

GEN 2 SERVICES

GEN 2.1 AERONAUTICAL INFORMATION SERVICES

1 Responsible Service

1.1 The Aeronautical Information Service, which forms part of the Republic of Maldives Civil Aviation Department of the Ministry of Tourism and Civil Aviation and Air Traffic Management and Rescue Services Section of the Maldives Airports Company Ltd, ensures the flow of information necessary for the safety, regularity and efficiency of international and national air navigation within the area of its responsibility as indicated under GEN 3.1.2 below. It consists of AIS Headquarters, International NOTAM Office (NOF) and an aerodrome AIS unit established at Male International airport.

1.2 *AIS Headquarters*

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1.3 *International NOTAM Office (NOF)*

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Male' International Airport
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The service is provided in accordance with the provisions contained in ICAO Annex 15 - *Aeronautical Information Services*.

2 Area of responsibility

The Aeronautical Information Service is responsible for the collection and dissemination of information for the entire territory of the Republic of Maldives and for the airspace over the high seas encompassed by Male' Flight Information Region.

3 Aeronautical publications

3.1 The aeronautical information is provided in the form of the Integrated Aeronautical Information Package consisting of the following elements:-

- Aeronautical Information Publication (AIP)
- Amendment service to the AIP (AIP AMDT)
- Supplement to the AIP (AIP SUP)
- NOTAM and Pre-flight Information Bulletins (PIB)
- Aeronautical Information Circulars (AIC)
- Checklists and Summaries
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- NOTAM and the related monthly checklists are issued via the Aeronautical Fixed Service (AFS), while PIB are made available at the aerodrome AIS unit at Male International Airport. All other elements of the package are distributed by air mail.

3.2 *Aeronautical Information Publication (AIP)*

The AIP is the basic aviation document intended primarily to satisfy international requirements for the exchange of permanent aeronautical information and long duration temporary changes essential for air navigation.

AIP Maldives is published in one volume.

The AIP is published in a loose-leaf form in English only for use in international and domestic operations, whether the flight is a commercial or a private one.

3.3 *Amendment service to the AIP (AIP AMDT)*

Amendments to the AIP are made by means of replacement sheets. Two types of AIP AMDT are produced:

- regular AIP Amendment (AIP AMDT), issued in accordance with the established regular interval (ref. GEN 0.1.4.) and identified by a light blue cover sheet, incorporates permanent changes into the AIP on their indicated publication date; and
- AIRAC AIP Amendment (AIRAC AIP AMDT), issued in accordance with the AIRAC system and identified by a pink cover sheet and the acronym AIRAC, incorporates operationally significant permanent changes into the AIP on the indicated AIRAC effective date.

A brief description of the subjects affected by the amendment is given on the AIP Amendment cover sheet. New information included on the reprinted AIP pages is annotated or identified by a vertical line in the left margin (or immediately to the left) of the change/addition.

Each AIP page and each AIP replacement page introduced by an amendment, including the amendment cover sheet, are dated. The date consists of the day, month (by name) and year of the publication date (regular AIP AMDT) or of the AIRAC effective date (AIRAC AIP AMDT) of the information. Each AIP amendment cover sheet includes references to the serial number of those elements, if any, of the Integrated Aeronautical Information Package which have been incorporated in the AIP by the amendment and are consequently cancelled.

Each AIP AMDT and each AIRAC AIP AMDT are allocated separate serial numbers which are consecutive and based on the calendar year. The year, indicated by two digits, is a part of the serial number of the amendment, e.g. AIP AMDT 1/96; AIRAC AIP AMDT 1/96.