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**SCOPE OF AERODROME FLIGHT INFORMATION SERVICE (AFIS)**

The purpose of this circular is to clarify the scope of Aerodrome Flight Information Service (AFIS) provided at certain aerodromes within the country. AFIS is a service provided at an aerodrome to give information useful for the safe and efficient conduct of flights in the Aerodrome Traffic Zone(ATZ).

Service offered under AFIS include:

- Meteorological information to arriving aircraft;
- Any unserviceability of the aerodrome or its equipment;
- Conditions of the landing surface (in wet weather);
- Information on essential local traffic on the manoeuvring area or in flight in the vicinity of the aerodrome;
- Relay of messages between the ACC and arriving, departing or transit aircraft.

The following non-radio service will also be provided:

- The aerodrome will be inspected and obstructions marked;
- Appropriate signals will be displayed in the signal area. (They will not include the landing T since it is for pilots to decide which runway to use);
- Local emergency services will be alerted when necessary;
- Alerting action for overdue aircraft will be initiated;
- Written or telephoned flight notification will be accepted and arrival and departure messages will be originated as necessary.

From the information received, pilots are expected to decide for themselves on the appropriate course of action to be taken to ensure the safety of flight.

The officer providing AFIS is under instruction not to give ATC clearances, instructions or advice to aircraft flying in the ATZ except for the purpose of averting a dangerous situation. Therefore, in the interest of safety, pilots should not insist on being given clearances when operating into the AFIS aerodromes. Additionally, they should query and report to TCAA

Headquarters of any instances of receiving ATC clearances whilst operating into these aerodromes.

**Call sign of AFIS Station**

The ground radio call sign at aerodromes where AFIS is being provided shall contain the suffix "INFORMATION" e.g. SONGEA INFORMATION.

**Hours of Service**

The hours of AFIS services at these aerodromes is notified in the AD 2 as amended by NOTAM. Outside these hours, the station radio is considered unmanned and will not be operated except to acknowledge distress calls. Therefore, outside the notified hours, pilots should broadcast their intention on the aerodrome frequency as required.

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