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USE OF AERONAUTICAL MOBILE
VHF-RTF CHANNELS

The general increase in aviation has resulted in a greater volume of communication on RTF channels and at certain times these channels are subject to heavy loading. The importance of interference free communication cannot be overstressed as this is vital in maintaining the Air Traffic Services at a safe and efficient level. Care must be taken not to unnecessarily impair these services by the misuse of equipment or RTF channels.

Two areas which require special attention are:

a) The use of correct phraseology;

The general philosophy of aeronautical phraseology is to remove ambiguity in messages and strict adherence is essential to flight safety. *See attachment*

b) The use of Spanish on RFT channels;

It has been noted with great concern that **Spanish** is being used, with increasing frequency, as a means of communication on RTF channels. This presents a very grave flight safety problem as non-Spanish speaking pilots are being isolated and are unable to appreciate any given traffic situation, especially during busy periods.

In accordance with the International Standards and Recommended Practices contained in ICAO Annex 10, Vol. 11, aeronautical communications should be conducted in the **English** language. Pilots are therefore asked to desist from using Spanish on the RTF channels except when communication is not possible other than in Spanish as may be the case with General Aviation pilots from Mexico or other Spanish speaking countries.

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