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NEW CONCEPT FOR "VC" AND WITHDRAWAL OF TRACES CONCEPT

The Civil Aviation Authority in coordination with the National Meteorological Institute, communicates all pilots and Aircrafts Operating Companies that effective from March 15 2010, the VC definition will change (proximity or Vicinity).

According to the stipulations of the Annex 3, Meteorological Service for International Air Navigation "(Appendix 3 / AP 3-14, 4.4.2.6), the new concept of vicinity "VC " is set in a range between 8 and 16 kilometers (both values inclusive) measured radially from the center point of the runway, as shown in the figure below.

VC is used only in METAR and SPECI with present weather. Phenomena of Present weather will be considered from the center of the runway to a distance less of 8 kilometers.

