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Email: 452sqndar.opscdr@defence.gov.au Phone: 0408 809 864**DARWIN AERODROME (YPDN) ONGOING
PROVISION OF AERODROME FLIGHT
INFORMATION SERVICE (AFIS)****1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 This AIP SUP cancels and replaces SUP H91/23, with the addition of paragraph 2.3.
- 1.2 Since July 2022, Darwin Air Traffic Control has reverted to provision of an AFIS at Darwin International Airport (DIA) between the hours of 2200 and 0600 Local - daily.
- 1.3 Due to ongoing operational restrictions, it is anticipated that this arrangement will continue until at least 20 November 2024.
- 1.4 This AIP SUP publishes the associated temporary restricted area (TRA) and provides details on AFIS procedures at YPDN.

2. AIRSPACE DIMENSIONS

- 2.1 To facilitate the AFIS operations, TRA R983 has been declared by CASA Office of Airspace Regulation (oar@casa.gov.au):

Temporary Restricted Area R983

Lateral Limits: Within the *Designated Airspace Handbook (DAH)*, published volumes known as DARWIN CONTROL ZONE (C), DARWIN CTA C1, DARWIN CTA C2, DARWIN CTA C3, and DARWIN CTA C4.

Vertical Limits: SFC – 8500

Hours of Activity: 2200 – 0600 Local, daily (1230-2030 UTC)

Controlling Authority: Department of Defence

- 2.2 The Controlling Authority for R983 is the Department of Defence (RAAF). Point of contact is the Flight Commander 452 Squadron, Darwin Flight, contactable on 08 7929 4028.
- 2.3 For operations above 8500FT within 40NM YPDN, contact BN CEN on 129.85.

3. AFIS PROCEDURES

- 3.1 An AFIS is provided at DIA between 2200-0600 Local (1230-2030 UTC). When an AFIS is provided, an aerodrome and approach control service is not available. A traffic information and Search and Rescue (SAR)/alerting service is provided to all aircraft operating within R983 and on the manoeuvring area.
- 3.2 Mandatory Broadcast Procedures apply within R983 as per *AIP ENR 1.1 section 12*. Callsign 'DARWIN INFORMATION' is available on frequency 133.1 MHz to provide any traffic or clarifying information during the AFIS period and is staffed by an endorsed Darwin aerodrome controller.
- 3.3 Prior to operating on the manoeuvring area or in R983 pilots/operators must contact DARWIN INFORMATION by telephone on 08 7929 4816 or on frequency 133.1 MHz for access authority. Authorisation to enter R983 does not constitute clearance to enter any adjacent or embedded restricted areas.
- 3.4 The carriage and use of two radios is required for entry into R983.
- 3.5 Departing IFR aircraft shall contact Brisbane Centre on frequency 118.15 MHz with taxi call.
- 3.6 TCAS and transponder equipment must be selected on at all times.
- 3.7 The Pilot In Command (PIC) is solely responsible for terrain and collision avoidance within R983. The PIC should display all external lighting to assist with visual identification.
- 3.8 Aerodrome weather information is available on ATIS 128.25. Aerodrome Frequency Response Unit (AFRU) is available on 133.1. Aerodrome Rescue and Firefighting will monitor 133.1 for aircraft requiring emergency services and are available by telephone on 08 8920 4810.

4. AFIS SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

- 4.1 The preferred runway will be advertised on Darwin ATIS. Use of this runway is encouraged to reduce reciprocal direction conflicts between departures and arrivals.

- 4.2 Preferred taxi routing is subject to current airfield works. These routes will be detailed in separate *AIP SUP* as applicable.
- 4.3 The Darwin ATIS contains all normal weather and operational information pertinent to the aerodrome. Pilots In Command of ACARS-capable aircraft should note that due to technical limitations, accurate ATIS may not be available by ACARS and they should monitor 128.25.
- 4.4 In accordance with *AIP ENR 1.1 Section 10.2*, SARWATCH is automatically cancelled without the need to report to ATS when landing at YPDN during AFIS hours

5. CANCELLATION

- 5.1 This SUP will remain in effect until such time as air traffic services at DIA return to those promulgated in DAH (currently expected to be no earlier than 20 November 2024).

6. DISTRIBUTION

- 6.1 Airservices Australia website only.