

THE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION **(CHICAGO CONVENTION) DIRECTIONS** **2025**

The Minister with responsibility for Civil Aviation, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by Section 3(3) of the Civil Aviation Act 2009, directs the Director of Civil Aviation regarding his responsibilities in respect of the Chicago Convention.

These Directions are given in order to ensure that the United Kingdom discharges its obligations under the Convention on International Civil Aviation done in Chicago on 7 December 1944 ("the Chicago Convention") in so far as the obligations relate to Gibraltar

Citation and commencement

1. These Directions may be cited as the Director of Civil Aviation (Chicago Convention) Directions 2025.
2. These Directions shall come into force on 01 March 2025 and revoke the Director of Civil Aviation (Chicago Convention) Directions 2019.

Definitions

3. For the purposes of these Directions:

"Annex" means an Annex to the Chicago Convention;

"CAA" means the Civil Aviation Authority;

"DCA" means the Director of Civil Aviation;

"Difference" means a difference between Gibraltar's national regulations and practices and an ICAO provision;

"ICAO" means the International Civil Aviation Organisation;

"ICAO provision" means a Standard, Recommended Practice or a PANS;

"ITC" means ICAO Technical Coordinator within the UK CAA;

"PANS" means a Procedure for Air Navigation Services adopted by ICAO;

"Recommended Practice" means any specification for physical characteristics, configuration, materiel, performance, personnel or procedure, the uniform application of which is recognized as desirable in the interests of safety, regularity or efficiency of international air navigation, and to which Contracting States will endeavour to conform in accordance with the Chicago Convention;

"Standard" means any specification for physical characteristics, configuration, materiel, performance, personnel or procedure, the uniform application of which is recognized as necessary for the safety or regularity of international air navigation and to which Contracting States will conform in accordance with the Chicago Convention;

"USOAP" means the Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme implemented by ICAO.

Application

4. Save for paragraphs 12 and 13 these Directions concern the discharge of the United Kingdom's obligations under the Chicago Convention in so far as the obligations relate to Gibraltar. Paragraph 12 of these Directions concerns the coordination of responses to State Letters relating to the Annexes and PANS. Paragraph 13 of these Directions concerns the discharge of the United Kingdom's obligations in connection with the USOAP as far these relate to Gibraltar.

Directions

5. When exercising his statutory functions, the DCA shall ensure that he acts consistently with the obligations placed on the United Kingdom under the Chicago Convention.
6. Subject to the provisions of paragraphs 7 to 10, in relation to each of the Annexes and PANS the DCA will consider whether it is necessary to amend Gibraltar aviation legislation to ensure appropriate implementation of an ICAO provision. Where the DCA considers that such an amendment is necessary he will make a proposal to the Minister with responsibility for Civil Aviation.
7. Where
 - (a) the DCA considers it inappropriate to transpose an ICAO provision into domestic legislation and
 - (b) the DCA has discretionary power to enforce the requirements of such a provision through a certificate, licence, or other means of approvalthe DCA shall develop and publish such requirements as are necessary to implement the ICAO provision and shall ensure that he is able to verify adherence to those requirements. Where the DCA chooses to adopt or make use of requirements published by another State or international organisation he shall publish a statement to this effect.
8. Where the DCA considers that it is not appropriate to take action in accordance with paragraph 7 he shall ensure that suitable alternative measures are established to secure compliance with an ICAO provision. Such measures shall be documented and published.
9. Where the DCA considers it impracticable or inappropriate to transpose an ICAO provision into Gibraltar legislation, or to take action in accordance with paragraphs 7 or 8, the DCA shall inform the Minister with responsibility for Civil Aviation prior to notifying any Difference (whether interim or permanent) to ICAO through the ITC and publishing such a Difference.
10. Where the DCA shares responsibility for an Annex with another government department, the DCA shall work with that department to establish the extent of Gibraltar

compliance with an ICAO provision and shall consult the department on the terms of any Difference to be notified to ICAO by the DCA through the ITC.

ICAO State Letters

11. In relation to the Annexes and PANS, the DCA will coordinate and submit to the ITC for onward transmission to ICAO any necessary response to an ICAO State Letter.

ICAO Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme

12. In order to provide a coherent approach to the USOAP, the DCA will liaise closely with the United Kingdom National Safety Oversight Coordinator.

Signed:



Minister with responsibility for Civil Aviation

Date: 25 February 2025

SCHEDULE

Annexes to the Chicago Convention to which this Direction Applies

Annex 1 – Personnel Licensing

Annex 2 – Rules of the Air

Annex 3 – Meteorological Service for International Air Navigation

Annex 4 – Aeronautical Charts

Annex 5 – Units of Measurement to be used in Air and Ground Operations

Annex 6 – Operations of Aircraft

Annex 7 – Aircraft Nationality and Registration Marks

Annex 8 – Airworthiness of Aircraft

Annex 9 – Facilitation

Annex 10 – Aeronautical Telecommunications

Annex 11 – Air Traffic Services

Annex 12 – Search and Rescue

Annex 13 – Aircraft Accident and Incident Investigation

Annex 14 – Aerodromes

Annex 15 – Aeronautical Information Services

Annex 16 – Environmental Protection

Annex 17 – Security

Annex 18 – The Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air

Annex 19 – Safety Management

Procedures for Air Navigation Services (PANS) to which this Direction Applies:

PANS – ABC (Abbreviations and Codes) – Doc 8400

PANS – ATM (Air Traffic Management) – Doc 4444

PANS – OPS (Aircraft Operations) – Doc 8168

Vol I – Flight Procedures

Vol. II - Construction of Visual & Instrument Flight Procedures

PANS – TRG (Training) – Doc 9868