, P666, P667, P668, P669, P670, P671, P672, P673, P674, P675, P676, P677, P678, P679, P680, P681, P682, P683, P684, P685, P686, P687, P688, P689, P690, P691, P692, P693, P694, P695, P696, P697, P698, P699, P700, P701, P702, P703, P704, P705, P706, P707, P708, P709, P710, P711, P712, P713, P714, P715, P716, P717, P718, P719, P720, P721, P722, P723, P724, P725, P726, P727, P728, P729, P730, P731, P732, P733, P734, P735, P736, P737, P738, P739, P740, P741, P742, P743, P744, P745, P746, P747, P748, P749, P750, P751, P752, P753, P754, P755, P756, P757, P758, P759, P										

How does i.e. the Dutch Caribbean (DC) Islands exercise/execute the GRF Implementation? *(Cont.)*

- ✈ The submission is immediately followed by a confirmation phone call to the NOF's
- ✈ DO's are encouraged to use an automated system/application, to avoid making unnecessary errors.
- ✈ Physical analyses then and therefor remains as a back-up.





How does i.e. the Dutch Caribbean (DC) Islands exercise/execute the GRF Implementation? *(Cont.)*

- ✈ **The NOF confirms receipt once called, reviews the information and:**
 - 1. If the information provided is complete, the NOF publishes the requested immediately and contacts the assigned Control Tower by phone to inform of the published RCR/SNOWTAM;**
 - 2. If the information is incomplete and/or the content has errors, the NOF will contact the DO via phone to quickly inform of the actions needed to be taken by the DO. The DO submits a new request. After publication, the NOF sends records the encountered errors in the Watchlog.**
- ✈ **The DO keeps track of the validity of the SNOWTAM published and takes timely action if required *(See the DC eAIP AD 1)***

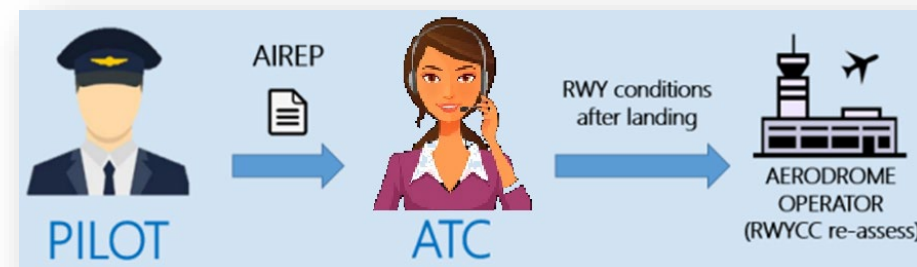


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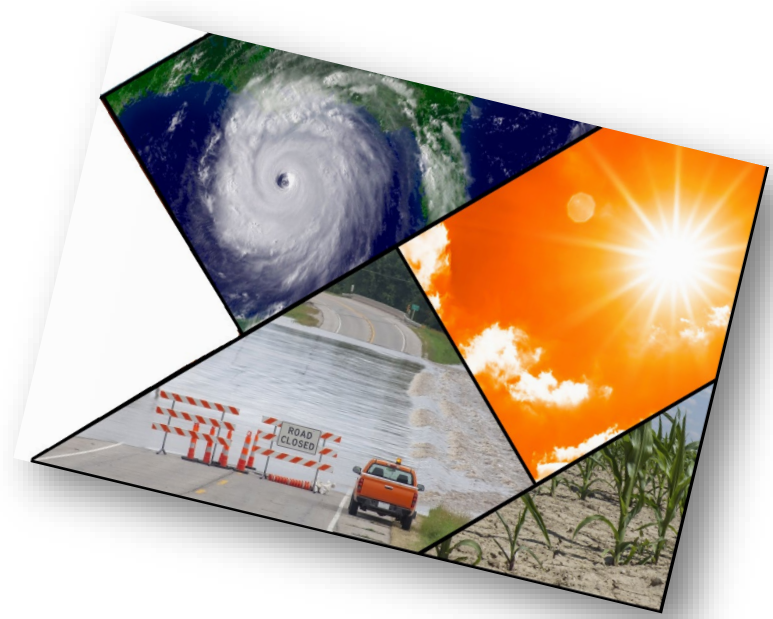
- ✈ **Originates** the information!!!
- ✈ **Provides** technical training to Airport Operations Officers as required
- ✈ **Assesses** (per third ($\frac{1}{3}$) section of the RWY) and **Creates the report** for the runway surface conditions
- ✈ **Reviews and Sends** the Runway Condition Report (RCR) to **AIS / NOTAM Office (NOF)**

Recap on GRF General Information

- ✈ The **NOF issues** the GRF for Runway surface condition → SNOWTAM (*incl. the RCR string*);
- ✈ **ATC / Automation** reflects the published info in the ATIS (if applicable);
- ✈ **DO maintains** close contact with ATC
→ to reassess the runway if needed, in case Pilots provide feedback (AIREP) to ATC.
→ ATC then in turn informs the AD OPS (DO) of the Pilot's report.
- ✈ **DO keeps** the information **up-to-date** and **changes/updates** the condition reported **without delay!**



- ✈ Every **significant change** in the Runway condition requires a runway condition report to be issued and requires AD operations to do an assessment!
- ✈ Raining? → DO: An assessment is required!
- ✈ A runway assessment should be done by trained personnel.
- ✈ The GRF is a safety tool



Global Reporting Format for Runway Surface Conditions

Main stakeholders:

Aerodrome Operators

- **Origin** of information (Data Originators)
- Assess and report runway surface conditions – send RCR to ATS and **AIS**
- To issue GRF for Runway surface condition
- Information shall be kept up to date and changes in condition reported without delay

Aeronautical Information Service (AIS)

- **Provide** the information received in the RCR to end users
- **Report** RCR via NOTAM, when applicable)



Air Traffic Services (ATS)

- **Convey** Information from RCR to pilots (via ATIS and/or radio)

Pilots/Aircraft Operators

- **Use** information with aircraft performance data to determine if landing or take-off is safe
- **Provide** runway braking action special air-report to the aerodrome operator

A globally-harmonized methodology for runway surface conditions assessment and reporting to provide reports that are directly related to the performance of aeroplanes.

Aerodrome operator assess the runway surface conditions, including contaminants, for each third of the runway length, and report it by mean of a uniform runway condition report (RCR)

Aeronautical information services (AIS) provide the information received in the RCR to end users (SNOWTAM)

Air traffic services (ATS) provide the information received via the RCR to end users (radio, ATIS) and received special air-reports

Aircraft operators utilize the information in conjunction with the performance data provided by the aircraft manufacturer to determine if landing or take-off operations can be conducted safely and provide runway braking action special air-report (AIREP)





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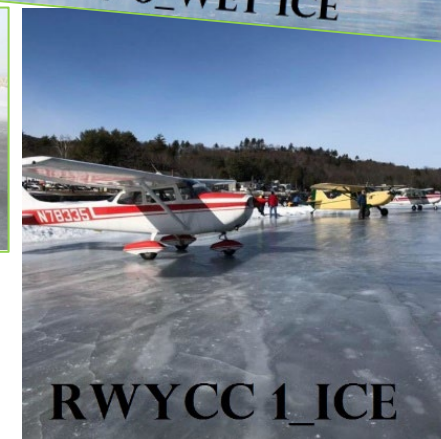
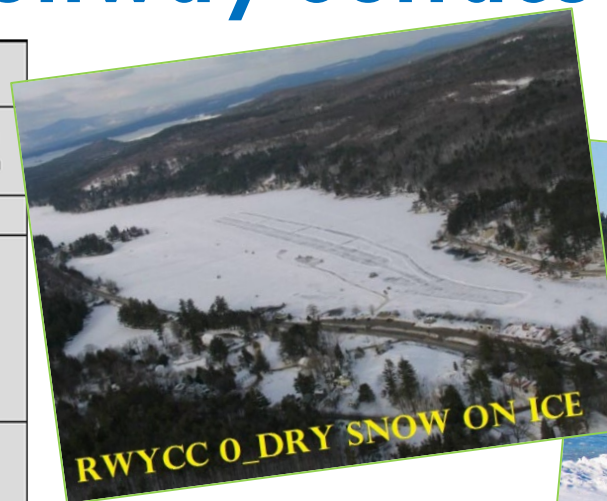


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-15°C and Colder outside air temperature: • Compacted Snow	4	Braking deceleration OR directional control is between Good and Medium.	Good to Medium
• Slippery When Wet (wet runway) • Dry Snow or Wet Snow (any depth) over Compacted Snow Greater than 1/8 inch (3 mm) depth of: • Dry Snow • Wet Snow Warmer than -15°C outside air temperature: • Compacted Snow	3	Braking deceleration is noticeably reduced for the wheel braking effort applied OR directional control is noticeably reduced.	Medium
Greater than 1/8 inch(3 mm) depth of: • Water • Slush	2	Braking deceleration OR directional control is between Medium and Poor.	Medium to Poor
• Ice	1	Braking deceleration is significantly reduced for the wheel braking effort applied OR directional control is significantly reduced.	Poor
• Wet Ice • Slush over Ice • Water over Compacted Snow • Dry Snow or Wet Snow over Ice	0	Braking deceleration is minimal to non-existent for the wheel braking effort applied OR directional control is uncertain.	Nil





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RWYCC 2_SLUSH_1



RWYCC 2 WET RWY



RWYCC 2&3



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Runway Condition Description	RwyCC	Deceleration or Directional Control Observation	Pilot Reported Braking Action
• Dry	6	---	---
• Frost • Wet (Includes damp and 1/8 inch depth or less of water) 1/8 inch (3mm) depth or less of: • Slush • Dry Snow • Wet Snow	5	Braking deceleration is normal for the wheel braking effort applied AND directional control is normal.	Good
-15°C and Colder outside air temperature: • Compacted Snow	4	Braking deceleration OR directional control is between Good and Medium.	Good to Medium
• Slippery When Wet (wet runway) • Dry Snow or Wet Snow (any depth) over Compacted Snow Greater than 1/8 inch (3 mm) depth of: • Dry Snow • Wet Snow Warmer than -15°C outside air temperature: • Compacted Snow	3	Braking deceleration is noticeably reduced for the wheel braking effort applied OR directional control is noticeably reduced.	Medium
Greater than 1/8 inch(3 mm) depth of: • Water • Slush	2	Braking deceleration OR directional control is between Medium and Poor.	Medium to Poor
• Ice	1	Braking deceleration is significantly reduced for the wheel braking effort applied OR directional control is significantly reduced.	Poor
• Wet Ice • Slush over Ice • Water over Compacted Snow • Dry Snow or Wet Snow over Ice	0	Braking deceleration is minimal to non-existent for the wheel braking effort applied OR directional control is uncertain.	Nil



RWYCC 3_WET SNOW





Global Reporting Format for Runway Surface Conditions

Assessment Criteria		Control/Braking Assessment Criteria	
Runway Condition Description	RwyCC	Deceleration or Directional Control Observation	Pilot Reported Braking Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Dry	6	---	---
<ul style="list-style-type: none">FrostWet (Includes damp and 1/8 inch depth or less of water) 1/8 inch (3mm) depth or less of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">SlushDry SnowWet Snow	5	Braking deceleration is normal for the wheel braking effort applied AND directional control is normal.	Good
-15°C and Colder outside air temperature: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Compacted Snow	4	Braking deceleration OR directional control is between Good and Medium.	Good to Medium
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Slippery When Wet (wet runway)Dry Snow or Wet Snow (any depth) over Compacted Snow Greater than 1/8 inch (3 mm) depth of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Dry SnowWet Snow Warmer than -15°C outside air temperature: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Compacted Snow	3	Braking deceleration is noticeably reduced for the wheel braking effort applied OR directional control is noticeably reduced.	Medium
Greater than 1/8 inch(3 mm) depth of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">WaterSlush	2	Braking deceleration OR directional control is between Medium and Poor.	Medium to Poor
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Ice	1	Braking deceleration is significantly reduced for the wheel braking effort applied OR directional control is significantly reduced.	Poor
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Wet IceSlush over IceWater over Compacted SnowDry Snow or Wet Snow over Ice	0	Braking deceleration is minimal to non-existent for the wheel braking effort applied OR directional control is uncertain.	Nil





Global Reporting Format for Runway Surface Conditions

Assessment Criteria		Control/Braking Assessment Criteria	
Runway Condition Description	RwyCC	Deceleration or Directional Control Observation	Pilot Reported Braking Action
• Dry	6	---	---
• Frost • Wet (Includes damp and 1/8 inch depth or less of water) 1/8 inch (3mm) depth or less of: • Slush • Dry Snow • Wet Snow	5	Braking deceleration is normal for the wheel braking effort applied AND directional control is normal.	Good
-15°C and Colder outside air temperature: • Compacted Snow	4	Braking deceleration OR directional control is between Good and Medium.	Good to Medium
• Slippery When Wet (wet runway) • Dry Snow or Wet Snow (any depth) over Compacted Snow Greater than 1/8 inch (3 mm) depth of: • Dry Snow • Wet Snow Warmer than -15°C outside air temperature: • Compacted Snow	3	Braking deceleration is noticeably reduced for the wheel braking effort applied OR directional control is noticeably reduced.	Medium
Greater than 1/8 inch(3 mm) depth of: • Water • Slush	2	Braking deceleration OR directional control is between Medium and Poor.	Medium to Poor
• Ice	1	Braking deceleration is significantly reduced for the wheel braking effort applied OR directional control is significantly reduced.	Poor
• Wet Ice • Slush over Ice • Water over Compacted Snow • Dry Snow or Wet Snow over Ice	0	Braking deceleration is minimal to non-existent for the wheel braking effort applied OR directional control is uncertain.	Nil





Global Reporting Format for Runway Surface Conditions

Assessment Criteria		Control/Braking Assessment Criteria	
Runway Condition Description	RwyCC	Deceleration or Directional Control Observation	Pilot Reported Braking Action
• Dry	6	---	---
• Frost • Wet (Includes damp and 1/8 inch depth or less of water) 1/8 inch (3mm) depth or less of: • Slush • Dry Snow • Wet Snow	5	Braking deceleration is normal for the wheel braking effort applied AND directional control is normal.	Good
-15°C and Colder outside air temperature: • Compacted Snow	4	Braking deceleration OR directional control is between Good and Medium.	Good to Medium
• Slippery When Wet (wet runway) • Dry Snow or Wet Snow (any depth) over Compacted Snow Greater than 1/8 inch (3 mm) depth of: • Dry Snow • Wet Snow Warmer than -15°C outside air temperature: • Compacted Snow	3	Braking deceleration is noticeably reduced for the wheel braking effort applied OR directional control is noticeably reduced.	Medium
Greater than 1/8 inch(3 mm) depth of: • Water • Slush	2	Braking deceleration OR directional control is between Medium and Poor.	Medium to Poor
• Ice	1	Braking deceleration is significantly reduced for the wheel braking effort applied OR directional control is significantly reduced.	Poor
• Wet Ice • Slush over Ice • Water over Compacted Snow • Dry Snow or Wet Snow over Ice	0	Braking deceleration is minimal to non-existent for the wheel braking effort applied OR directional control is uncertain.	Nil



Applicable RwyCC for our Region

Assessment Criteria		Control/Braking Assessment Criteria	
Runway Condition Description	RwyCC	Deceleration or Directional Control Observation	Pilot Reported Braking Action
★ Dry	6	---	---
★ Frost ★ Wet (Includes damp and 1/8 inch depth or less of water)	5	Braking deceleration is normal for the wheel braking effort applied AND directional control is normal.	Good
1/8 inch (3mm) depth or less of: ★ Slush ★ Dry Snow ★ Wet Snow	4	Braking deceleration OR directional control is between Good and Medium.	Good to Medium
-15°C and Colder outside air temperature: ★ Compacted Snow	3	Braking deceleration is noticeably reduced for the wheel braking effort applied OR directional control is noticeably reduced.	Medium
★ Greater than 1/8 inch (3 mm) depth of: ★ Dry Snow ★ Wet Snow ★ Warmer than -15°C outside air temperature: ★ Compacted Snow	2	Braking deceleration OR directional control is between Medium and Poor.	Medium to Poor
★ Greater than 1/8 inch (3 mm) depth of: ★ Water ★ Slush	1	Braking deceleration is significantly reduced for the wheel braking effort applied OR directional control is significantly reduced.	Poor
★ Ice	0	Braking deceleration is minimal to non-existent for the wheel braking effort applied OR directional control is uncertain.	Nil
★ Wet Ice ★ Slush over Ice ★ Water over Compacted Snow ★ Dry Snow or Wet Snow over Ice	0		



RWYCC	Descriptor
6	DRY
5	WET
3	(SLIPPERY) WET
2	STANDING WATER



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UNITING AVIATION



TIME FOR
A BREAK!

05:00

Start

Stop

Reset


mins: 5

secs: 0

type:

None



 Breaktime for PowerPoint by Flow Simulation Ltd. Pin controls when stopped ☐

Global Reporting Format
GRF: RwyCC & SNOWTAM Preps
Workshop



SNOTAM

✈ Definition

ICAO defines **SNOWTAM** as a special series NOTAM given in a standard format providing a surface condition report notifying the **presence, or removal, of hazardous conditions** due to snow, ice, slush or standing water associated with snow, slush and ice on the movement area (Annex 15 Chapter 2).

✈ Description

A SNOWTAM will be issued by the airport authority, promulgated by the NOF, when warranted, to notify users of the presence of, or the removal of, hazardous conditions due to snow, ice, slush or the resulting standing water on the movement surfaces of the aerodrome.

✈ The **maximum validity period** for a SNOWTAM, as per NOV 4th 2021, is 8 hours and a new SNOWTAM will be issued whenever there is a significant change in conditions.



APPENDIX 2. SNOWTAM FORMAT

(see Chapter 5, 5.2.3)

(COM heading)	(PRIORITY INDICATOR)		(ADDRESSES)										≪≡			
	(DATE AND TIME OF FILING)					(ORIGINATOR'S INDICATOR)					≪≡					
(Abbreviated heading)	(SWAA* SERIAL NUMBER)					(LOCATION INDICATOR)		DATE/TIME OF OBSERVATION					(OPTIONAL GROUP)		≪≡ (
	S	W	*	*												
SNOWTAM		(Serial number)					→									
(AERODROME LOCATION INDICATOR)												A)	→			
(DATE/TIME OF OBSERVATION (<i>Time of completion of measurement in UTC</i>))												B)	→			
(RUNWAY DESIGNATORS)												C)	→			
(CLEARED RUNWAY LENGTH, IF LESS THAN PUBLISHED LENGTH (<i>m</i>))												D)	→			
(CLEARED RUNWAY WIDTH, IF LESS THAN PUBLISHED WIDTH (<i>m</i> ; if offset left or right of centre line add "L" or "R"))												E)	→			
(DEPOSITS OVER TOTAL RUNWAY LENGTH (<i>Observed on each third of the runway, starting from threshold having the lower runway designation number</i>)												F)	→			
NIL — CLEAR AND DRY																
1 — DAMP																
2 — WET or water patches																
3 — RIME or FROST COVERED (<i>depth normally less than 1 mm</i>)																
4 — DRY SNOW																
5 — WET SNOW																
6 — SLUSH																
7 — ICE																
8 — COMPACTED OR ROLLED SNOW																
9 — FROZEN RUTS OR RIDGES)													→			
(MEAN DEPTH (<i>mm</i>) FOR EACH THIRD OF TOTAL RUNWAY LENGTH)												G)	→			
(FRICTION MEASUREMENTS ON EACH THIRD OF RUNWAY AND FRICTION MEASURING DEVICE												H)	→			
MEASURED OR CALCULATED COEFFICIENT or ESTIMATED SURFACE FRICTION																
0.40 and above GOOD — 5																
0.39 to 0.36 MEDIUM/GOOD — 4																
0.35 to 0.30 MEDIUM — 3																
0.29 to 0.26 MEDIUM/POOR — 2																
0.25 and below POOR — 1																
9 — unreliable UNRELIABLE — 9																
(When quoting a measured coefficient, use the observed two figures, followed by the abbreviation of the friction measuring device used. When quoting an estimate, use single digit))																
(CRITICAL SNOWBANKS (<i>If present, insert height (cm)/distance from the edge of runway (m) followed by "L", "R" or "LR" if applicable</i>))												J)		→		
(RUNWAY LIGHTS (<i>If obscured, insert "YES" followed by "L", "R" or both "LR" if applicable</i>))												K)	→			
(FURTHER CLEARANCE (<i>If planned, insert length (m)/width (m) to be cleared or if to full dimensions, insert "TOTAL"</i>))												L)	→			
(FURTHER CLEARANCE EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY . . . (<i>UTC</i>))												M)	→			
(TAXIWAY (<i>If no appropriate taxiway is available, insert "NO"</i>))												N)	→			
(TAXIWAY SNOWBANKS (<i>If more than 60 cm, insert "YES" followed by distance apart, m</i>))												P)	→			
(APRON (<i>If unusable insert "NO"</i>))												R)	→			
(NEXT PLANNED OBSERVATION/MEASUREMENT IS FOR) (<i>month/day/hour in UTC</i>)												S)	→			
(PLAIN-LANGUAGE REMARKS (<i>Including contaminant coverage and other operationally significant information, e.g. sanding, de-icing</i>))												T)) ≪≡			
NOTES: 1. *Enter ICAO nationality letters as given in ICAO Doc 7910, Part 2. 2. Information on other runways, repeat from C to P. 3. Words in brackets () not to be transmitted.																
SIGNATURE OF ORIGINATOR (<i>not for transmission</i>)																

Format and Decode

A typical SNOWTAM will consist of a header block, which contains the addressees, the date and time of issue and the SNOWTAM serial number, and the body of the SNOWTAM which contains all of the pertinent airfield information. The airfield information is consistently formatted as items A) through T) as follows:

- A. AERODROME IDENTIFIER
- B. DATE/TIME OF OBSERVATION (UTC)
- C. RUNWAY DESIGNATOR
- D. CLEARED RUNWAY LENGTH (if less than published length)
- E. CLEARED RUNWAY WIDTH (if less than published width)
- F. DEPOSITS OVER TOTAL RUNWAY LENGTH (Observed on each third of the runway)
- G. MEAN DEPTH OF DEPOSITS (mm) (for each third of total runway length)
- H. FRICTION MEASUREMENTS OR ESTIMATES (for each third of runway length)
- I. not used
- J. CRITICAL SNOWBANKS (if present)
- K. RUNWAY LIGHTS (if obscured)
- L. FURTHER CLEARING OPERATIONS (if planned)
- M. FURTHER CLEARANCE EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY . . . (UTC)
- N. TAXIWAY
- O. not used
- P. TAXIWAY SNOWBANKS
- Q. not used
- R. APRON
- S. NEXT PLANNED OBSERVATION/MEASUREMENT
- T. PLAIN LANGUAGE REMARKS



Any items not pertinent to existing conditions will not be included in the report. For aerodromes with more than one runway, items C) through P) will be repeated in ascending order of runway identifier. For contaminate codes, friction measurement device codes and complete format and decode information, see ICAO Annex 15, Appendix 2.



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Aeroplane performance calculation section

✈ Aerodrome location indicator (**mandatory**):

Four-letter ICAO location indicator in accordance with Doc 7910, Location Indicators.

Format: nnnn → Example: MKJP

✈ Date and time of assessment (**mandatory**):

date and time (UTC) when the assessment was performed by the trained personnel.

Format: MMDDhhmm

Example: 09111357

✈ Lower runway designation number (**mandatory**):

a two- or three-character number identifying the runway for which the assessment is carried out and reported.

Format: nn[L] or nn[C] or nn[R]

Example: 09L

AEROPLANE PERFORMANCE CALCULATION SECTION									
A) AERODROME (4-letter ICAO Location Indicator)									
B) DATE / TIME OF ASSESSMENT (Time of completion of assessment in UTC; month, day and time of assessment in eight digits)		Date				Time			
C) LOWER RUNWAY DESIGNATION NUMBER									
D) RUNWAY CONDITION CODE (RWYCC) on each runway third (from Runway Condition Assessment Matrix (RCAM): 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6).		1/3		2/3		3/3			
E) PERCENT COVERAGE for each runway third (only when RWYCC for each RWY third is other than 6 and conditions are other than DRY).		F) DEPTH (mm) OF LOOSE CONTAMINANT for each runway third (conditional field, see back page for details)		G) CONDITION DESCRIPTION over total runway length (Observed on each runway third, starting from threshold having the lower runway designation number.					
				1/3		2/3		3/3	
								Checkmark the observed condition for each runway third:	
								DRY	
								SLIPPERY WET	
								STANDING WATER	
								WET	
								NOT REPORTED („NR“)	
H) WIDTH OF RUNWAY (m) to which the runway condition codes apply, checkmark and specify if less than published width.									



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Aeroplane performance calculation section

- ✈ Runway condition code for each runway third (**mandatory**):
a one-digit number identifying the RWYCC assessed for each runway third. The codes are reported in a three-character group separated by a “/” for each third. The direction for listing the runway thirds shall be in the direction as seen from the lower designation number.

Format: n/n/n

Example: 5/5/2

*Note: When transmitting information on runway surface conditions by ATS to flight crews, the sections are, however, referred to as the first, second or third part of the runway. **The first part always means the first third of the runway as seen in the direction of landing or take-off***

AEROPLANE PERFORMANCE CALCULATION SECTION										
A)	AERODROME (4-letter ICAO Location Indicator)							Date		Time
B)	DATE / TIME OF ASSESSMENT (Time of completion of assessment in UTC; month, day and time of assessment in eight digits)									
C)	LOWER RUNWAY DESIGNATION NUMBER									
D)	RUNWAY CONDITION CODE (RWYCC) on each runway third (from Runway Condition Assessment Matrix (RCAM): 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6).							1/3	2/3	3/3
E)	PERCENT COVERAGE for each runway third (only when RWYCC for each RWY third is other than 6 and conditions are other than DRY).			F)	DEPTH (mm) OF LOOSE CONTAMINANT for each runway third (conditional field, see back page for details)			G) CONDITION DESCRIPTION over total runway length (Observed on each runway third, starting from threshold having the lower runway designation number).		
						1/3			2/3	3/3
						Checkmark the observed condition for each runway third:				
						DRY				
						SLIPPERY WET				
						STANDING WATER				
						WET				
						NOT REPORTED („NR“)				
H)	WIDTH OF RUNWAY (m) to which the runway condition codes apply, checkmark and specify if less than published width.									



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Aeroplane performance calculation section

- ✈ Per cent coverage contaminant for each runway third (**conditional**, not reported for one runway third if it is dry or covered with less than 10%):
a number identifying the percentage coverage. The percentages are to be reported in an up-to-nine character group separated by a “/” for each runway third.

Format: [n]nn/[n]nn/[n]nn

Example: 25/50/100

NR/50/100 if contaminant coverage is less than 10% in the first third

- ✈ With uneven distribution of the contaminants, additional information is to be given in the plain language remark part of the situational awareness section of the runway condition report. Where possible, a standardized text should be used.

Note.— When no information is to be reported, insert “NR” at its relevant position in the message to indicate to the user that no information exists (/NR/).

AEROPLANE PERFORMANCE CALCULATION SECTION									
A) AERODROME (4-letter ICAO Location Indicator)				Date		Time			
B) DATE / TIME OF ASSESSMENT (Time of completion of assessment in UTC; month, day and time of assessment in eight digits)									
C) LOWER RUNWAY DESIGNATION NUMBER									
D) RUNWAY CONDITION CODE (RWYCC) on each runway third (from Runway Condition Assessment Matrix (RCAM): 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6)				1/3		2/3		3/3	
E) PERCENT COVERAGE for each runway third (only when RWYCC for each RWY third is other than 6 and conditions are other than DRY).				F) DEPTH (mm) OF LOOSE CONTAMINANT for each runway third (conditional field, see back page for details)		G) CONDITION DESCRIPTION over total runway length (Observed on each runway third, starting from threshold having the lower runway designation number.			
						1/3 2/3 3/3 Checkmark the observed condition for each runway third			
						DRY			
						SLIPPERY WET			
						STANDING WATER			
						WET			
						NOT REPORTED („NR“)			
H) WIDTH OF RUNWAY (m) to which the runway condition codes apply, checkmark and specify if less than published width.									

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Aeroplane performance calculation section

- ✈ Depth of loose contaminant:
dry snow, wet snow, slush or standing water for each runway third (**conditional**, reported for STANDING WATER):
a two or three-digit number representing the assessed depth (mm) of the contaminant for each runway third.

Format: [n]nn/[n]nn/[n]nn

Examples: 04/06/12 [STANDING WATER]

- ✈ When the depth of the contaminants varies significantly within a runway third, additional information is to be given in the plain language remark part of the situational awareness section of the runway condition report.).

AEROPANE PERFORMANCE CALCULATION SECTION														
A)	AERODROME (4-letter ICAO Location Indicator)													
B)	DATE / TIME OF ASSESSMENT (Time of completion of assessment in UTC; month, day and time of assessment in eight digits)						Date		Time					
C)	LOWER RUNWAY DESIGNATION NUMBER													
D)	RUNWAY CONDITION CODE (RWYCC) on each runway third (from Runway Condition Assessment Matrix (RCAM): 0 , 1 , 2 , 3 , 4 , 5 or 6).						$\frac{1}{8}$		$\frac{3}{8}$					
E)	PERCENT COVERAGE for each runway third (only when RWYCC for each RWY third is other than 6 and conditions are other than DRY).			F)	DEPTH (mm) OF LOOSE CONTAMINANT for each runway third (conditional field, see back page for details)			G)	CONDITION DESCRIPTION over total runway length (Observed on each runway third, starting from threshold having the lower runway designation number.					
H)	WIDTH OF RUNWAY (m) to which the runway condition codes apply, checkmark and specify if less than published width.													



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Aeroplane performance calculation section

- ✈ Condition description for each runway third (**mandatory**):
to be reported in capital letters using terms specified in 2.9.5 of Annex 14, Volume I. The condition type is reported by any of the following condition type descriptions for each runway third and separated by an oblique stroke “/”.
(DRY, STANDING WATER, WET, ...)

Format: nnnn/nnnn/nnnn

Example: WET/WET/WET

- ✈ Width of runway to which the RWYCCs apply if less than published width (optional): a the two-digit number representing the width of cleared runway in meters.

Format: nn

Example: 30

- ✈ If the cleared runway width is not symmetrical along the center line, additional information is to be given in the plain language remark part of the situational awareness section of the runway condition report.

AEROPLANE PERFORMANCE CALCULATION SECTION													
A)	AERODROME (4-letter ICAO Location Indicator)												
B)	DATE / TIME OF ASSESSMENT (Time of completion of assessment in UTC; month, day and time of assessment in eight digits)						Date		Time				
C)	LOWER RUNWAY DESIGNATION NUMBER												
D)	RUNWAY CONDITION CODE (RWYCC) on each runway third (from Runway Condition Assessment Matrix (RCAM): 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6)						%	%	1/3				
E)	PERCENT COVERAGE for each runway third (only when RWYCC for each RWY third is other than 6 and conditions are other than DRY).						F) DEPTH (mm) OF LOOSE CONTAMINANT for each runway third (conditional field, see back page for details)				G) CONDITION DESCRIPTION over total runway length (Observed on each runway third, starting from threshold having the lower runway designation number.		
										%	%	1/3	Checkmark the observed condition for each runway third:
													DRY
													SLIPPERY WET
													STANDING WATER
													WET
													NOT REPORTED („NR“)
H)	WIDTH OF RUNWAY (m) to which the runway condition codes apply, checkmark and specify if less than published width.												



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Aeroplane performance calculation section

AEROPLANE PERFORMANCE CALCULATION SECTION									
A) AERODROME (4-letter ICAO Location Indicator)									
B) DATE / TIME OF ASSESSMENT (Time of completion of assessment in UTC; month, day and time of assessment in eight digits)		Date		Time					
C) LOWER RUNWAY DESIGNATION NUMBER									
D) RUNWAY CONDITION CODE (RWYCC) on each runway third (from Runway Condition Assessment Matrix (RCAM): 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6)		$\frac{1}{2}$		$\frac{3}{4}$		$\frac{1}{2}$			
E) PERCENT COVERAGE for each runway third (only when RWYCC for each RWY third is other than 6 and conditions are other than DRY).		F) DEPTH (mm) OF LOOSE CONTAMINANT for each runway third (conditional field, see back page for details)		G) CONDITION DESCRIPTION over total runway length (Observed on each runway third, starting from threshold having the lower runway designation number).					
				$\frac{1}{2}$		$\frac{3}{4}$		Checkmark the observed condition for each runway third:	
								DRY	
								SLIPPERY WET	
								STANDING WATER	
								WET	
								NOT REPORTED („NR“)	
H) WIDTH OF RUNWAY (m) to which the runway condition codes apply, checkma									



AEROPLANE PERFORMANCE CALCULATION SECTION (8)		
1	aerodrome location indicator	M
2	date and time of assessment	M
3	lower runway designation number	M
4	RWYCC for each runway third	M
5	per cent coverage contaminant for each runway third (NR if dry/<10%)	C
6	depth of loose contaminant for each runway third (only if STANDING WATER)	C
7	condition description for each runway third; and	M
8	width of runway to which the RWYCCs apply if less than published width.	O





Runway Surface Conditions – RCR SNOWTAM REQ

Situational awareness section

All individual messages in the situational awareness section end with a full stop sign. This is to distinguish the message from subsequent message(s).

✈ Reduced runway length: This information is **conditional** when a NOTAM has been published with a new set of declared distances affecting the LDA.

Format: Standardized fixed text

RWY nn [L] or nn [C] or nn [R] LDA REDUCED TO[n]nnn

Example: RWY 22L LDA REDUCED TO1450.



SITUATIONAL AWARENESS SECTION					
Optional items: Checkmark and complete as applicable, if this item is reported and shall be included in the SNOWTAM					
	I)	REDUCED RUNWAY LENGTH (m), if less than published length.	RWY	REDUCED TO	M
	J)	DRIFTING SNOW on the runway (when reported, insert lower runway designator and „DRIFTING SNOW“).	RWY	DRIFTING SNOW	
	K)	LOOSE SAND on the runway (when reported, insert lower runway designator and „LOOSE SAND“).	RWY	LOOSE SAND	
	L)	CHEMICAL TREATMENT (when reported, insert lower runway designator and „CHEMICALLY TREATED“).	RWY	CHEMICALLY TREATED	
	M)	SNOWBANKS on the runway (if present, insert lower runway designator and „SNOW BANK“ „L“ or „R“ or „LR“ meters „FM CL“ e.g. RWY 09 SNOW BANK R20 FM CL).	RWY	SNOW BANK	FM CL
	N)	SNOWBANKS on a taxiway (if present, insert taxiway designator and „SNOW BANK“).	TWY	SNOW BANK	
	O)	SNOWBANKS adjacent to the runway (when reported present penetrating the height profile in the aerodrome snow plan, insert lower runway designator and „ADJ SNOW BANKS“).	RWY	ADJ SNOW BANKS	
	P)	TAXIWAY CONDITIONS (if conditions reported „POOR“, insert TWY designator „POOR“ or phrase „ALL TWYS POOR“).	TWY	POOR	
	R)	APRON CONDITIONS (if conditions reported „POOR“, insert apron designator „POOR“ or phrase „ALL APRONS POOR“).	APRON	POOR	
		Items of the situational awareness section repeated for additional runways, taxiways and aprons as applicable (if observed, insert item designator followed by the appropriate phrase).			
	T)	PLAIN-LANGUAGE REMARKS (use standardized text, if possible; in particular, insert phrases „UPGRADED“, „DOWN GRADED“ as well as information on uneven or asymmetric al runway contamination).			
AUTHORIZATION					



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Situational awareness section

- ✈ Loose sand on the runway (**optional**):
Format: RWY nn[L] or nn[C] or nn[R] LOOSESAND
Example: RWY 02R LOOSE SAND.

- ✈ Chemical treatment on the runway (**mandatory**):
Format: RWY nn[L] or nn[C] or nn[R] CHEMICALLYTREATED
Example: RWY 06 CHEMICALLYTREATED.

SITUATIONAL AWARENESS SECTION			
Optional items: Checkmark and complete as applicable, if this item is reported and shall be included in the SNOWTAM			
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AUTHORIZATION			



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Situational awareness section (Cont.)

✈ Taxiway conditions (optional):

Format: TWY [nn]nPOOR

Example: TWY B POOR.

✈ Apron conditions (optional)

Format: APRON [nnnn]POOR

Example: APRON NORTH POOR.

✈ State-approved and published use of measured friction coefficient (optional):

Format: [State set format and associated procedures]

Example: [Function of State set format and associated procedures].

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Situational awareness section

- ✈ Plain language remarks using only allowable characters in capital letters (**optional**):
Format: Combination of allowable characters where use of full stop « . » marks the end of the message.

- ✈ Allowable characters:

- A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
- 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
- / [oblique stroke] “.” [period]“ ”[space]

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Situational awareness section

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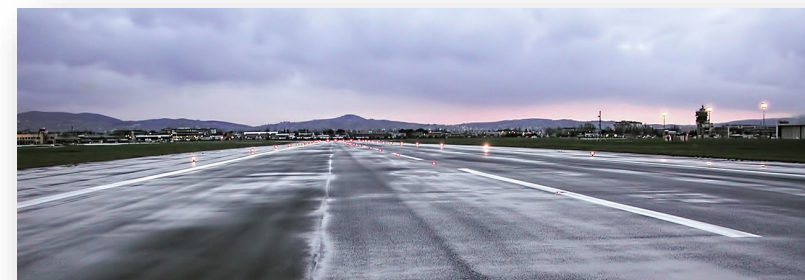
SITUATIONAL AWARENESS SECTION (11)		
1	reduced runway length (when NOTAM published with new declared distances affecting LDA)	C
2	drifting snow on the runway	O
3	loose sand on the runway	O
4	chemical treatment on the runway	M
5	snowbanks on the runway	O
6	snowbanks on the taxiway	O
7	snowbanks adjacent to the runway	O
8	taxiway conditions	O
9	apron conditions	O
10	State-approved, and published use of, measured friction coefficient; and	O
11	plain language remarks.	O



SNOWTAM General Information

The following **runway condition related changes** are considered **SIGNIFICANT**:

- ✈ A change in the coefficient of friction of approximately 0.05.
- ✈ Changes in depth of deposit greater than a certain amount of millimeters for i.e. dry snow, wet snow, slush, water.
- ✈ A change in the available length or width of a runway of 10 percent or more.
- ✈ Any change in the type of deposit or extent of coverage which requires reclassification in Items F or T of the SNOWTAM.





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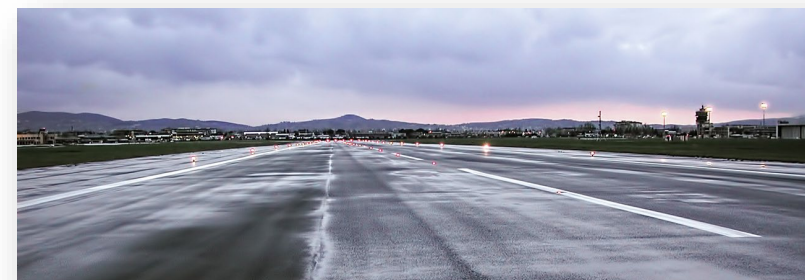
Recap on GRF General Information

ATCS, ATIS, AIM, AD & SNOWTAM

SNOWTAM General Information

The following **runway condition related changes** are considered **SIGNIFICANT**:

- ✈ When critical snow banks exist on one or both sides of the runway, any change in the height or distance from center line.
- ✈ Any change in the projection of runway lighting caused by obscuring of the lights.
- ✈ Any other conditions known to be significant according to experience or local circumstances.





SNOTAMs Requests

Data originator **shall:**

- ✈ Comply with set AIM Unit's request procedures (SLA!!!)
- ✈ Deliver Accurate data
- ✈ Be on time to submit of data
- ✈ Always track data validity → DO remains responsible for the validity and content published. **REVIEW published info always!**
- ✈ Ensure an existing value associated to a data item is updated whenever necessary



Global Reporting Format for Runway Surface Conditions

SNOWTAM published Example

AIS DEPARTMENT – SNOWTAM REQUEST FORM									
A I S O N L Y	COM Heading	Priority Indicator	GG	Addresses	AFTN				
		DATE and TIME of FILING			DATA ORIGINATOR	TNC\$			
	Abbreviated Heading	(TN) SERIAL NUMBER		LOCATION INDICATOR	DATE / TIME OF ASSESSMENT				
		S W T N		T N C	d d M M Y Y HH MM				
	SNOWTAM	(SERIAL NUMBER)		SNOWTAM PUBLICATION		DATE & TIME ddMMMy – HHmm UTC			

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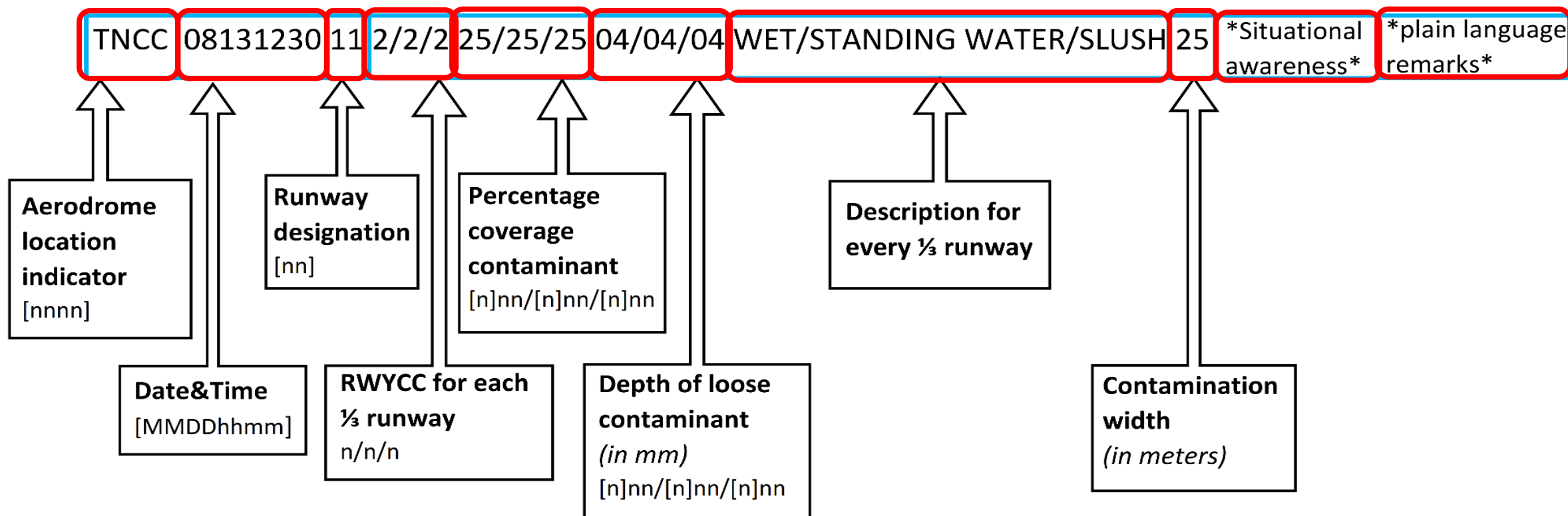
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100/50/75 NR/06/06 WET/SLUSH/SLUSH 02170500 09C 2/2/2 75/75/50 06/12/12
SLUSH/SLUSH/SLUSH 40

DRIFTING SNOW. RWY 09R CHEMICALLY TREATED. RWY 09C CHEMICALLY TREATED.)



RCR String Description / Decoding

TNCC 09101345 11 6/6/6 NR/NR/NR NR/NR/NR DRY/DRY/DRY





Global Reporting Format for Runway Surface Conditions - ATIS

Example of SNOWTAM in ATIS

(SNOWTAM 123)

TNCC 08131230 11 6/6/6 NR/NR/NR NR/NR/NR DRY/DRY/DRY)

- RUNWAY 11 CONDITION REPORT AT 1230 UTC
- RUNWAY CONDITION CODE 6,6,6
- FIRST **PART** DRY
- SECOND **PART** DRY
- THIRD **PART** DRY





Global Reporting Format for Runway Surface Conditions - ATIS

✈ *Example of SNOWTAM in ATIS*

(SNOWTAM 567

TNCC 08131230 11 3/2/2 50/75/75 03/04/05 SLIPPERY WET/STANDING WATER/STANDING WATER 50
RWY 11 REDUCED TO 2897 M. TWY A POOR)

- RUNWAY 11 CONDITION REPORT AT 1230 UTC
- RUNWAY CONDITION CODE 3,2,2
- FIRST **PART** 50 PERCENT 3 MILLIMETERS SLIPPERY WET
- SECOND **PART** 75 PERCENT 4 MILLIMETERS STANDING WATER
- THIRD **PART** 75 PERCENT 5 MILLIMETERS STANDING WATER
- **RUNWAY WIDTH 50 METERS**
- RUNWAY 11 REDUCED TO 2897 METERS
- TAXIWAY ALPHA POOR





Global Reporting Format for Runway Surface Conditions - ATCS

✈ *Change of runway in use – decoding the RCR backwards*

(SNOWTAM 234

TNCC 09191500 11 6/5/3 NR/25/25 NR/03/NR DRY/WET/SLIPPERY WET 25

RWY 11 LOOSE SAND. RWY 11 CHEMICALLY TREATED.)

Runway 11

- RUNWAY 11 CONDITION REPORT AT 1500 UTC
- RUNWAY CONDITION CODE 6,5,3
- FIRST PART DRY
- SECOND PART 25 PERCENT 3 MILLIMETERS WET
- THIRD PART 25 PERCENT SLIPPERY WET
- RUNWAY WIDTH 25 METERS
- RUNWAY 11 LOOSE SAND
- RUNWAY 11 CHEMICALLY TREATED

Runway 29

- RUNWAY 29 CONDITION REPORT AT 1500 UTC
- RUNWAY CONDITION CODE 3,5,6
- FIRST PART 25 PERCENT SLIPPERY WET
- SECOND PART 25 PERCENT 3 MILLIMETERS WET
- THIRD PART DRY
- RUNWAY WIDTH 25 METERS
- RUNWAY 29 LOOSE SAND
- RUNWAY 29 CHEMICALLY TREATED





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Evaluation NACC Region NOV 2021 – NOV 2022





Since November 4th 2021, the following areas regarding GRF / SNOWTAM publication has been evaluated:

✈ Timely request of submission?

- 1. SNOWTAM requests are submitted too late, while the weather has undergone multiple significant changes within the 8hrs of validity;**
- 2. RWY Analyses are carried out too late, which results in a late request**



Since November 4th 2021 the following areas regarding GRF / SNOWTAM publication has been evaluated (Cont.):

✈ Request is submitted via Automated application or manual Form?

- 1. Most requests with error are submitted via the manual form.**
- 2. Automated system error only occurred (2 out of 115), whereby the error was wrong RwyCC chosen → incorrect analyses.**



Since November 4th 2021 the following areas regarding GRF / SNOWTAM publication has been evaluated (Cont.):

✈ Confirmation call is received immediately after request submission?

- 1. SNOWTAM requests are submitted but no confirmation call is received at the NOF → Signed SLA is not followed accordingly;**
- 2. DO's not aware of procedure stated in SLA → unfamiliar responses**



Since November 4th 2021 the following areas regarding GRF / SNOWTAM publication has been evaluated *(Cont.)*:



Significant changes are submitted immediately?

1. DO's are not assessing the runway condition as required by ICAO standards;
2. TWR also to coordinate with DO, if necessary, in case there is significant change and/or request new assessment to be done by DO;
3. Pilots can always confirm the runway condition and feedback to TWR.



Since November 4th 2021 the following areas regarding GRF / SNOWTAM publication has been evaluated (Cont.):

✈ Availability of DO / TWR:

- 1. DO/TWR not reachable or contact info incorrect;**
- 2. TWR not aware of SNOWTAM procedure.**



Since November 4th 2021 the following areas regarding GRF / SNOWTAM publication has been evaluated (Cont.):



Up-to-date knowledge of the requestor:

Lack of sufficient knowledge regarding runway condition.



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GRF Lessons Learned

Miracle on the St. Johns



BREAKING THIS MORNING

PLANE SKIDS OFF RUNWAY INTO RIVER

CHARTERED 737 WITH 143 ABOARD WAS RETURNING FROM CUBA





Accident Base Information:

- ✈ **May 3rd, 2019**
- ✈ **Miami Air Boeing 737**
- ✈ **Flight: Guantanamo Bay to Jacksonville with 143 persons on board**
- ✈ **Bad weather conditions**
- ✈ **21 people were injured.**

A runway excursion is a runway safety incident where an aircraft makes an inappropriate exit from the runway.



Point of Views and facts:

- ✈ Passengers explained the feeling of the plane never slowing down upon landing
- ✈ Heavy rain fall and Runway contaminated by lots of water
- ✈ No updated runway condition information in place to flight crew



Point of Views and facts (cont.):

✈ **Flight Crew had extreme loss of braking friction**



✈ **Flight crew not aware of rain condition landing guidance on wet runway**



Point of Views and facts (cont.):

- ✈ Landed fast with tailwind;
- ✈ Landed in a heavy rain showers ;
- ✈ Slid into shallow water of the runway's end.



Results:

- ✈ **Loss of braking friction on rain-soaked runway deemed primary cause of the crash;**
- ✈ **Aircrafts skids off the runway into the St. Johns River;**
- ✈ **No SNOWTAM /RCR information was known;**
- ✈ **The airplane would still not have stopped on the un-grooved runway because the rainfall rate and runway contamination contributed to water depths that caused the accident.**








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PREVENTIVE MEASURES

-  **The use of an Automated Application has shown to produce less errors by the DO, regarding the RCR data;**
-  **Manual SNOWTAM Form, is advised to be used as an redundancy and should be filled out by trained personnel;**
-  **Confirmation calls to the NOF are highly recommended in order to have requests processed immediately ... Safety is our priority;**

- ✈ **DOs must remain vigilant on significant weather changes and maintain RWY Condition information up-to-date;**
- ✈ **8hrs validity must be taken into account!**



So.....Why is it important to implement?

1

To **standardize** the reporting of RWY surface conditions.

2

To **establish** a common language between all related parties with 1 systematic.

3

It allows pilots to **accurately** determine aircraft take-off and landing performance.

4

It improves Aerodrome **safety**, by better understanding if RWY conditions which helps with lesser excursions

5

It **improves** Airport Operations efficiency in better decision making.

6

Reduces **environment impact** by improvement in Air Traffic Management.



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GRF IMPLEMENTATION STATUSES



Up to NOV 24th 2022:

**✈ A Total of 21
States registered
to the AIM TF on
GRF implementation**





Up to NOV 24th 2022:

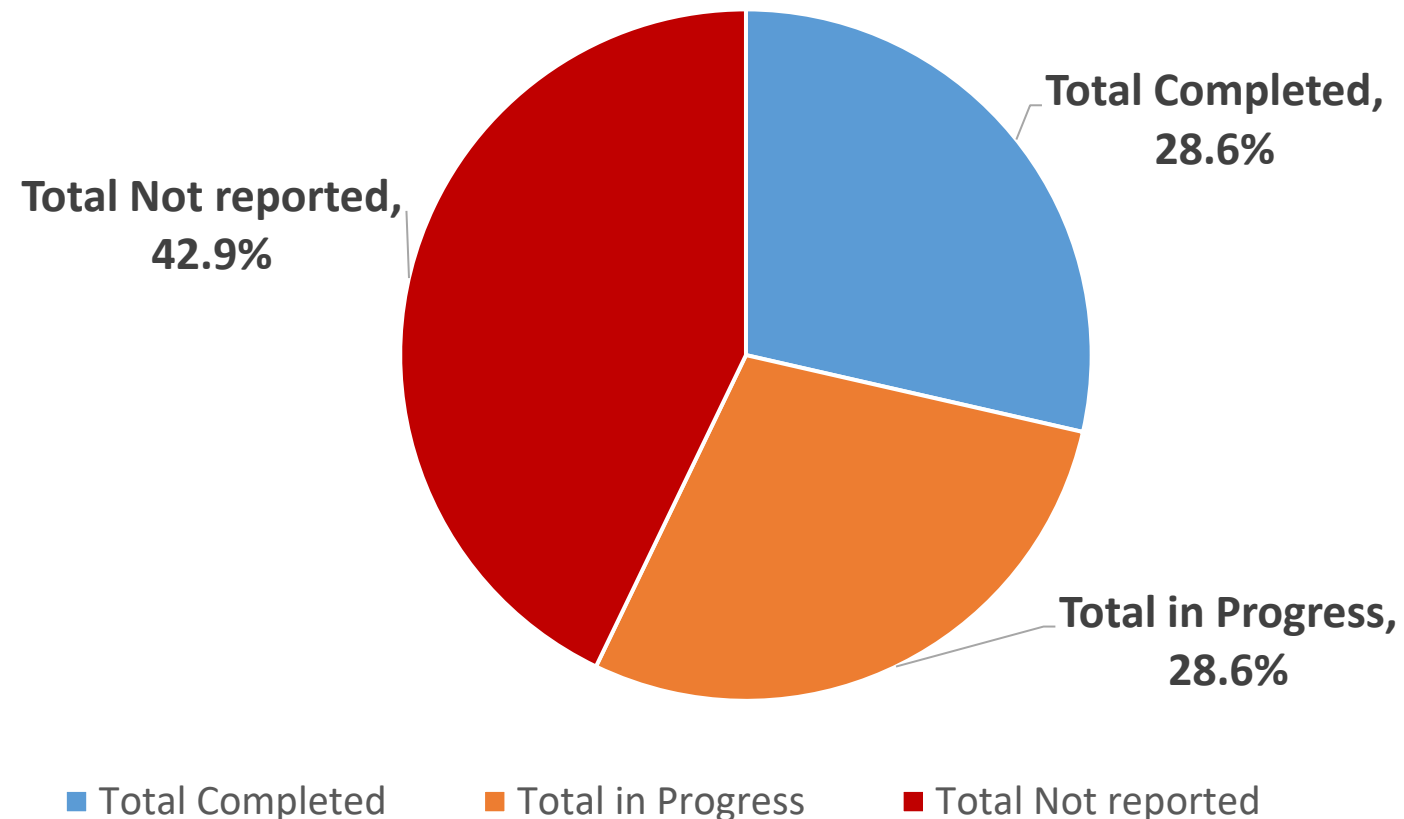
-  **6 Stated Completed GRF Implementation**
-  **6 Stated has Not Completed the GRF Implementation**
-  **9 States have not provided GRF Implementation Status**



GRF Implementation Statuses

Up to NOV 24th 2022:

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