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EVALUATION AND NOTIFICATION OF THE CONDITION OF THE SURFACE OF THE RUNWAY

The Civil Aviation Authority communicates to the concessionaires of commercial operations, pilots and the general public, that it is already published on the website of the DGAC, the Operational Directive DO0001-2022 that establishes the requirements presented by ICAO thus updating, some of the requirements contained in the RAC-OPS 1. In this sense, the definitions of the RAC-OPS 1.003 Definitions and Abbreviations are expanded and the CA OPS 1.220 (c) of the RAC OPS 1.220 (c) Authorization of Aerodromes by the operator.

This circular develops the methodology to harmonize the evaluation and notification of the state of the runway surface that will allow flight crews to make a better evaluation of the landing and take-off performance of aircraft. The report is intended to cover runway condition in all climates and provide a means for aerodrome operators to assess runway condition quickly and accurately.

In addition to the above, air operators holding an Air Operator Certificate (COA) must comply with the provisions of this Operational Directive, and must also amend their Operations Manual, Letter of Compliance, related documents, and manuals; to comply with this Operational Directive, for which they have a period of 3 months from the date on which this Operational Directive was approved and published.

This Operational Directive is based on the provisions of the Ley General de Aviación Civil 5150 article 18 section I and RAC-OPS 1.015 (Operational Directives); which gives the authority to the Civil Aviation Authority to issue them; to prohibit, limit or subject to certain conditions an operation in the interest of safety.

This Operational Directive is available on the website www.dgac.qo.cr, technical library section/circulares//operational directives

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