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Implementation of the Global Reporting Format (GRF)

for Runway Surface Conditions

The Civil Aviation Authority of El Salvador (CAA), in accordance and compliance with the provisions of Article 7 paragraph 4 of the Organic Law of Civil Aviation, notifies all personnel involved that:

On 03 June 2024, ICAO's Global Reporting Format (GRF) has been implemented at the international airports of the country: El Salvador International Airport, San Oscar Arnulfo Romero y Galdámez (MSLP) and Ilopango International Airport (MSSS).

The GRF is a new ICAO methodology which intends to reduce the safety risks related to runway excursions by enabling a harmonized assessment and reporting of runway surface conditions and by enabling also an improved flight crew assessment of take-off and landing performance.

The runway surface assessment is conducted by a trained observer (airport operations staff) who incorporates the outcome of the evaluation into a standard Runway Condition Report (RCR), which is then forwarded to the aeronautical information services for transmission by SNOWTAM to the air traffic services and to the Automatic terminal information service (ATIS). Transmission to pilots of RCR content will be by airport as follows:

MSLP	By air traffic controllers through the frequency. Not available by ATIS.
MSSS	By ATIS and if necessary, by air traffic controllers through the frequency.

One important element of the GRF is the facility for flight crew to provide air traffic controllers with their own observations of runway surface conditions and reports of runway braking action. This information is used to confirm the Runway Condition Code (RWYCC) or provide an alert to changing conditions.

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