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THE USE OF THE COMMON BROADCASTING FREQUENCY 122.8 MHz

The use of **frequency 122.8 MHz** known as the **Common Broadcasting Frequency (CBF)** in Belize, is mandatory within the Aerodrome Traffic Zone (ATZ) of any aerodrome which does not have an Air Traffic Control Unit.

(In this context the ATZ is defined as that airspace extending from the surface to a height of 2,000 feet above the level of the aerodrome and within a distance of 1½ nautical miles around the boundaries of the aerodrome.)

The following is strongly requested from all pilots flying at our airports/airstrips:

1. Pilots are to broadcast **blind** their position and intentions while operating in the ATZ of any of these aerodromes prior to landing and departing.
2. Pilots are also required to report aircraft movements to Belize Approach on frequency 121.0 MHz prior to entering or departing the ATZ of any of these aerodromes.
3. Pilots should always report aircraft movements to Belize Air Traffic Control (Approach or Aerodrome Control), so that Controllers can at all times provide Flight Information Service to all aircraft under their control.
4. Pilots should render all cooperation if ATC is to continue to provide up to date traffic information and be able to assist during inclement weather and most important in search and rescue activities during an emergency.
5. Pilots are requested to make proper use of the CBF by transmitting only essential traffic information **utilizing the correct phraseology**. All unnecessary “RT chatter” **must stop** for frequency 122.8 MHz to serve its purpose. Recently this frequency is being misused. The Civil Aviation Department will continue to monitor this frequency and **will record any unnecessary RT chatter and will take disciplinary action on any pilot misusing this frequency**.

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