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DIRECTORATE OF AIR SERVICES,

HONG KONG.

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METEOROLOGICAL INFORMATION :

Obligation to obtain before commencing certain flights.

1. Special attention is drawn to the following provisions which come into force as from the date of this notice, and which require the person in charge of an aircraft flying along an international air route or on a regular line or service of public air transport to obtain certain meteorological information before commencing any flight.

2.—(1) The person in charge of an aircraft flying along an international air traffic route or on a regular line or service of public air transport shall—

(a) before the aircraft commences any flight, procure such information as will enable him to acquire knowledge of the general meteorological situation and of the way in which it is developing; and

(b) immediately before the departure of the aircraft on any flight ascertain, from such information as may be available at the aerodrome or other place of departure, what are the meteorological conditions anticipated along the routes he may follow for the period during which the aircraft will be flying and what are the latest observed meteorological conditions at places along such routes or at places so near to such routes as to render the meteorological conditions existing at those places significant for the purpose of the intended flight.

(2) If at any aerodrome from which an aircraft to which this paragraph relates is about to depart a forecasting service is in operation, the person in charge of the aircraft shall, for the purposes of sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) of sub-paragraph (1) of this paragraph, consult personally the meteorologist employed on that service if he is available.

3. It should be noted that meteorological information and forecasts available to the person in charge of an aircraft before the aircraft commences a flight, will not normally be transmitted to him in the air after departure.

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