

GEN 2.2 ABBREVIATIONS USED IN AIS PUBLICATIONS

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A	Amber	AFM	Yes or affirm or affirmative or that is correct
AAA	(or AAB, AACetc, in sequence) Amended meteorological message (message type designator)	AFS	Aeronautical fixed service
A*	Alpha	AFT	After. (time or place)
AA*	All after...	AFTN	Aeronautical fixed telecommunication network
A/A	Air-to-air	A/G	Air-to-ground
AACC*	Area Approach Control Centre	AGA	Aerodromes, air routes and ground aids
AAL	Above aerodrome level	AGL	Above ground level
AB*	All before...	AGN	Again
ABM	Abeam	AIC	Aeronautical information circular
ABN	Aerodrome beacon	AIP	Aeronautical information publication
ABT	About	AIRAC	Aeronautical information regulation and control
ABV	Above	AIREP	Air-report
ABV*	Repeat (or I repeat) the figures in abbreviated form	AIS	Aeronautical information services
AC	Alto cumulus	ALA	Lighting area
ACAS	Airborne collision avoidance system	ALERFA	Alert phase
ACC	Area control centre or area control	ALR	Alerting (message type designator)
ACCID	Notification of an aircraft accident	ALRS	Alerting service
ACFT	Aircraft	ALS	Approach lighting system
ACK	Acknowledge	ALT	Altitude
ACL	Altimeter check location	ALTN	Alternate or alternating (light alternates in colour)
ACN	Aircraft classification number	ALTN	Alternate (aerodrome)
ACP	Acceptance (message type designator)	AMA	Area minimum altitude
ACPT	Accept or accepted	AMD	Amend or amended (used to indicate amended meteorological message, message type designator)
ACT	Active or activated or activity	AMDT	Amendment (AIP Amendment)
AD	Aerodrome	AMS	Aeronautical mobile service
ADA	Advisory area	AMSL	Above mean sea level
ADDN	Addition or additional	AMSS	Aeronautical mobile satellite service
ADF	Automatic direction-finding equipment	ANS	Answer
ADIZ	Air defence identification zone	AOC	Aerodrome obstruction chart
ADJ	Adjacent	AOC*	Assumption of control message
ADR	Advisory route	AP	Airport
ADS	Automatic dependent surveillance	APCH	Approach
ADS*	The address	APP	Approach control office or approach control service
ADSU	Automatic dependent surveillance unit	APR	April
ADVS	Advisory service	APRX	Approximate or approximately
ADZ	Advise	APSG	After passing
AES	Aircraft earth station	APV	Approve or approved or approval
AFC*	Area forecast centre		
AFIL	Flight plan filed in the air		
AFIS	Aerodrome flight information service		

AR*	End of transmission [._.].	BCFG	Fog patches
ARFOR	Area forecast (<i>in aeronautical meteorological code</i>)	BCN	Beacon (<i>aeronautical ground light</i>)
ARMET*	Forecast upper wind and temperature at specified points	BCST	Broadcast
ARNG	Arrange	BDRY	Boundary
ARO	Air traffic services reporting office	BECMG	Becoming
ARP	Aerodrome reference point	BFR	Before
ARP	Air-report (<i>message type designator</i>)	BK*	Signal used to interrupt a transmission in progress
ARQ	Automatic error correction	BKN	Broken
ARR	Arrive or arrival	BL...	Blowing (<i>followed by DU = dust, SA = Sand or SN = Snow</i>)
ARR	Arrival (<i>message type designator</i>)	BLDG	Building
ARS	Special air-report (<i>message type designator</i>)	BLO	Below clouds
ARST	Arresting (<i>specify (part of) aircraft arresting equipment</i>)	BLW	Below.
AS	Altostratus	BOMB	Bombing
AS*	Wait [._.].	BQ*	A reply to an RQ
ASC	Ascend to or ascending to	BR	Mist
ASDA	Accelerate-stop distance available	BRF	Short (<i>used to indicate the type of approach desired or required</i>)
ASPH	Asphalt	BRG	Bearing
AT...	At (<i>followed by time at which weather change is forecast to occur</i>)	BRKG	Braking
ATA	Actual time of arrival	BS	Commercial broadcasting station
ATC	Air traffic control (<i>in general</i>)	BT*	Separative sign []
ATD	Actual time of departure	BTL	Between layers
ATFM	Air traffic flow management	BTN	Between
ATIS	Automatic terminal information service	C	
ATM	Air traffic management	C	Centre (<i>runway identification</i>)
ATN	Aeronautical telecommunication network	C	Degrees Celsius (<i>Centigrade</i>)
ATP	At... (<i>time or place</i>)	CAT	Category
ATS	Air traffic services	CAT	Clear air turbulence
ATTN	Attention	CAVOK	(<i>to be pronounced "KAV-OH-KAY"</i>) Visibility, cloud and present weather better than prescribed values or conditions
ATZ	Aerodrome Traffic Zone	CB	(<i>to be pronounced "CEE BEE"</i>) Cumulonimbus
AUG	August	CC	Cirrocumulus
AUTH	Authorized or authorization	CCA	(<i>or CCB, CCC etc, in sequence</i>) Corrected meteorological message (<i>message type designator</i>)
AUW	All up weight	CD	Candela
AUX	Auxiliary	CDN	Co-ordination (<i>message type designator</i>)
AVASIS	Abbreviated visual approach slope indicator system	CF	Change frequency to
AVBL	Available or availability	CFM*	Confirm or I confirm
AVG	Average	CGL	Circling guidance light(s)
AVGAS	Aviation gasoline	CH	Channel
AWTA	Advise at what time able	CH*	This is a channel continuity check transmission to permit comparison of your record of channel sequence numbers of messages received on the channel
AWY	Airway		
AZM	Azimuth		
B			
B	Blue		
B*	Bravo		
BA	Braking action		
BASE	Cloud base		

CHG	Modification (<i>message type designator</i>)	CTF*	I am referring to the originator (<i>or...stations</i>) to answer your answer your query [or the following groups have been referred back to the originator for confirmation or correction]
CI	Cirrus		
CIDIN	Common ICAO data interchange network		
CIT	Near or over large towns		
CIV	Civil		
CK	Check	CTL	Control
CL	Centre line	CTN	Caution
CL*	I am closing my station	CTR	Control zone
CLA	Clear type of ice formation	CU	Cumulus
CLBR	Calibration	CUF	Cumuliform
CLD	Cloud	CUST	Customs
CLG	Calling	CW	Continuous wave
CLR	Clear(s) or cleared to. or clearance	CWY	Clearway
CLSD	Close or closed or closing		
CM	Centimetre	D	
CMB	Climb to or climbing to	D...	Danger area (<i>followed by identification</i>)
CMPL	Completion or completed or complete	D	Downward (<i>tendency in RVR during previous 10 minutes</i>)
CNL	Cancel or cancelled	DA	Decision altitude
CNL	Flight plan cancellation (<i>message type designator</i>)	DCD	Double channel duplex
CNS	Communications, navigation and surveillance	DCKG	Docking
COM	Communications	DCS	Double channel simplex
CON*	CONSOL	DCT	Direct (<i>in relation to flight plan clearances and type of approach</i>)
CONC	Concrete	DE*	From (<i>used to proceed the call sign of the calling station</i>)
COND	Condition	DEC	December
CONS	Continuous	DECCA*	DECCA
CONST	Construction or constructed	DEG	Degrees
CONT	Continue(s) or continued	DENEB	Fog dispersal operations
COOR	Co-ordinate or co-ordination-	DEP	Depart or departure
COP	Change-over point	DEP	Departure (<i>message type designator</i>)
COR	Correct or correction or corrected (<i>used to indicate corrected meteorological message; message type designator</i>)	DES	Descend to or descending to
COR*	Technical correction message	DEST	Destination
COT	At the coast	DETRESF	Distress phase
COV	Cover or covered or covering	A	
CP*	General call to two or more specified stations	DEV	Deviation or deviating
CPL	Current flight plan (<i>message type designator</i>)	DF*	I am connecting you to the station you request
CRZ	Cruise	DFTI	Distance from touchdown indicator
CS	Cirrostratus	DH	Decision height
CS*	Call sign (<i>used to request a call sign</i>)	DIF	Diffuse
CTA	Control area	DIST	Distance
CTAM	Climb to and maintain	DIV	Divert or diverting
CTC	Contact	DLA	Delay (<i>message type designator</i>)
		DLA	Delay or delayed
		DLY	Daily
		DME	Distance measuring equipment
		DNG	Danger or dangerous
		DOM	Domestic
		DP	Dew point temperature
		DPT	Depth

DR	Dead reckoning	EV	Every
DR...	Low drifting (<i>followed by DU = dust, SA = sand or SN = snow</i>)	EXC	Except
DRG	During	EXCER	Exercises or exercising or to exercise
DS	Duststorm	EXP	Expect or expected or expecting
DSB	Double sideband	EXTD	Extend or extending
DTAM	Descend to and maintain	F	
DTG	Date-time group	F	Fixed
DTRT	Deteriorate or deteriorating	FAC	Facilities
DTW	Dual tandem wheels	FAF	Final approach fix
DU	Dust	FAL	Facilitation of international air transport
DUC	Dense upper cloud	FAP	Final approach point
DUPE*	This is a duplicate message	FATO	Final approach and take-off area
DUR	Duration	FAWP*	Final approach way point
DVOR	Doppler VOR	FWP*	Feeder waypoint
DW	Dual wheels	FAX	Facsimile transmission
DZ	Drizzle	FBL	Light (<i>used to indicate the intensity of weather phenomena, interference of static reports, e.g. FBL RA = light rain</i>)
E		FC	Funnel cloud (<i>tornado or water spout</i>)
E	East or eastern longitude	FCST	Forecast
EAT	Expected approach time	FCT	Friction coefficient
EB	Eastbound	FEB	February
E E E*	Error	FG	Fog
EET	Estimated elapsed time	FIC	Flight information centre
EFC	Expect further clearance	FIR	Flight information region
EHF	Extremely high frequency (<i>30 000 to 300 000 MHz</i>)	FIS	Flight information service
ELBA	Emergency location beacon - aircraft	FISA	Automated flight information service
ELEV	Elevation	FL	Flight level
ELR	Extra long range	FLD	Field
EM	Emission	FLG	Flashing
EMBD	Embedded in a layer (<i>to indicate cumulonimbus embedded in layers of other clouds</i>)	FLR	Flares
EMERG	Emergency	FLT	Flight
END	Stop-end (<i>related to RVR</i>)	FLTCK	Flight check
ENE	East north east	FLUC	Fluctuating or fluctuation or fluctuated
ENG	Engine	FLW	Follow(s) or following
ENRT	En route	FLY	Fly or flying
EOBT	Estimated off-block time	FM	From
EQPT	Equipment	FM...	From (<i>followed by time weather change is forecast to begin</i>)
ER	Here...or herewith	FMU	Flow management unit
ESE	East south east	FNA	Final approach
EST	Estimate or estimated or estimate (<i>message type designator</i>)	FOT*	Units of English system
EST*	Estimated time over significant point or estimate or estimated	FPL	Filed flight plan (<i>message type designator</i>)
ETA	Estimated time of arrival or estimating arrival	FPM	Feet per minute
ETD	Estimated time of departure or estimating departure	FPR	Flight plan route
ETO	Estimated time over significant point	FR	Fuel remaining
		FREQ	Frequency
		FRI	Friday
		FRNG	Firing

FRONT	Front (<i>relating to weather</i>)	HO	Service available to meet operational requirements
FRQ	Frequent	HOL	Holiday
FSL	Full stop landing	HOSP	Hospital aircraft
FSS	Flight service station	HPA	Hectopascal
FST	First	HR	Hours
FT	Feet (<i>dimensional unit</i>)	HS	Service available during hours of scheduled operations
FU	Smoke	HURCN	Hurricane
FZ	Freezing	HVDF	High and very high frequency direction-finding stations (<i>at the same location</i>)
FZDZ	Freezing drizzle	HVY	Heavy
FZFG	Freezing fog	HVY	Heavy (<i>used to indicate the intensity of weather phenomena, e.g. HVY RA = heavy rain</i>)
FZRA	Freezing rain	HX	No specific working hours
G		HYR	Higher
G	Green	HZ	Dust haze
G*	Golf	HZ	Hertz (<i>cycle per second</i>)
GA*	Go ahead, resume sending	I	
G/A	Ground-to-air	IAC	Instrument approach chart
G/A/G	Ground-to-air and air-to-ground	IAF	Initial approach fix
GCA	Ground controlled approach system or ground controlled approach	IAL*	Instrument approach and landing chart
GEN	General	IAO	In and out of clouds
GEO	Geographic or true	IAR	Intersection of air routes
GES	Ground earth station	IAS	Indicated air speed
GLD	Glider	IAWP*	Initial approach waypoint
GND	Ground	IBN	Identification beacon
GNDCK	Ground check	IC	Diamond dust (<i>very small ice crystals in suspension</i>)
GNSS	Global navigation satellite system	ICE	Icing
GP	Glide path	ID	Identifier or identity
GPS*	Global Positioning System	IDENT	Identification
GR	Hail	IF	Intermediate approach fix
GRASS	Grass landing area	IFF	Identification friend/foe
GRID	Processed meteorological data in the form of grid point values (<i>in aeronautical meteorological code</i>)	IFR	Instrument flight rules
GRVL	Gravel	IGA	International general aviation
GS	Ground speed	ILS	Instrument landing system
GS	Small hail and/or snow pellets	IM	Inner marker
H		IMC	Instrument meteorological conditions
H24	Continuous day and night service	IMG	Immigration
HAPI	Helicopter approach path indicator	IMI*	Interrogation sign (<i>question mark</i>) [...]
HBN	Hazard beacon	IMPR	Improve or improving
HDF	High frequency direction-finding station	IMT	Immediate or immediately
HDG	Heading	INA	Initial approach
HEL	Helicopter	INBD	Inbound
HF	High frequency (<i>3 000 to 30 000 KHz</i>)	INC	In cloud
HGT	Height or height above	INCERFA	Uncertainty phase
HJ	Sunrise to sunset	INFO	Information
HLDG	Holding	INOP	Inoperative
HN	Sunset to sunrise	INP	If not possible

INPR	In progress	LF	Low frequency (30 to 300 KHz)
INS	Inertial navigation system	LGT	Light or lighting
INSTL	Install or Installed or Installation	LGTD	Lighted
INSTR	Instrument	LIH	Light intensity high
INT	Intersection	LIL	Light intensity low
INTL	International	LIM	Light intensity medium
INTRG	Interrogator	LLZ	Localizer
INTRP	Interrupt or interruption or interrupted	LM	Locator, middle
INTSF	Intensify or intensifying	LMT	Local mean time
INTST	Intensity	LNG	Long (<i>used to indicate the type of approach desired or required</i>)
IR	Ice on runway	LO*	Connect me to a perforator receiver
ISA	International standard atmosphere	LO	Locator, outer
ISB	Independent side band	LOC	Local or locally or location or located
ISOL	Isolated	LONG	Longitude
IWP*	Intermediate waypoint	LORAN	LORAN (<i>long range air navigation system</i>)
J		LR*	The last message received by me was....
JAN	January	LRG	Long range
JM*	Make a series of dashes if I may transmit. Make a series of dots to stop my transmission	LS*	The last message sent by me was (<i>or last message was</i>)
JTST	Jet stream	LSQ	Line squall
JUL	July	LTD	Limited
JUN	June	LTT	Landline teletypewriter
K		LV	Light and variable (<i>relating to wind</i>)
K*	Invitation to transmit	LVE	Leave or leaving
KA*	Start-of message signal in Morse telegraphy	LVL	Level
KG	Kilograms	LYR	Layer or layered
KHZ	Kilohertz	M	
KM	Kilometres	M	Mach Number (<i>followed by figures</i>)
KMH	Kilometres per hour	M	Metres (<i>preceded by figures</i>)
KPA	Kilopascal	MAA	Maximum authorized altitude
KT	Knots	MAG	Magnetic
KW	Kilowatts	MAHWP*	Missed approach holding waypoint
L		MAWP	Missed approach waypoint
L	Left (<i>runway identification</i>)	MAINT	Maintenance
L	Locator (<i>see LM, LO</i>)	MAP	Aeronautical maps and charts
LAM	Logical acknowledgement (<i>message type designator</i>)	MAPT	Missed approach point
LAN	Inland	MAR	At sea
LAT	Latitude	MAR	March
LCN*	Load classification number	MAS	Manual A1 simplex
LDA	Landing distance available	MAX	Maximum
LDAH	Landing distance available, helicopter	MAY	May
LDG	Landing	MC*	Multiple copy for delivery to...(number) addressees
LDI	Landing direction indicator	MCA	Minimum crossing altitude
LEFT*	Left (<i>direction indicator</i>)	MCW	Modulated continuous wave
LEN	Length	MDA	Minimum descent altitude
		MDF	Medium frequency direction finding station

MDH	Minimum descent height	MTU	Metric units
MEA	Minimum en-route altitude	MTW	Mountain waves
MEHT	Minimum eye height over threshold (<i>for visual approach slope indicator systems</i>)	MVDF	Medium and very high frequency direction-finding stations (<i>at the same location</i>)
MET	Meteorological or meteorology	MWO	Meteorological watch office
METAR	Aviation routine weather report (<i>in aeronautical meteorological code</i>)	MX	Mixed type of ice formation (<i>white and clear</i>)
MF	Medium frequency (<i>300 to 3 000 KHz</i>)		
MHDF	Medium and high frequency direction-finding stations (<i>at the same location</i>)	N	
MHVDF	Medium, high and very high frequency direction-finding stations (<i>at the same location</i>)	N	North or northern latitude
MHZ	Megahertz	N	No distinct tendency in (<i>RVR during previous 10 minutes</i>)
MID	Mid-point (<i>related to RVR</i>)	NAT	North Atlantic
MIFG	Shallow fog	NAV	Navigation
MIL	Military	NB	Northbound
MIN	Minutes	NBFR	Not before
MIS*	Missing...(<i>transmission identification</i>)	NC	No change
MKR	Marker radio beacon	ND*	I am unable to deliver message... (<i>filling number</i>) address to aircraft... (<i>Identification</i>); please notify message originator
MLS	Microwave landing system	NDB	Non-directional radio beacon
MM	Middle marker	NE	North-east
MMMM*	Connect to... stations (<i>used in multiple transmission, followed by call signs of stations</i>)	NEB	North-eastbound
MNM	Minimum	NEG	No or negative or permission not granted or that is not correct
MNPS	Minimum navigation performance specifications	NEH*	I am connecting you to to a station which will accept traffic for the station you request
MNT	Monitor or monitoring or monitored	NGT	Night
MNTN	Maintain	NIL	None of I have nothing to send to you
MOA	Military operating area	NM	Nautical miles
MOC	Minimum obstacle clearance (<i>required</i>)	NML	Normal
MOD	Moderate (<i>used to indicate the intensity of weather phenomena, interference or static report, e.g. MOD RA = moderate rain</i>)	NNE	North north east
MON	Above mountain	NNW	North north west
MON	Monday	NO*	No
MOTNE	Meteorological Operational Telecommunications Network Europe	NOF	International NOTAM Office
MOV	Move or moving or movement	NOSIG	No significant change (<i>used in trend-type landing forecasts</i>)
MPS	Metres per second	NOTAM	A notice containing information concerning the establishment, condition or change in any aeronautical facility, service, procedure or hazard, the timely knowledge of which is essential to personnel concerned with flight operations
MRA	Minimum reception altitude	NOV	November
MRG	Medium range	NR	Number
MRP	ATS/MET reporting point	NRH	No reply heard
MS	Minus	NS	Nimbostratus
MSA	Minimum safe altitude	NSC	Nil significant cloud
MSG	Message	NSW	Nil significant weather
MSL	Mean sea level		
MSR*	Message...(<i>transmission identification</i>) has been misrouted.		
MSSR	Mono pulse secondary surveillance radar		
MT	Mountain		

NW	North-west	PE	Ice pellets
NWB	North-west bound	PER	Performance
NXT	Next	PERM	Permanent
O		PJE	Parachute jumping exercise
OAC	Oceanic area control centre	PLA	Practice low approach
OAS	Obstacle assessment surface	PLN	Flight plan
OBS	Observe or observed or observation	PLVL	Present level
OBSC	Obscure or obscured or obscuring	PN	Prior notice required
OBST	Obstacle	PNR	Point of no return
OCA	Obstacle clearance altitude	PO	Dust devils
OCA	Oceanic control area	POB	Persons on board
OCC	Occulting (<i>light</i>)	POSS	Possible
OCC*	The line engaged	PPI	Plan position indicator
OCH	Obstacle clearance height	PPR	Prior permission required
OCNL	Occasional or occasionally	PPSN	Present position
OCS	Obstacle clearance surface	PRI	Primary
OCT	October	PRKG	Parking
OHD	Overhead	PROB	Probability
OM	Outer marker	PROC	Procedure
OPA	Opaque, white type of ice formation	PROV	Provisional
OPC	The control indicated is operational control	PS	Plus
OPMET	Operational meteorological (<i>information</i>)	PSG	Passing
OPN	Open or opening or opened	PSN	Position
OPR	Operator or operate or operative or operating or operational	PSP	Pierced steel plank
OPS	Operations	PTN	Procedure turn
O/R	On request	PTS	Polar track structure
ORD	Indication of an order	PUN*	Prepare a new perforated tape for message
OSV	Ocean station vessel	PWR	Power
OTLK	Outlook (<i>used in SIGMET messages for volcanic ash and tropical cyclones</i>)	Q	
OTP	On top	QBI	Compulsory IFR flight
OTS	Organized track system	QDM	Magnetic heading (<i>zero wind</i>)
OUBD	Outbound	QDR	Magnetic bearing
OVC	Overcast	QFE	Atmospheric pressure at aerodrome elevation (<i>or at runway threshold</i>)
P		QFU	Magnetic orientation of runway
P...	Prohibited area (<i>followed by identification</i>)	QNH	Altimeter sub-scale setting to obtain elevation when on the ground
PALS	Precision approach lighting system (<i>specify category</i>)	QTE	True bearing
PANS	Procedures for air navigation services	QUAD	Quadrant
PAPI	Precision approach path indicator	R	
PAR	Precision approach radar	R	Red
PARL	Parallel	R...	Restricted area (<i>followed by identification</i>)
PAX	Passenger(s)	R	Right (<i>runway identification</i>)
PBN	Performance based navigation	R*	Received (<i>acknowledgement of receipt</i>)
PCD	Proceed or proceeding	R*	Romeo
PCN	Pavement classification number	RA	Rain
		RAC	Rules of the air and traffic services

RAFC	Regional area forecast centre	RPL	Repetitive flight plan
RAG	Ragged	RPLC	Replace or replaced
RAG	Runway arresting gear	RPS	Radar position symbol
RAI	Runway alignment indicator	RPT*	Repeat or I repeat
RAR*	Request radar blip identification message	RQ*	Indication of a request
RB	Rescue boat	RQMNTS	Requirements
RB*	Read back	RQP	Request flight plan (<i>message type designator</i>)
RBI*	Radar blip identification message	RQS	Request supplementary flight plan (<i>message type designator</i>)
RCA	Reach cruising altitude	RR	Report reaching
RCC	Rescue coordination centre	RRA	(<i>or RRB, RRC... etc., in sequence</i>) Delayed meteorological message (<i>message type designator</i>)
RCF	Radio communication failure (<i>message type designator</i>)	RSC	Rescue sub-centre
RCH	Reach or reaching	RSCD	Runway surface condition
RCL	Runway centre line	RSP	Responder beacon
RCLL	Runway centre line light(s)	RSR	En-route surveillance radar
RCLR	Recleared	RTD	Delayed (<i>used to indicate delayed meteorological; message type designator</i>)
RDH	Reference datum height (<i>for ILS</i>)	RTE	Route
RDL	Radial	RTF	Radiotelephone
RDO	Radio	RTG	Radiotelegraph
RE...	Recent (<i>used to qualify weather phenomena such as rain, e.g. RERA = recent rain</i>)	RTHL	Runway threshold light(s)
REC	Receive or receiver	RTN	Return or returned or returning
REDL	Runway edge light(s)	RTODAH	Rejected take-off distance available, helicopter
REF	Reference to. or refer to.	RTS	Return to service
REG	Registration	RTT	Radioteletypewriter
RENL	Runway end light(s)	RTZL	Runway touchdown zone light(s)
REP	Report or reporting or reporting point	RUT	Standard regional route transmitting frequencies
REQ	Request or requested	RV	Rescue vessel
RERTE	Reroute	RVR	Runway visual range
RG	Range (<i>lights</i>)	RVSM	Reduced vertical separation minima
RIF	Reclearance in flight	RWY	Runway
RITE	Right (<i>direction of turn</i>)		
RJT*	Technical rejection message	S	
RL	Report leaving	S	South or southern latitude
RLA	Relay to	SA	Sand
RLCE	Request level change en-route	SALS	Simple approach lighting system
RLLS	Runway lead-in lighting system	SAN	Sanitary
RLNA	Request level not available	SAP	As soon as possible
RMK	Remark	SAR	Search and rescue
RNAV	(<i>to be pronounced "AR-NAV"</i>) Area navigation	SARPS	Standards and Recommended Practices (<i>ICAO</i>)
RNG	Radio range	SAT	Saturday
RNP	Required navigation performance	SATCOM	Satellite communication
ROBEX	Regional OPMET bulletin exchange (<i>scheme</i>)	SB	Southbound
ROC	Rate of climb	SC	Stratocumulus
ROD	Rate of descent	SCT	Scattered
ROFOR	Route forecast (<i>in aeronautical meteorological code</i>)		
RON	Receiving only		

SDBY	Stand by	SRE	Surveillance radar element of precision approach radar system
SE	South-east	SRG	Short range
SEB	South-eastbound	SRR	Search and rescue region
SEC	Seconds	SRY	Secondary
SECT	Sector	SS	Sandstorm
SELCAL	Selective calling system	SS	Sunset
SEP	September	SSB	Single sideband
SER	Service or servicing or served	SSE	South south east
SEV	Severe (<i>used e.g. to qualify icing and turbulence reports</i>)	SSR	Secondary surveillance radar
SFC	Surface	SST	Supersonic transport
SG	Snow grains	SSW	South south west
SGL	Signal	ST	Stratus
SH...	Showers (<i>followed by RA = rain, SN = snow, PE = ice pellets, GR = hail, GS = small hail and/or snow pellets or combination thereof, e.g. SHRASN = showers of rain and snow</i>)	STA	Straight in approach
SHF	Super high frequency (3 000 to 30 000 MHz)	STAR	Standard instrument arrival
SID	Standard instrument departure	STD	Standard
SIF	Selective identification feature	STF	Stratiform
SIG*	Signature	STN	Station
SIGMET	Information concerning en-route weather phenomena which may affect the safety of aircraft operations	STNR	Stationary
SIGWX	Significant weather	STOL	Short take-off and landing
SIMUL	Simultaneous or simultaneously	STS	Status
SIWL	Single isolated wheel load	STWL	Stopway light(s)
SKC	Sky clear	SUBJ	Subject to
SKED	Schedule or scheduled	SUN	Sunday
SLP	Speed limiting point	SUP	Supplement (<i>AIP Supplement</i>)
SLW	Slow	SUPPS	Regional supplementary procedures
SMC	Surface movement control	SVC	Service message
SMR	Surface movement radar	SVCBL	Serviceable
SN	Snow	SW	South-west
SNOWTA	A special series NOTAM notifying the presence or removal of hazardous conditions due to snow, ice, slush or standing water associated with snow, slush and ice on the movement area, by means of a specific format	SWB	South-westbound
M		SWY	Stopway
SPECI	Aviation selected special weather report (<i>in aeronautical meteorological code</i>)		
SPECIAL	Special meteorological report (<i>in abbreviated plain language</i>)	T	
SPL	Supplementary flight plan (<i>message type designator</i>)	T	Temperature
SPOT	Spot wind	TA	Transition altitude
SQ	Squall	TACAN	UHF tactical air navigation aid
SR	Sunrise	TAF	Aerodrome forecast
SRA	Surveillance radar approach	TAIL	Tail wind
		TAM*	Technical acknowledge message
		TAR	Terminal area surveillance radar
		TAS	True airspeed
		TAX	Taxiing or taxi
		TC	Tropical cyclone
		TCU	Towering cumulus
		TCX*	Transfer of control cancellation message
		TDO	Tornado
		TDZ	Touchdown zone
		TECR	Technical reason
		TEL	Telephone
		TEM*	Technical error message
		TEMPO	Temporary or temporarily

TEND	Trend forecast	U	Upward (<i>tendency in RVR during previous 10 minutes</i>)
TFC	Traffic	UAB	Until advised by...
TGL	Touch-and-go landing	UAC	Upper area control centre
TGS	Taxiing guidance system	UAR	Upper air route
THR	Threshold	UDF	Ultra high frequency direction-finding station
THUR*	I am connecting you to another switch-board	UFN	Until further notice
THRU	Through	UHDT	Unable higher due traffic
THU	Thursday	UHF	Ultra high frequency (<i>300 to 3 000 MHz</i>)
TIL	Until	UIC	Upper information centre
TIP	Until past. (<i>place</i>)	UIR	Upper flight information region
TKOF	Take-off	ULR	Ultra long range
TL...	Till (<i>followed by time by which weather change is forecast to end</i>)	UNA	Unable
TLOF	Touchdown and lift-off area	UNAP	Unable to approve
TMA	Terminal control area	UNL	Unlimited
TNA	Turn altitude	UNREL	Unreliable
TNH	Turn height	U/S	Unserviceable
TO	To. (<i>place</i>)	UTA	Upper control area
TOC	Top of climb	UTC	Co-ordinated Universal Time
TODA	Take-off distance available		
TOP	Cloud top	V	
TORA	Take-off run available	VA	Volcanic ash
TP	Turning point	VA*	End of work [..._.]
TR	Track	VAC	Visual approach chart
TRA*	Radar transfer of control message	VAL	In valleys
TRA	Temporary reserved airspace	VAL*	Visual approach and landing chart
TRANS	Transmits or transmitter	VAN	Runway control van
TRL	Transition level	VAR	Magnetic variation
TROP	Tropopause	VAR	Visual-aural radio range
TS	Thunderstorm (<i>in aerodrome reports and forecasts, TS used alone means thunder heard but no precipitation at the aerodrome</i>)	VASIS	Visual approach slope indicator system
TS...	Thunderstorm (<i>followed by RA = rain, SN = snow, PE = ice pellets, GR = hail, GS = small hail and/or snow pellets or combination thereof, e.g. TSRASN = thunderstorm with rain and snow</i>)	VC	Vicinity of the aerodrome (<i>followed by FG = fog, FC = funnel cloud, SH = showers, PO = dust/sand whirls, BLDU = blowing dust, BLSA = blowing sand or BLSN = blowing snow, e.g. VC FG = vicinity fog</i>)
TT	Teletypewriter	VCY	Vicinity
TUE	Tuesday	VDF	Very high frequency direction-finding station
TURB	Turbulence	VER	Vertical
TVOR	Terminal VOR	VFR	Visual flight rules
TWR	Aerodrome control tower or aerodrome control	VHF	Very high frequency (<i>30 to 300 MHz</i>)
TWY	Taxiway	VIA*	By way of...
TWYL	Taxiway-link	VIO*	Heavy (<i>used to qualify interference or static reports</i>)
TYP	Type of aircraft	VIP	Very important person
TYPH	Typhoon	VIS	Visibility
U		VLF	Very low frequency (<i>3 to 30 KHz</i>)
		VLR	Very long range
		VMC	Visual meteorological conditions
		VOLMET	Meteorological information for aircraft in flight

VOR	VHF omnidirectional radio range	XNG	Crossing
VORTAC	VOR and TACAN combination	XS	Atmospherics
VOT	VOR airborne equipment test facility		
VRB	Variable	Y	
VSA	By visual reference to the ground	Y	Yellow
VSP	Vertical speed	YCZ	Yellow caution zone (<i>runway lighting</i>)
VTOL	Vertical take-off and landing	YES*	Yes (<i>affirm</i>)
VVV*	Retransmit this message to all addressees mentioned in the line-following the heading as though it had been filed locally at your centre (<i>group used in a diversion indicator</i>)	YR	Your
VVV...VVV*	Marking or test transmission (<i>sent in a series</i>)	Z	
		Z	Co-ordinated Universal Time (<i>in meteorological messages</i>)

W

W	West or western longitude
W	White
WA*	Word after ...
WAC	World Aeronautical Chart - ICAO 1:1 000 000
WAFC	World area forecast centre
WB	Westbound
WB*	Word before ...
WBAR	Wing bar lights
WD*	Words or groups
WDI	Wind direction indicator
WDSPR	Widespread
WED	Wednesday
WEF	With effect from or effective from
WI	Within
WID	Width
WIE	With immediate effect or effective immediately
WILCO	Will comply
WINTEM	Forecast upper wind and temperature for aviation
WIP	Work in progress
WKN	Weaken or weakening
WNW	West north west
WO	Without
WPT	Way-point
WRNG	Warning
WS	Wind shear
WSW	West south west
WT	Weight
WTSPT	Waterspout
WX	Weather

X

X	Cross
XBAR	Crossbar (<i>of approach lighting system</i>)