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I. INTRODUCTION

Air Traffic Control Services in Belize is provided in accordance with ICAO Standard and Recommended Practices, the Belize Civil Aviation Regulations (BCARs), the ICAO Document 4444 (Air Traffic Management), Belize Manual of Air Traffic Services, Annex 2, Annex 11 and any other Air Traffic Control Bulletin or Instruction that may be issued from time to time.

The following are revised operational procedures for the suspension of VFR and Special VFR flights at the Philip S. W. Goldson International Airport when radar services or approach control service is being provided and enters into effect immediately:

II. SUSPENSION OF VFR OPERATIONS.

VFR operations will be suspended when:

- a. the cloud ceiling is less than 1,500 feet (450 metres); or
- b. the ground visibility is less than 5 Kilometres

III. AUTHORIZATION OF SPECIAL VFR OPERATIONS

When the ground visibility is less than 5 Kilometres and not less than 1,500 metres, and when traffic conditions permit, Special VFR flights may be authorized by Goldson Radar to: enter the control zone for the purpose of landing, take off and depart from the control zone or transit the control zone. Request for such authorization shall be handled individually and when there is no instrument traffic over head the VOR or in the control zone and such request must be originated by the pilot in command of the aircraft concerned.

Clearances issued by Goldson Radar/Approach Control unit shall provide separation:

- a) between all IFR flights and Special VFR flights.
- b) between all Special VFR flights.
- c) The aircraft must be equipped with a functioning radio receiver, transponder equipped Mode C and the pilot must agree to maintain continuous air – ground voice communication watch, as instructed by ATC on 121.0 MHz.
- e) If the aircraft is not equipped with a radio receiver and transponder it will not be granted a SVFR clearance to enter the control zone.

IV. SUSPENSION OF SPECIAL VFR OPERATIONS

Special VFR operations will be suspended when:

a) the ground visibility is less than 1,500 metres.

For practical purposes, the visibility to be considered by Goldson Radar will be that last reported by the National Meteorological Service which included the hourly, half hourly METARs and SPECI Reports.

Special VFR clearances are under the responsibility of the Goldson Radar Control/Approach Control Unit.

All aircraft departing from the Belize City Municipal Airstrip and desiring a Special VFR clearance to land at the PGIA must contact Goldson Radar immediately after airborne. Pilots should not attempt to enter the aerodrome traffic zone at PGIA without an ATC clearance.

Pilots are hereby requested to become cognizant with these procedures. Kindly call on this Department or the Radar room for any clarifications you may need.

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