

Subject:	In-Flight Fuel Management – Phraseology for Fuel Related Messages to Air Traffic Control (ATC)
Date:	24 September 2013
Reference:	LA/C-OPS/OPS/2013-1089
Amends:	N/A
Applicability:	All aeroplane and helicopter commercial air transport (CAT) operators.
References:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EASA SIB 2013-12

Description: Through state letter 10/2012, ICAO announced the adopted amendment 36 to Annex 6 Part I effective as of 15 November 2012. This amendment introduced, among others, new standards for in-flight fuel management and a new fuel-related phraseology.

This Information Notice contains information that is for guidance and/or awareness.

Recipients are asked to ensure that this Information Notice is copied to all members of their staff who may have an interest in the information (including any 'in-house' or contracted maintenance organisations and relevant outside contractors).

1 Introduction

EASA has published service information bulletin SIB 2013-12 that can be found on the EASA website: <http://ad.easa.europa.eu/ad/2013-12>. This SIB describes the new ICAO standards, adopted in amdt 36 to annex 6 part I and effective as of 15 November 2012, for in-flight fuel management and a new fuel-related phraseology.

2 Scope

(EC) Regulation No 965/2012 does not yet require that the pilot-in-command / commander shall:

- Request delay information from ATC;
- Advise ATC of a minimum fuel state by declaring MINIMUM FUEL; and
- Declare a situation of fuel emergency by broadcasting MAYDAY MAYDAY MAYDAY FUEL.

EASA will propose the necessary amendments of (EC) Regulation No 965/2012 through RMT.0573 (RMT=RuleMaking Task) & RMT.0574 on fuel planning and management.

3 Recommendation(s):

Until the necessary amendments are made to (EC) Regulation No 965/2012, the BCAA highly recommends that operators amend their procedures for in-flight fuel management and the fuel related phraseology in accordance with the new ICAO SARPS and to document those changes in their Operations Manual accordingly.



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4 Queries

Any queries or requests for further guidance from AOC holders as a result of this communication should be addressed to the Operations Department at the following e-mail address: ops.queries@mobilifgov.be.

5 Cancellation

This Information Notice shall remain in force until the necessary amendments to (EC) Regulation No 965/2012 are published at the latest.

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