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OPERATIONAL DIRECTIVE

DGAC-DO-SNAV-RAC-03-001-2025 TO RAC-03

AMENDMENT 82 TO ANNEX 03

The Civil Aviation Authority informs Service Providers and Operators of the publication of the Operational Directive to RAC-03, DGAC-DO-SNAV-RAC-03-001-2025, in compliance with Amendment 82 to Annex 03 "Meteorological Service for International Air Navigation" to the Convention on International Civil Aviation.

The purpose of this Operational Directive is strictly based on the requirements presented by ICAO in Amendment 82 to Annex 03, thus updating some of the requirements contained in RAC-03 issued on October 19, 2020.

The requirements that the MET provider must comply with before the DGAC authority established by the DO are:

In summary, the DO addresses the restructured Annex 3 to include reference to:

- a. PANS-MET (ICAO Doc. 10157), Space Weather Information Services, International Airways Volcano Watch (IAVW), ICAO Weather Information Exchange Model (IWXXM), World Area Forecast System (WAFS), improved definitions of Aeronautical Meteorological Authority and Meteorological Service Provider; with application on November 27, 2025, and
- b. Quantitative information on volcanic ash as of November 26, 2026.

This regulation applies to all providers of Meteorological Services for Air Navigation within the national territory and in those areas where the Republic of Costa Rica has jurisdiction due to international or regional agreements.

The DO is available for consultation at the following link:

<https://www.dgac.go.cr/WEB/list/plantilla?type=Plantilla2&key=CircularesDirectivasOperacionalesPlantilla2&tab=CircularesDirectivasOperacionales&level1=381>