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DARWIN AERODROME (YPDN) COORDINATOR – PROCEDURES FOR MILITARY EXERCISES, 26 MAY - 07 AUG 2026

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This AIP SUP cancels and replaces SUP H51/26, with amendments to Section 2.
- 1.2 From 26 May to 07 August 2026, Darwin Aerodrome (YPDN) will see a significant increase in traffic due to military exercises.
- 1.3 To effectively manage the significantly increased traffic demand, a new ATC position has been created called Darwin Coordinator (COORD).
- 1.4 The procedures below describe the role of COORD, when the position will be active, and amended procedures for pilots.

2. PROCEDURES

- 2.1 COORD is an extension of Darwin Ground (SMC) and will assume some SMC duties.
- 2.2 COORD will be active during peak departure windows. Notification of activation will be via ATIS.
- 2.3 When COORD is active, the voice-transmitted ATIS will broadcast the following message:

“START CLEARANCE REQUIRED, CONTACT DARWIN ON 120.5 FOR START OR PUSHBACK”

Note: Digital ATIS will identify the position as “DARWIN COORD”.

- 2.4 After receiving an airways clearance, aircraft shall contact COORD on 120.5 for start or pushback, instead of Darwin Ground.
- 2.5 Aircraft requesting movement on the airfield (e.g.: positioning for engine runs) without departing, shall contact SMC.
- 2.6 Aircraft departing the CTR at or below 1,000FT AMSL shall contact COORD for airways clearance.
- 2.7 On initial contact, aircraft shall provide flight details and advise estimated time to taxi.
- 2.8 Once start or pushback is approved, aircraft shall report ready for taxi with COORD and advise in receipt of the ATIS, preferred departure holding point and POB if applicable. Aircraft requesting engine runs immediately prior to departure, should advise COORD.

Note: There is no requirement to advise Darwin Ground of the above information when COORD is active.

3. CANCELLATION

- 3.1 This SUP self-cancels at 202608070930 UTC.

4. DISTRIBUTION

- 4.1 Airservices Australia website only.