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CHANGES IN TAF AND SPECI

1 — INTRODUCTION

Effective November 5th 2008, the following changes resulting from amendment 74 to ICAO Annex 3 - 'Meteorological Service for International Air Navigation' will become effective.

2 — TAF

According to ICAO recommendations, and as requested by IATA, only TAFs (Terminal Aerodrome Forecasts) with a validity period of 30 hours will be produced for the aerodromes:

- AMSTERDAM/Schiphol,
- GRONINGEN/Eelde,
- MAASTRICHT/Maastricht Aachen,
- ROTTERDAM/Rotterdam.

TAFs will be produced 4 times a day.

The validity periods will be:

0600 UTC today up to 1200 UTC tomorrow,
1200 UTC today up to 1800 UTC tomorrow,
1800 UTC today up to 2400 UTC tomorrow,
2400 UTC today up to 0600 UTC the day after tomorrow.

These TAFs will be available at least 30 minutes before the start of the validity period. TAFs are kept under continuous surveillance and will be amended whenever required according to ICAO Annex 3.

The present situation with a 9 HR and a 24 HR TAF for the above mentioned aerodromes will be discontinued. There will always be a valid TAF available for a period of at least 24 HR in advance.

3 — METAR/SPECI

Since amendment 74 to ICAO Annex 3, SPECI (or AUTO SPECI) are no longer required for aerodromes where METAR (or AUTO METAR) are available every half hour. Production of SPECI (or AUTO SPECI) for the above mentioned aerodromes will be discontinued.

This does **not** affect the availability of the (AUTO) Local Met Report, (AUTO) SPECIAL Local Met Reports for ATC and the ATIS broadcasts.

4 — CONTACT DETAILS

For questions, contact KNMI Aviation service through email: aviation@knmi.nl

5 — DOCUMENT CONTROL

The changes in TAF and SPECI availability are published in AIP amendment 12/08.

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