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CHANGES TO AVIATION OCCURRENCE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FROM 1 JANUARY 2023

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This AIC notifies readers that amendments to the aviation occurrence reporting framework will commence on 1 January 2023. The changes have been made by legislative amendment to the Transport Safety Investigation Regulations administered by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB).

2. AVIATION OCCURRENCE REPORTING FRAMEWORK

- 2.1 The aviation occurrence reporting framework will set out 7 kinds of reportable matters in relation to an aircraft. These include:
- An aircraft accident
 - A reportable serious aircraft incident
 - Loss of separation standard between aircraft
 - Declaration of emergency
 - Serious property damage incident (external)
 - An aircraft incident; and an aircraft incident (external).
- 2.2 A person who has knowledge of a reportable matter and who is responsible for reporting include:
- A crew member of the aircraft concerned.
 - The owner or operator of the aircraft.
 - A person performing an air traffic control service in relation to the aircraft.

- A person performing a dedicated aerodrome rescue or fire fighting service in relation to the aircraft.
- A person who is licensed as an aircraft maintenance engineer and does any work in relation to the aircraft.
- A member of the ground handling crew in relation to the aircraft.
- The operator of an aerodrome.
- A sport aviation body that administers aviation activities in relation the aircraft.

2.3 Whether or not a reportable matter is required to be reported by telephone, and the timing for making that report to the ATSB (either as soon as practicable or within 72 hours), will depend on the kind of aircraft operation being conducted.

2.4 There will be 4 kinds of aircraft operations with concepts and definitions harmonised with civil aviation legislation:

- Category A (passenger transport)
- Category B (commercial non-passenger)
- Category C (non-commercial)
- Category D (smaller RPA and certain unmanned balloons).

Note: A higher reporting standard is required of Category A and Category B aircraft operations, while gradually lowering for Category C and Category D aircraft operations.

2.5 Detailed guidance will be published in a forthcoming update to *AIP ENR 1.14* Air Traffic Incidents on 23 March 2023.

3. MORE INFORMATION

3.1 Reports should be made using the online notification form on the ATSB website at: www.atsb.gov.au/form/occurrence-notification-aviation

3.2 For further information about upcoming changes to occurrence reporting requirements, please refer to the ATSB website at: www.atsb.gov.au/about/atsb/legislation/transport-safety-investigation-regulations-2022-explained

4. CANCELLATION

4.1 This AIC self-cancels at 202303221600 UTC.

5. DISTRIBUTION

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