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**THE BAHAMAS ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY  
 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

**NATIONAL REGULATORY FRAMEWORK**

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<b>Annex Provision</b>	<b>Difference Category</b>	<b>Details of Difference</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
Annex 1, 1.2.9.1	B	Regulations exist – Bahamas Civil Aviation Safety Regulations (2010) (BASR 2010) Schedule 8.205	English proficiency establish for pilots via validation of FAA license. AOC is responsible for evaluating it pilots for English proficiency.
Annex 1 , 1.2.9.2	B	BASR 2010 Schedule 8.205	The Bahamas CAD has issued Air Traffic Controllers licenses. Air traffic controllers have not been tested to evaluate English Proficiency. The Versant Aviation English Test (VAET) is to be used to evaluate Proficiency level, currently waiting final approval.

Annex 1, 1.2.9.4 Appendix 1, Attachment A	B	BASR 2010 Schedule 8.205	English proficiency establish for pilots via validation of FAA license Air traffic controllers have not been tested to evaluate English Proficiency. VAET to be used to establish Language Proficiency.
Annex 1, 1..2.9.6	B	BASR 2010 Schedule 8.205(c)	VAET to be used to establish English Language Proficiency. BASR 2010 Schedule 8.20.5 (c) to be enforced once level is determined.
Annex 1, 1..2.9.7	B	BASR 2010 Schedule 8.205(c)	VAET to be used to establish English Language Proficiency. BASR 2010 Schedule 8.20.5 (c) to be enforced once level is determined.
Annex 1, 5.1.1.2, XIII	A	BASR 2010 Schedule 8.110 – Authorization issued by special endorsement	The Bahamas FSI has issued licenses to Air Traffic Control personnel.
Annex 6, Part I, 3.1.8	B	BASR 2010 Schedule 14.061 – AOC Holder evaluation of pilots	Operators to be advised via Advisory Circular of the requirement to evaluate and verify language proficiency level of pilots.
Annex 6, Part III, 1.1.3	B	BASR 2010 Schedule 14.061 – AOC Holder evaluation of pilots	Operators to be advised via Advisory Circular of the requirement to evaluate and verify language proficiency level of pilots.
Annex 10, Vol II, 5.1.1.1	B	Radar Approach facility does not use ICAO phraseology or procedures. They currently use FAA phraseology.	

Annex 10, Vol. II, 5.2.1.2.1	Bahamas Aeronautical Information Publication GEN 3-4-1, item 3.4	English language used.	
Annex 10, Vol. II 5.2.1.2.2	Bahamas AIP GEN 3- 4-1, Item 3.4	English language used.	
Annex 10, Vol. II 5.2.1.2.3	Bahamas AIP GEN 3- 4-1, Item 3.4	English language used	

Annex 11, 2.29.1	C	No regulations currently exist that requires the air traffic service provider to ensure that air traffic controllers speak and understand the language used for radiotelephony communications.	Air traffic controllers have not been tested to evaluate English Proficiency. VAET to be used to establish Language Proficiency.
Annex 11, 2.29.2	Bahamas AIP GEN 3-4-1, Item 3.4	English language used.	

**Estimate of National Level of Implementation**

<b>Date: 31<sup>st</sup> October 2012</b>				
<b>Pilots involved in international operations</b>	<b>ATPL</b>	<b>CPL</b>	<b>MPL</b>	<b>Method of Assessment of level of Proficiency</b>
Level 3 and below				
Level 4	256	287		Validation of license based on FAA license.
Level 5				
Level 6				
<b>PPL</b>				
<b>Date: 31<sup>st</sup> October 2012</b>				
Indicate number of PPL's involved in international operations	Unknown	Briefly describe the method of Assessment of level of proficiency	Validation of license based on FAA or another state license.	

Date: October 31, 2012					
<b>Controllers involved in international operations</b>	<b>Aerodrome</b>	<b>Approach</b>	<b>Area</b>	<b>Student</b>	<b>Method of Assessment of level of Proficiency</b>
Level 3 and below					No Assessment procedure implemented.
Level 4					No Assessment procedure implemented.
Level 5					No Assessment procedure implemented.
Level 6					No Assessment procedure implemented.

## Language Proficiency Training Programmes

State oversight of aviation language tools has been established  Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	If no, expected date of establishment;
Language Training tools will be provided through: (Check all that apply)	
Air Navigation Service Provider	<input type="checkbox"/>
Air Operator/Airline	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Educational Institutions	<input type="checkbox"/>
Private organizations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

## Language Proficiency Assessment (or Testing) for Licensing Purposes

State oversight of aviation language assessment has been established.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	If no, expected date of establishment:
<b>Pilots</b>		
The Language Proficiency Assessment was/is/will be developed by:		
Civil Aviation Authority		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Air Operator		<input type="checkbox"/>
Educational Institution		<input type="checkbox"/>
Private Organization <i>The Versant Aviation English Test</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
The Language Proficiency Assessment was/is/will be administered by:		
Civil Aviation Authority		<input type="checkbox"/>
Air Operator		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Educational Institution		<input type="checkbox"/>
Private Organization <i>The Versant Aviation English Test</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Controllers</b>		
The Language Proficiency assessment was/is/will be developed by:		
Civil Aviation Authority		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Air Navigation Service Provider		<input type="checkbox"/>
Educational Institution		<input type="checkbox"/>
Private Organization <i>The Versant Aviation English Test</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
The Language Proficiency Assessment was/is/will be administered by:		
Civil Aviation Authority		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Air Navigation Service Provider		<input type="checkbox"/>
Educational Institution		<input type="checkbox"/>
Private Organization <i>The Versant Aviation English Test</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Interim Measures to Mitigate the Risk**

<b>Pilots (International Operations)</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
Commercial multi-pilot operations	Training; Language training and testing - route check /check ride Enactment of regulations	Training; Language training and testing - route check /check ride. Enactment of Regulations.	Full compliance- Dec 2014.
Controllers	Training; Language training and testing - Listening skills, - Standard phraseology use; Supervision -Enforcement of existing standards - Tape-talk Remedial training. Quality assurance. Enactment of Regulations.	Training; Language training and testing - Listening skills, - Standard phraseology use; Supervision - Enforcement of existing standards - Tape-talk - Remedial training. Quality Assurance. Safety Management System Implementation. Enactment of Regulations.	Full compliance- Dec 2014.
Aeronautical Station Operators	Training; Language training and testing - Listening skills, - Standard phraseology use; Supervision - Enforcement of existing standards - Tape-talk Remedial training. Quality assurance. Enactment of Regulations.	Training; Language training and testing - Listening skills, - Standard phraseology use; Supervision - Enforcement of existing standards - Tape-talk Remedial training. Quality assurance. Enactment of Regulations.	Full compliance- Dec 2014.