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MILITARY EXERCISE, 'HIGH SIERRA' AND 'CRIMSON DAWN', NORTHERN TERRITORY, 23 NOVEMBER – 11 DECEMBER 2026

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 This AIP SUP cancels and replaces SUP H147/26, with changes to para 2.2.1 and the effective time.

1.2 Elements of the Royal Australian Air Force will be conducting Exercise HIGH SIERRA 2026-2 (HS26-2) and Exercise CRIMSON DAWN 2026-2 (CD26-2) over the period 23 November – 11 December 2026. The exercise involves tactical flying activities with aircraft operating from Tindal Aerodrome (YPTN).

1.3 This AIP SUP describes the airspace, timings, access and procedures associated with this activity.

2. AIRSPACE

2.1 Military Flying Exercise Airspace

2.1.1 Permanent Restricted Areas (RA) and Danger Areas (DA) will be activated to facilitate military flying over the activity period.

2.1.2 Airspace users should refer to local area (TNX) NOTAM to confirm activation timings for Special Use Airspace (SUA).

2.1.3 The following SUA will be activated for HS26-2 and CD26-2 (see Appendix 1 for a graphical depiction of the airspace):

AREA	VERTICAL LIMITS	HOURS
R225ABCDEF	9500 – FL600	NOTAM
R232	SFC – FL600	NOTAM
R238	3500 – FL600	NOTAM
R245	9500 – FL600	NOTAM
R247	4000 – 9500	NOTAM
R248	4000 – 9500	NOTAM
R249AB	1500 – FL300	NOTAM
R250	SFC – 9500	NOTAM
R251	9500 – FL300	NOTAM
R276BCD	FL250 – FL600	NOTAM
D209	SFC – 2500	NOTAM
D210	SFC – BCTA	As per DAH

2.2 Activation windows

2.2.1 Expected airspace timings are indicated below, however these are subject to change and pilots should refer to NOTAM for accurate activation periods.

Week 1 (23 – 27 NOV 26)		
	Local time (l/K)	**UTC time**
MON, WED – THU	0900 – 1730	2330 – 0800
TUE and FRI	0900 – 1430	2330 – 0500
Week 2 (30 NOV – 04 DEC 26)		
	Local time (l/K)	**UTC time**
MON, WED – THU	0900 – 1730	2330 – 0800
TUE and FRI	0900 – 1430	2330 – 0500
Week 3 (07 – 11 DEC 26)		
	Local time (l/K)	**UTC time**
MON – WED	0900 – 1730	2330 – 0800
THU – FRI	NOTAM	NOTAM

2.3 Airspace activation for other military activities

2.3.1 R224A Mt Bundey airspace may be activated up to FL125 while R224B Mt Bundey airspace may not be activated during HS26-2 and CD26-2 airspace activation windows.

2.3.2 R226AB Tindal airspace may be activated for other military flying activities in accordance with normal NOTAM requirements. The highest level for activation during the Military Flying Exercise airspace activation windows shall be FL270. Higher upper levels are available outside of HS26-2 and CD26-2 airspace activation windows.

2.3.3 R228AB Mt Bundey airspace may not be activated during the Military Flying Exercise airspace activation windows.

2.3.4 Tindal permanent airspace, including Bradshaw and Delamere airspace, may be activated for other military activities in accordance with normal NOTAM requirements.

3. ACCESS TO HS26-2 AND CD26-2 AIRSPACE

3.1 Non-exercise aircraft should not expect access through active restricted areas described above. Procedures described in AIP apply.

3.2 No ATS will be provided to civilian aircraft requiring transit of the exercise airspace under the control of Defence. ATS will only be available within DAR CTR, DAR CTA, TDL CTR, TDL R249 and any exercise airspace released to Brisbane Centre.

3.3 Every endeavour will be made to adjust exercise activities and minimise delays to facilitate transit of non-exercise aircraft engaged in Border Force tasks or diverting around weather.

3.4 D209

3.4.1 The Victoria Highway Corridor will be available during HS26-2 and CD26-2 activation periods. Victoria Highway Corridor procedures are specified in ERSA under the Tindal Flight Procedures entry.

3.5 Aerial mustering operations

3.5.1 Requests for aerial mustering operations Tuesday to Friday must be emailed to TDL.airspacecell@defence.gov.au at least 48 hours prior to the planned activity. Requests for Monday operations must be emailed prior to 0800 Local on the preceding Thursday. A Restricted Operating Zone (ROZ) will be established for notified aerial mustering operations, which military aircraft will plan to avoid. Prepositioning of aerial mustering aircraft should be accomplished outside of airspace activation windows.

4. MILITARY AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS

4.1 High-speed military jet aircraft, without communications, will be operating within danger areas during NOTAM activation periods. Traffic information will not be provided to or about military aircraft operating in danger areas.

4.2 Noise sensitive areas

4.2.1 Military aircraft will plan to avoid known sensitive areas, and comply with Fly Neighbourly Advice.

5. PRIORITIES

5.1 Non-exercise aircraft with a declared emergency, radio failure, participating in activities for the preservation of life or property (SAR, MED, POL or FFR), or on operational taskings will be afforded priority for access to the exercise airspace.

6. CANCELLATION

6.1 This SUP self-cancels at 202612111430 UTC.

7. DISTRIBUTION

7.1 Airservices Australia website only.

Appendix

1. HS26-2 and CD26-2 2026 Airspace

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