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DEPARTURE AND APPROACH PROCEDURES (DAP) CHARTS MINIMA DEPICTION FOR CATEGORY D-LARGE AEROPLANES

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This AIC provides advice to Category D-Large (D_L) aeroplane operators on the use of published precision approach Category I and II DA/H in Australia.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Category D_L aeroplane operators, including A380, can only use the published precision approach Category I and II DA/H for procedures where the minima have been assessed for Category D_L aeroplanes. For other procedures, they can use any published Category D minima.
- 2.2 The current instrument approach procedure charts in the Australian AIP Departure and Approach Procedures (DAP) do not indicate whether the minima have been assessed for Category D_L aeroplanes.

- 2.3 ILS and GLS approach charts in the AIP DAP will be updated for the 20 March 2025 AIRAC to specify the availability of published minima for Category D_L operations, as per the following example where the category D column title is replaced by D/D_L. The example below assumes that the Category D_L DA/H will not differ from Category D DA/H, or that the more conservative DA/H will be published for both:

CATEGORY	A	B	C	D/D _L
S-I ILS CAT I	250 (207) 0.8 550 RVR			
S-I LOC	550 (507-2.0)			
CIRCLING*	760 (693-2.4)	1440 (1373-4.0)	1440 (1373-5.0)	
ALTERNATE	(1193-4.4)	(1873-6.0)	(1873-7.0)	

- 2.4 Until the minima boxes on AIP DAP charts are updated, pilots and operators will be advised by location specific NOTAM if the precision approach DA/H have been assessed for Category D_L aeroplanes. If there is **not** a NOTAM of this kind issued for a location, then this indicates that any precision approach DA/H at that location has not been evaluated for Category D_L operations and therefore cannot be used by Category D_L aircraft.
- 2.5 The relevant NOTAM will be withdrawn when the AIP DAP charts are updated.
- 2.6 The DAP General Information will be updated for the 20 March 2025 AIRAC to provide clarification.

3. CANCELLATION

- 3.1 This AIC will self-cancel 202503191600.

4. DISTRIBUTION

- 4.1 Aircservices Australia website only.