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Transition to Electronic AIP (eAIP)

The Central American Corporation for Air Navigation Services (COCESNA), has acquired a centralized database system – the Aeronautical Information Exchange Model (AIXM) 5.1 for the production of the electronic AIP (eAIP) and Aeronautical Cartography which the States of Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua will be using to manage their data and the production of their respective eAIP and the Central American eAIP.

The eAIP is a format developed by EUROCONTROL which structures the documents from a centralized database whose objective is to allow a harmonized display in electronic form of the AIP contents that should be provided in accordance with the Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).

This transition towards the eAIP is estimated to be completed in the first semester of 2017 on an AIRAC date yet to be defined, whereby it will transition to a functional eAIP entirely generated from the database. This will bring benefits in the integrity of data and improved safety. Based on what is previously stated, there may be changes in the format and manner with regards to the distribution of the traditional AIP which is distributed in printed form or as a set of 'static' PDF documents online or in CD-ROM. Nonetheless compliance of the requirements and SARPs stated in Annex 15 will be met.

The first phase of the eAIP implementation does not provide an impact or effect on the aeronautical charts currently published however, the final objective is that each one is made entirely from the database. Whenever this occurs, the relevant changes will be made known.

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AIXM <http://www.aixm.aero/>

eAIP Specification <https://www.eurocontrol.int/publications/eaip-specification>

All users are reminded to visit this AIS office in accordance with the international and national Standards of ICAO.