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RVSM HEIGHT-KEEPING PERFORMANCE MONITORING

1. PURPOSE

This AIC serves to inform the industry of the requirement for monitoring height-keeping performance of aircraft that operate in RVSM airspace (i.e. Flight level 290 – 410 inclusive), where a vertical separation of 1,000 feet is applied between RVSM-approved aircraft.

2. DEFINITIONS AND ACRONYMS

AFI African Indian Region
ARMA AFI Regional Monitoring Agency
CAAB Civil Aviation Authority of Botswana
ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization
RVSM Reduced Vertical Separation Minimum

3. REQUIREMENTS

- 3.1 CAAB requires all holders of RVSM approvals issued by the Authority to participate in a regional height-keeping performance monitoring program. This requirement is in line with the provisions of ICAO Annex 6, and is intended to ensure safety of operations in RVSM airspace.
- 3.2 Height-keeping performance monitoring reports should be provided to the CAAB by RVSM monitoring agencies as per Regulation 18.(4) of the Civil Aviation (Equipment and Instruments) Regulations 2013. The objective is to enable safety assessments and implementation of immediate corrective action for aircraft identified in such reports as not complying with height-keeping performance requirements for operations in airspace where RVSM is applied.
- 3.3 Initial monitoring should be completed as soon as possible but **not later than six (6) months** after the issue of RVSM approval. Thereafter, recurrent monitoring should be done at least once every 2 years or 1000 flight hours, unless otherwise recommended by ARMA.

3.4 RVSM approval holders who wish to maintain their approvals are required to satisfy these monitoring requirements, including any other long term monitoring requirements, and arrange to have height-keeping performance monitoring reports sent directly to CAAB by the Regional Monitoring Agency.

4. RVSM HEIGHT MONITORING PROCEDURE

4.1 The task of monitoring RVSM in the AFI Region has been assigned to AFI Regional Monitoring Agency (ARMA).

4.2 Once an air operator obtains RVSM Operational Approval, the operator must contact ARMA (*see contact details in Paragraph 7.1 below*) to arrange for an initial height monitoring flight(s) within six (6) months and make plans for long term monitoring as per Paragraph 3.3 above. Ad hoc height monitoring flights may also be required in the interests of RVSM safety due to extraordinary circumstances.

4.3 In some cases it is possible to conduct height monitoring during a normal scheduled flight. In any case, an air operator must arrange with ARMA and ensure that height monitoring requirements are met and communicated to all parties involved.

5. APPLICABILITY OF MONITORING FROM OTHER REGIONS

Monitoring data obtained in conjunction with RVSM monitoring programs from other regions can be accepted by CAAB as meeting requirements provided ARMA confirms the same.

6. FOLLOW-ON MONITORING

Monitoring is an ongoing program that will continue after the RVSM approval process. Operators should carry out follow-on sampling program for additional operator aircraft as follows:

(a) **Scheduled Operators** should subject a minimum number of each of the type of aircraft to height monitoring every two (2) years or 1000 flight hours per nominated aircraft whichever is longer as per Appendix 1 of this Circular. A rotation program should be established so that all the aircraft of the same type are subjected to height monitoring over a period of time.

(b) **Non-scheduled Operators & General Aviation Operators** should subject each of their RVSM compliant aircraft for height monitoring every 24 months or 1000 flight hours per nominated aircraft, whichever is longer.

7. POINT OF CONTACT

7.1 Air operators should contact ARMA at the address below to request height monitoring:

AFI Regional Monitoring Agency

Tel: +27 11 928 6506

Fax: +27 11 928 6546

E-mail: afirma@atns.co.za

Additional information is available on-line at www.atns.co.za/afi-rvsm

7.2 Air operators have a responsibility to arrange for direct transmittal of height-keeping monitoring reports directly from ARMA to the Authority.

REFERENCES

- *Civil Aviation (Equipment and Instruments) Regulations, Regulation 18*
- *CAAB General Advisory Circular (GAC)-006, as amended*
- *ICAO Annex 6*

APPENDIX 1

Table 1: MONITORING REQUIREMENTS TABLE

MONITORING IS REQUIRED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS TABLE		
NOTE: MONITORING PRIOR TO THE ISSUE OF RVSM APPROVAL IS NOT A REQUIREMENT		
CATEGORY	AIRCRAFT GROUP	MINIMUM OPERATOR MONITORING FOR EACH AIRCRAFT GROUP
1	GROUP APPROVED: DATA INDICATES COMPLIANCE WITH THE RVSM MASPS	Two airframes from each fleet of an operator to be monitored
	A124, A300, A306, A310-GE, A310-PW, A318, A320, A330, A340, A345, A346, A3ST, AVRO, B712, B727, B737CL, B737C, B737NX, B747CL, B74S, B744-5, B744-10, B752, B753, B767, B764, B772, B773, BD100, CL600, CL604, CL605, C17, C525, C560, C56X, C650, C680, C750, CARJ, CRJ7, CRJ9, DC10, E135-145, E170-190, F100, F900, FA10, GALX, GLEX, GLF4, GLF5, H25B-800, J328, KC135, LJ40, LJ45, LJ60, MD10, MD11, MD80, MD90, PRM1, T154	

2	GROUP APPROVED: INSUFFICIENT DATA ON APPROVED AIRCRAFT	Other group aircraft other than those listed above including: A148, A380, AC95, AN72, ASTR, ASTR-SPX, B701, B703, B703-E3, B731, B732, BD700, BE20, BE30, BE40, B744-LCF, B748, C130, C500, C25A, C25B, C25C, C441, C5, C510, C550-552, C550-B, C550-II, C550-SII, D328, DC85, DC86-87, DC93, DC95, E120, E50P, EA50, F2TH, F70, FA20, FA50, FA7X, G150, GLF2, GLF2B, GLF3, H25B-700, H25B-750, H25C, HA4T, IL62, IL76, IL86, IL96, L101, L29B-2, L29B-731, LJ31, LJ35-36, LJ55, MU30, P180, PC12, SB20, SBR1, SBR2, T134, T204, T334, TBM, WW24, YK42	60% of airframes (round up if fractional) from each fleet of an operator or individual monitoring
3	Non-Group	Non-group approved aircraft	100% of aircraft shall be monitored

Table 2: MONITORING GROUPS FOR AIRCRAFT CERTIFIED UNDER GROUP APPROVAL REQUIREMENTS

Monitoring Group	A/C ICAO CODE	A/C Type	A/C Series
A124	A124	AN-124 RUSLAN	ALL SERIES
A148	A148	AN-148	100
A300	A30B	A300	B2-100, B2-200, B4-100, B4-100F, B4-120, B4-200, B4-200F, B4-220, B4-220F, C4-200
A306	A306	A300	600, 600F, 600R, 620, 620R, 620RF
A310-GE	A310	A310	200, 200F, 300, 300F
A310-PW	A310	A310	220, 220F, 320
A318	A318	A318	ALL SERIES
A320	A319 A320 A321	A319 A320 A321	CJ, 110, 130 110, 210, 230 110, 130, 210, 230
A330	A332 A333	A330 A330	200, 220, 240 300, 320, 340
A340	A342 A343	A340 A340	210 310
A345	A345	A340	500, 540
A346	A346	A340	600, 640
A380	A388	A380	800, 840, 860
A3ST	A3ST	A300	600R ST BELUGA
AC95	AC95	AERO COMMANDER 695	A
AN72	AN72	AN-72 AN-74	ALL SERIES
ASTR	ASTR	1125 ASTRA	ALL SERIES
ASTR-SPX	ASTR	1125 ASTR SPX, G100	ALL SERIES
AVRO	RJ1H RJ70 RJ85	AVRO AVRO AVRO	RJ100 RJ70 RJ85
B701	B701	B707	100, 120B
B703	B703	B707	320, 320B, 320C
B703-E3	B703	B707	E-3
B712	B712	B717	200
B727	B721 B722	B727 B727	100, 100C, 100F, 100QF 200, 200F
B731	B731	B737	100
B732	B732	B737	200, 200C
B737CL	B733 B734 B735	B737 B737 B737	300 400 500

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B737NX	B736 B737 B738 B739	B737 B737 B737 B737	600 700, BBJ 800, BBJ2 900
B737C	B737	B737	700C
B747CL	B741 B742 B743	B747 B747 B747	100, 100B, 100F 200B, 200C, 200F, 200SF 300
B74S	B74S	B747	SR, SP
B744-5	B744	B747	400, 400D, 400F (With 5 inch Probes up to SN 25350)
B744-10	B744	B747	400, 400D, 400F (With 10 inch Probes from SN 25351)
B744-LCF	B744	B747	LCF
B748	B748	B747	8F, 81
B752	B752	B757	200, 200PF, 200SF
B753	B753	B757	300
B767	B762 B763	B767 B767	200, 200EM, 200ER, 200ERM, 300, 300ER, 300ERF
B764	B764	B767	400ER
B772	B772	B777	200, 200ER, 200LR, 200LRF
B773	B773	B777	300, 300ER
BD100	CL30	CHALLENGER 300	ALL SERIES
BD700	GL5T	GLOBAL 5000	ALL SERIES
BE20	BE20	200 KINGAIR	ALL SERIES
BE30	BE30	B300 SUPER KINGAIR B300 SUPER KINGAIR 350	ALL SERIES
BE40	BE40	BEECHJET 400 BEECHJET 400A BEECHJET 400XP HAWKER 400XP	ALL SERIES
C130	C130	HERCULES	H, J
C17	C17	C-17 GLOBEMASTER 3	ALL SERIES
C441	C441	CONQUEST II	ALL SERIES
C5	C5	C5	ALL SERIES
C500	C500	500 CITATION 500 CITATION I 501 CITATION I SINGLE PILOT	ALL SERIES
C510	C510	MUSTANG	ALL SERIES
C525	C525	525 CITATIONJET 525 CITATIONJET I 525 CITATIONJET PLUS	ALL SERIES
C25A	C25A	525A CITATIONJET II	ALL SERIES
C25B	C25B	CITATIONJET III 525B CITATIONJET III	ALL SERIES
C25C	C25C	525C CITATIONJET IV	ALL SERIES
C550-552	C550	552 CITATION II (USN)	ALL SERIES

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C550-B	C550	550 CITATION BRAVO	ALL SERIES
C550-II	C550	550 CITATION II 551 CITATION II SINGLE PILOT	ALL SERIES
C550-SII	C550	S550 CITATION SUPER II	ALL SERIES
C560	C560	560 CITATION V 560 CITATION V ULTRA 560 CITATION V ENCORE	ALL SERIES
C56X	C56X	560 CITATION EXCEL	ALL SERIES
C650	C650	650 CITATION III 650 CITATION VI 650 CITATION VII	ALL SERIES
C680	C680	680 CITATION SOVEREIGN	
C750	C750	750 CITATION X	ALL SERIES
CARJ	CRJ1 CRJ2 CRJ2 CRJ2	REGIONALJET REGIONA LJET CHALLENGER 800 CHALLENGER 850	100, 100ER, 200, 200ER, 200LR ALL SERIES ALL SERIES
CRJ7	CRJ7	REGIONALJET	700, 700ER, 700LR
CRJ9	CRJ9	REGIONALJET	900, 900ER, 900LR
CL600	CL60	CL-600 CL-601	CL-600-ALL SERIES CL-601-ALL SERIES,
CL604	CL60	CL-604	CL-604- ALL SERIES
CL605	CL60	CL-605	CL-605- ALL SERIES
DC10	DC10	DC-10	10, 10F, 15, 30, 30F, 40, 40F
D328	D328	328 TURBOPROP	100
DC85	DC85	DC-8	50, 50F
DC86-87	DC86 DC87	DC-8 DC-8	61, 62, 63 71, 72, 73
DC93	DC93	DC-9	30, 30F
DC95	DC95	DC-9	51
E135-145	E135 E145	EMB-135 EMB-145	ALL SERIES
E170-190	E170 E170 E190 E190	EMB-170 EMB-175 EMB-190 EMB-195	ALL SERIES
E120	E120	EMB-120 BRASILIA	ALL SERIES
E50P	W50P	PHENOM 100	ALL SERIES
EA50	EA50	ECLIPSE	ALL SERIES
F100	F100	FOKKER 100	ALL SERIES
F2TH	F2TH	FALCON 2000 FALCON 2000-EX FALSON 2000LX	ALL SERIES
F70	F70	FOKKER 70	ALL SERIES
F900	F900	FALCON 900 FALCON 900DX	ALL SERIES

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		FALCON 900EX	
FA10	FA10	FALCON 10	ALL SERIES
FA20	FA20	FALCON 20 FALCON 200	ALL SERIES
FA50	FA50	FALCON 50 FALCON 50EX	ALL SERIES
FA7X	FA7X	FALCON 7X	ALL SERIES
G150	G150	G150	ALL SERIES
GALX	GALX	1126 GALAXY G200	ALL SERIES
GLEX	GLEX	BD-700 GLOBAL EXPRESS	ALL SERIES
GLF2	GLF2	GULFSTREAM II (G- 1159)	ALL SERIES
GLF2B	GLF2	GULFSTREAM IIB (G- 1159B)	ALL SERIES
GLF3	GLF3	GULFSTREAM III (G- 1159A)	ALL SERIES
GLF4	GLF4	GULFSTREAM IV (G- 1159C) G300 G350 G400 G450	ALL SERIES
GLF5	GLF5	GULFSTREAM V (G- 1159D) G500 G550	ALL SERIES
H25B-700	H25B	BAE 125 / HS125	700A, 700B
H25B-750	H25B	HAWKER 750	ALL SERIES
H25B-800	H25B	BAE 125 / HS125 HAWKER 800XP HAWKER 800XPI HAWKER 800 HAWKER 850XP HAWKER 900XP HAWKER 950XP	800A, 800B ALL SERIES
H25C	H25C	HAWKER 1000	ALL SERIES
HA4T	HA4T	HAWKER 4000	ALL SERIES
IL62	IL62	ILYUSHIN-62	ALL SERIES
IL76	IL76	ILYUSHU-76	ALL SERIES
IL86	IL86	ILYUSHIN-86	ALL SERIES
IL96	IL96	ILYUSHIN-96	ALL SERIES
J328	J328	328JET	ALL SERIES
KC135	B703	KC-135	ALL SERIES
L101	L101	L-1011 TRISTAR	ALL SERIES
L29B-2	L29B	L-1329 JETSTAR 2	ALL SERIES
L29B-731	L29B	L-1329 JETSTAR 731	ALL SERIES
LJ31	LJ31	LEARJET 31	ALL SERIES
LJ35-36	LJ35	LEARJET 35	ALL SERIES

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	LJ36	LEARJET 36	ALL SERIES
LJ40	LJ40	LEARJET 40	ALL SERIES
LJ45	LJ45	LEARJET 45	ALL SERIES
LJ55	LJ55	LEARJET 55	ALL SERIES
LJ60	LJ60	LEARJET 60	ALL SERIES
MD10	MD10	MD-10	ALL SERIES
MD11	MD11	MD-11	COMBI, ER, FREIGHTER, PASSENGER
MD80	MD81 MD82 MD83 MD87 MD88	MD-80 MD-80 MD-80 MD-80 MD-80	81 82 83 87 88
MD90	MD90	MD-90	30, 30ER
MU30	MU30	MU-300 DIAMOND	1A
P180	P180	P-180 AVANTI	ALL SERIES
PC12	PC12	PC-12	ALL SERIES
PRM1	PRM1	PREMIER 1	ALL SERIES
SB20	SB20	SAAB 2000	ALL SERIES
SBR1	SBR1	SABRELINER 40 SABRELINER 60 SABRELINER 65	ALL SERIES
SBR2	SBR2	SABRELINER 80	ALL SERIES
T134	T134	TU-134	A, B
T154	T154	TU-154	A, B, M, S
T204	T204 T224 T234	TU-204 TU-224 TU-234	100, 100C, 120RR 200, 214, C
T334	T334	TU-334	ALL SERIES
TBM	TBM7 TBM8	TBM-700 TBM-850	ALL SERIES
WW24	WW24	1124 WESTWIND	ALL SERIES
YK42	YK42	YAK-42	ALL SERIES