

Aviation Group Client Update

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ICAO CHANGES FLIGHT PLAN REQUIREMENTS

On **November 15, 2012** the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Filed Flight Plan (FPL) and related messages will be subject to [new requirements](#). The new ICAO standardized flight plan form requires greater detail regarding various types of communications, navigation, and surveillance (CNS) equipment. These changes are reflected in Items 10, 15, and 18 of the new flight plan form.

| Item | Changes in Requirements |
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| 10 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Line 10a – Include communications and navigation equipment. Line 10b – Include surveillance equipment. New and revised equipment classifications. Only list equipment operator is qualified to use. Listed equipment must be present and in working condition. If equipment requires authorization, operator must have authorization. |
| 15 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Routing information updated to include use of a “significant point” as a waypoint or marker. Operator may file flight plan up to 5 days (120 hours) prior to departure. |
| 18 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formatting. Indicator definitions. Specific grammar for special handling. New qualifiers for Area Navigation (RNAV) and Required Navigation Performance (RNP). Include additional information not completely detailed in Line 10 in remarks. |

The present ICAO flight plan will not be supported after November 15, 2012. If you have any questions regarding the new ICAO requirements or how the changes will affect your operation, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

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