

GEN 2.2 ABBREVIATIONS USED IN AIS PUBLICATIONS

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[] Within brackets: symbol of a unit of the international System of Units SI of a non-SI unit used in conjunction with the system

* **not in PANS-ABC**† **transmitted in RTF as a spoken word**

A			
A	Amber	AIRAC	Aeronautical information regulation and control
A1A*	A2A, A3E, etc. Designation of typical radio-communication emissions	AIREP†	Air-report
A/A	Air-to-air	AIS	Aeronautical information services
AAA	or AAB, AAC etc. in sequence, Amended meteorological message	ALA	Lighting area
AAL	Above aerodrome level	ALERFA†	Alert phase
AAU*	Airspace Allocation Unit	ALR	Alerting (message type designator)
ABM	Abeam	ALRS	Alerting service
ABN	Aerodrome beacon	ALS	Approach lighting system
ABV	Above	ALT	Altitude
AC	Altocumulus	ALTN	Alternate or alternating (light alternates in colour)
ACAS†	Airborne collision avoidance system	ALTN	Alternate (aerodrome)
ACC	Area control centre or area control	AMA	Area minimum altitude
ACCID	Notification of an aircraft accident	AMC*	Airspace management cell
ACFT	Aircraft	AMD	Amend or amended
ACK	Acknowledge	AMDT	Amendment (AIP amendment)
ACL	Altimeter check location	AMS	Aeronautical mobile service
ACN	Aircraft classification number	AMSL	Above mean sea level
ACT	Active or activated or activity	ANS	Answer
AD	Aerodrome	AOC	Aerodrome obstacle chart
ADA	Advisory area	AP	Airport
ADF	Automatic direction finding equipment	APAPI†	Abbreviated precision approach path indicator
ADIZ†	Air defence identification zone	APCH	Approach
ADJ	Adjacent	APP	Approach control office or approach control or approach control service
ADR	Advisory route	APP*	Appendix
ADS-B*	Automatic dependent surveillance-broadcast	APR	April
ADS-C*	Automatic dependent surveillance - contract	APRX	Approximate or approximately
ADVS	Advisory service	APSG	After passing
ADZ	Advise	APV	Approve or approved or approval
AES	Aircraft earth station	APV*	Approach with vertical guidance
AFIL	Flight plan filed in the air	ARNG	Arrange
AFIS	Aerodrome flight information service	ARO	Air traffic services reporting office
AFS	Aeronautical fixed service	ARP	Aerodrome reference point
AFTN	Aeronautical fixed telecommunication network	ARR	Arrive or arrival
A/G	Air-to-ground	ARR	Arrival (message type designator)
AGA	Aerodromes, air routes and ground aids	AS	Altostratus
AGL	Above ground level	ASDA	Accelerate-stop distance available
AGN	Again	A-SMGCS*	Advanced surface movement guidance and control system
AIC	Aeronautical information circular	ASP*	Airspace
AIP	Aeronautical information publication	ASPH	Asphalt
		ASTA*	Climatological station
		ATA	Actual time of arrival
		ATC	Air traffic control (in general)
		ATD	Actual time of departure
		ATFM	Air traffic flow management
		ATIS†	Automatic terminal information service
		ATM	Air traffic management
		ATN	Aeronautical telecommunication network
		ATS	Air traffic services

ATZ	Aerodrome traffic zone	CDR*	Conditional route
AUG	August	CF	Change frequency to
AUTH	Authorize or authorization	CGL	Circling guidance light(s)
AUW	All up weight	CH	Channel
AVBL	Available	CHEM*	Chemical
AVGAS†	Aviation gasoline	CHG	Modification (<i>message type designator</i>)
AWY	Airway		
AZM	Azimuth	CI	Cirrus
B		CIDIN†	Common ICAO data interchange network
B	Blue	CIV	Civil
BA	Braking action	CK	Check
BASE†	Cloud base	CL	Centre line
BARO-VNAV*†	Barometric vertical navigation (to be pronounced "BAA-RO-VEE-NAV")	CLD	Cloud
BAZL*	Federal Office of Civil Aviation (FOCA, OFAC, UFAC)	CLG	Calling
BCFG	Fog patches	CLR	Clear or cleared to or clearance
BCN	Beacon (<i>aeronautical ground light</i>)	CLSD	Close or closed or closing
BCST	Broadcast	CM [cm]	Centimetre
BDRY	Boundary	CMB	Climb to or climbing to
BFR	Before	CMPL	Completion or completed or complete
BKN	Broken	CNL	Cancel or cancelled
BL ...	Blowing (<i>follow by DU = dust, SA = sand or SN = snow</i>)	CNL	Flight plan cancellation (<i>message type designator</i>)
BLDG	Building	CNS	Communications, navigation and surveillance
BLO	Below clouds	COM	Communications
BLW	Below...	CONC	Concrete
BOMB	Bombing	COND	Condition
BR	Mist	CONS	Continuous
BRG	Bearing	CONST	Construction or constructed
BRKG	Braking	CONT	Continue(s) or continued
B-RNAV*†	Basic RNAV*†	COORD	Coordinates
BS	Commercial broadcasting station	COP	Change-over point
BTN	Between	COR	Correct or corrected or correction
BUFR*	Binary universal form for the representation of meteorological data	COTSENA*	(= KOSIF)
		COTSINA*	(= KOSIF)
		COV	Cover or covered or covering
		CPDLC	Controller-pilot data link communications
C		CPL	Current flight plan (<i>message type designator</i>)
C [°C]	Degrees Celsius	CRS*	Course
C	Centre (<i>runway identification</i>)	CRZ	Cruise
CAG*	General Aviation Centre (GAC)	CS	Call sign
CAT	Clear air turbulence	CS	Cirrostratus
CAT	Category (<i>in CAT I, II, III operations</i>)	CTA	Control area
CAVOK†	Visibility, cloud and present weather better than prescribed values or conditions (KAV-OH-KAY)	CTAM	Climb to and maintain
CB	(to be pronounced „CEE BEE“) Cumulonimbus	CTC	Contact
CBA*	Cross border area	CTL	Control
CC	Cirrocumulus	CTN	Caution
CCA	or CCB, CCC, etc. in sequence, Corrected meteorological message	CTR	Control zone
CD	Candela	CU	Cumulus
		CUST	Customs
		CWY	Clearway

D		EFC	Expect further clearance
D...	Danger area (<i>followed by identification</i>)	ELBA†	Emergency location beacon-aircraft
D	Downward (<i>tendency in RVR during previous 10 minutes</i>)	ELEV	Elevation
DA	Decision altitude	ELT	Emergency location transmitter
DABS*	Daily Airspace Bulletin Switzerland	EM	Emission
DCT	Direct (<i>in relation to flight plan clearances and type of approach</i>)	EMBD	Embedded in a layer (<i>to indicate cumulonimbus embedded in layers of other clouds</i>)
DEC	December	EMERG	Emergency
DEG [°]	Degrees	En*	English
DEL*	Delivery, issuance (ATC clearance)	END	Stop-end (<i>related to RVR</i>)
DEP	Depart or departure	ENE	East-north-east
DEP	Departure (<i>message type designator</i>)	ENG	Engine
DEPO*	Deposition	ENR	En route
DER	Departure end of the runway	EOBT	Estimated off-block time
DES	Descend to or descending to	EQPT	Equipment
DEST	Destination	ERC-U*	Enroute chart - Upper airspace
DETRESFA†	Distress phase	ERC-L*	Enroute chart - Lower airspace
DEV	Deviation or deviating	ESE	East-south-east
DFTI	Distance from touchdown indicator	EST	Estimate or estimated or estimation (<i>message type designator</i>)
DH	Decision height	ETA	Estimated time of arrival or estimating arrival
DIF	Diffuse	ETD	Estimated time of departure or estimating departure
DIST	Distance	ETE*	Summer (<i>summer time period</i>)
DIV	Divert or diverting	ETO	Estimated time over significant point
DLA	Delay or delayed	EUR RODEX*	European regional OPMET data exchange
DME	Distance measuring equipment	EV	Every
DNG	Danger or dangerous	EVS*	Enhanced vision system
do/id.*	ditto/idem	EXC	Except
DOC*	Designated operational coverage (range and height)	EXER	Exercise(s) or exercising or to exercise
DOM	Domestic	EXP	Expect or expected or expecting
DP	Dew point temperature	EXTD	Extend or extending
DPT	Depth		
DR	Dead reckoning		
DR ...	Low drifting (<i>follow by DU = dust, SA = sand or SN = snow</i>)		
DRG	During		F
DS	Duststorm	F	Fixed
DTAM	Descend to and maintain	FAC	Facilities
DTG	Date-time group	FAF	Final approach fix
DTHR	Displaced runway threshold	FAL	Facilitation of international air transport
DTW	Dual tandem wheels	FAP	Final approach point
DU	Dust	FATO	Final approach and take-off area
DUC	Dense upper cloud	FAX	Facsimile transmission
DUR	Duration	FCST	Forecast
DVOR	Doppler VOR	FCT	Friction coefficient
DW	Dual wheels	FEB	February
DZ	Drizzle	FG	Fog
		FIC	Flight information centre
		FIR	Flight information region
		FIS	Flight information service
		FISA	Automated flight information service
		FIZ*	Flight Information Zone
		FL	Flight level
E			
E	East or eastern longitude		
EAT	Expected approach time		
EB	Eastbound		
EET	Estimated elapsed time		
EFB*	Electronic flight bag		

FLD	Field
FLG	Flashing
FLT	Flight
FLW	Follow(s) <i>or</i> following
FM ...	From (<i>followed by time weather change is forecast to begin</i>)
FMU	Flow management unit
FOCA*	Federal Office of Civil Aviation (BAZL, OFAC, UFAC)
FPL	Filed flight plan (<i>message type designator</i>)
FPM [ft/min]	Feet per minute
FPR	Flight plan route
Fr*	French
FR	Fuel remaining
FREQ	Frequency
FRI	Friday
FRNG	Firing
FRONT†	Front (<i>relating to weather</i>)
FSS	Flight service station
FT [ft]	Feet (<i>dimensional unit</i>)
FU	Smoke
FZ	Freezing
FZDZ	Freezing drizzle
FZFG	Freezing fog
FZRA	Freezing rain

G

G	Green
G/A	Ground-to-air
GAC*	General Aviation Centre (CAG)
GAFOR*	General aviation forecast
GAIN	Airspeed or headwind gain
GBAS†	Ground-based augmentation system (to be pronounced "GEE-BAS")
GCA	Ground controlled approach system <i>or</i> ground controlled approach
Ge*	German
GEN	General
GEO	Geographic <i>or</i> true
GES	Ground earth station
GLD	Glider
GLS	GBAS landing system
GND	Ground
GNDCK	Ground check
GNSS	Global navigation satellite system
GP	Glide path
GR	Hail
GRASS	Grass landing area
GRVL	Gravel
GS	Ground speed
GS	Small hail <i>and/or</i> snow pellets
GUND	Geoid undulation

H

H24	Continuous day and night service
HAPI	Helicopter approach path indicator
HBN	Hazard beacon
HDG	Heading
HEL	Helicopter
HEMS*	Helicopter Emergency Medical Service
HF	High frequency (3000 to 30'000 kHz)
HGT	Height <i>or</i> height above
HIV*	Winter (<i>standard time period CET</i>)
HJ	Sunrise to sunset
HLDG	Holding
HN	Sunset to sunrise
HO	Service available to meet operational requirements
HOL	Holiday
HOSP	Hospital aircraft
HPA [hPa]	Hectopascal
HR [h]	Hours
HRH*	Day and night limit hours (REF GEN 2.7)
HRP	Heliport reference point
HS	Service available during hours of scheduled operations
HUD	Head-up display
HVY	Heavy
HX	No specific working hours
HYR	Higher
HZ	Haze
HZ [Hz]	Hertz

I

IAC	Instrument approach chart
IAF	Initial approach fix
IAR	Intersection of air routes
IAS	Indicated airspeed
IBN	Identification beacon
IC	Ice crystals (<i>very small ice crystals in suspension, also known as diamond dust</i>)
ICAO*	International Civil Aviation Organization
ID	Identifier <i>or</i> identify
IDENT†	Identification
IF	Intermediate approach fix
IFF	Identification friend/foe
IFR	Instrument flight rules
IGS*	Instrument guidance system
ILS	Instrument landing system
IM	Inner marker
IMC	Instrument meteorological conditions
IMG	Immigration
INA	Initial approach
INBD	Inbound

INCERFA†	Uncertainty phase		guidance
INFO†	Information	LT*	Swiss time/local time
INOP	Inoperative	LTD	Limited
INS	Inertial navigation system	LTT	Landline teletypewriter
INT	Intersection	LV	Light and variable (<i>relating to wind</i>)
INTL	International	LVE	Leave or leaving
INTST	Intensity	LVL	Level
IR	Ice on runway	LVO*	Low visibility operations
ISA	International standard atmosphere	LVP	Low visibility procedures
It*	Italian		
J		M	
JAA*	Joint Aviation Authorities	M [m]	Metres (<i>preceded by figures</i>)
JAN	January	M	Mach number (<i>followed by figures</i>)
JTST	Jet stream	MA*	Chart of air masses
JUL	July	MAA	Maximum authorized altitude
JUN	June	MAG	Magnetic
		MAINT	Maintenance
		MAP	Aeronautical maps and charts
		MAPT	Missed approach point
		MAR	March
		MAX	Maximum
		MAY	May
		MCA	Minimum crossing altitude
		MDA	Minimum descent altitude
		MDH	Minimum descent height
		MEA	Minimum en-route altitude
		MEHT	Minimum eye height over threshold (<i>for VAS/S</i>)
		MET†	Meteorological or meteorology
		METAR†	Aerodrome routine meteorological report (<i>in aeronautical meteorological code</i>)
		MF	Medium frequency (300 to 3'000 kHz)
		MHZ [MHz]	Megahertz
		MID	Mid-point (<i>related to RVR</i>)
		MIL	Military
		MIN [min]	Minutes
		MKR	Marker radio beacon
		MLAT*	Multilateration
		MLS	Microwave landing system
		MM	Middle marker
		MNM	Minimum
		MNT	Monitor or monitoring or monitored
		MOA	Military operating area
		MOC	Minimum obstacle clearance (<i>required</i>)
		MOCA	Minimum obstacle clearance altitude
		MON	Monday
		MPS [m/s]	Metres per second
		MRA	Minimum reception altitude
		MRP	ATS/MET reporting point
		MS	Minus
		MSA	Minimum sector altitude
		MSG	Message
		MSL	Mean sea level
		MT	Mountain
		MTOM*	Maximum take-off mass
K			
KG [kg]	Kilograms		
KHZ [kHz]	Kilohertz		
KM [km]	Kilometres		
KMH [km/h]	Kilometres per hour		
KOSIF*	Coordination office for firings and safety of air navigation		
KPA [kPa]	Kilopascal		
KT [kt]	Knots		
KW [kw]	Kilowatts		
L			
L	Left (<i>runway identification</i>)		
L	Locator (LO)		
LAT [°]	Latitude		
LC*	Landing chart		
LCA	Locally or local or location or located		
LDA	Landing distance available		
LDAH	Landing distance available, helicopter		
LDG	Landing		
LDI	Landing direction indicator		
LEN	Length		
LF	Low frequency (30 to 300 kHz)		
LFHK*	Chart of Air Navigation Obstacles (ONAV)		
LFN*	Low Flight Network		
LGT	Light or lighting		
LGTD	Lighted		
LIH	Light intensity high		
LIL	Light intensity low		
LIM	Light intensity medium		
LM	Locator, middle		
LMT	Local mean time		
LNAV	Lateral navigation		
LO	Locator, outer		
LOC	Localizer		
LONG [°]	Longitude		
LOSS	Airspeed or headwind loss		
LPV	Localizer performance with vertical		

MWO	Meteorological watch office		
N		OFAC*	Federal Office of Civil Aviation (BAZL, FOCA, UFAC)
N	North or northern latitude	OHD	Overhead
N	No distinct tendency (<i>in RVR during previous 10 minutes</i>)	OM	Outer marker
NAT	North Atlantic	ONAV*	Air Navigation Obstacle Chart including Glider Flying Information (LFHK)
NAV	Navigation	OPMET†	Operational meteorological (<i>information</i>)
NB	Northbound	OPN	Open or opening or opened
NBFR	Not before	OPR	Operator or operate or operative or operating or operational
NC	No change	OPS†	Operations
NDB	Non-directional radio beacon	O/R	On request
NE	North-east	OTS	Organized track system
NEB	North-eastbound	OUBD	Outbound
NEG	No or negative or permission not granted or that is not correct	P	
NGT	Night	P ...	Prohibited area (<i>followed by identification</i>)
NIL†	None or I have nothing to send to you	PALS	Precision approach lighting system (<i>specify CAT</i>)
NM [M]	Nautical miles	PANS	Procedures for air navigation services
NML	Normal	PAPI†	Precision approach path indicator
NN	No name, unnamed	PAR	Precision approach radar
NNE	North-north-east	PARL	Parallel
NNW	North-north-west	PAX	Passengers
NOF	International NOTAM office	PBN	Performance-based navigation
NOSIG†	No significant change (<i>used in trend-type landing forecasts</i>)	PCD	Proceed or proceeding
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	PCN	Pavement classification number
NOV	November	PDG	Procedure design gradient
NR	Number	PER	Performance
NRH	No reply heard	PERM	Permanent
NS	Nimbostratus	PJE	Parachute jumping exercise
NSC	Nil significant cloud	PLN	Flight plan
NSW	Nil significant weather	PLVL	Present level
NVFR*	VFR by night	PN	Prior notice required
NW	North-west	POB	Persons on board
NWB	North-westbound	POSS	Possible
O		PPI	Plan position indicator
OACI*	ICAO	PPR	Prior permission required
OAS	Obstacle assessment surface	PPSN	Present position
OBS	Observe or observed or observation	PRI	Primary
OBST	Obstacle	PRKG	Parking
OCA	Obstacle clearance altitude	P-RNAV*†	Precision RNAV
OCC	Occulting (<i>light</i>)	PROB†	Probability
OCH	Obstacle clearance height	PROC	Procedure
OCNL	Occasional or occasionally	PROV	Provisional
OCS	Obstacle clearance surface	PS	Plus
OCT	October	PSG	Passing
		PSN	Position
		PSP	Pierced steel plank
		PTN	Procedure turn
		PTS	Polar track structure
		PWR	Power

Q		R	
QDM	Magnetic heading (<i>zero wind</i>)	RMK	Remark
QDR	Magnetic bearing	RMZ	Radio Mandatory Zone
QFE	Atmospheric pressure at aerodrome elevation (<i>or at runway threshold</i>)	RNAV†	Area navigation (to be pronounced AR NAV)
QFU	Magnetic orientation of runway	RNG	Radio range
QNH	Altimeter sub-scale setting to obtain elevation when on the ground	RNP	Required navigation performance
QTE	True bearing	ROBEX†	Regional OPMET bulletin exchange (scheme)
		ROC	Rate of climb
		ROD	Rate of descent
		RON	Receiving only
		RPL	Repetitive flight plan
		RPLC	Replace <i>or</i> replaced
		RPS	Radar position symbol
		RR	Report reaching
R	Red	RRA	(<i>or RRB, RRC, etc. in sequence</i>)
R	Right (<i>Runway identification</i>)		Delayed meteorological message
R ...	Restricted area (<i>followed by identification</i>)		(<i>message type designator</i>)
R ...*	VOR Radial (<i>followed by number of degrees</i>)	RSC	Rescue sub-centre
RA	Rain	RSCD	Runway surface condition
RAC	Rules of the air and air traffic services	RSP	Responder beacon
RAFC*	Regional area forecast centre	RTD	Delayed (<i>used to indicate delayed meteorological message; message type designator</i>)
RB	Rescue boat	RTE	Route
RCC	Rescue coordination centre	RTF	Radiotelephone
RCF	Radiocommunication failure (<i>message type designator</i>)	RTG	Radiotelegraph
RCH	Reach <i>or</i> reaching	RTHL	Runway threshold light(s)
RCL	Runway centre line	RTIL*	Runway threshold identification light(s)
RCLL	Runway centre line light(s)	RTS	Return to service
RCLR	Recleared	RTT	Radioteletypewriter
RCP	Required communication performance	RTZL	Runway touchdown zone light(s)
RDH	Reference datum height	RUT	Standard regional route transmitting frequencies
RDL	Radial	RV	Rescue vessel
RDO	Radio	RVR	Runway visual range
RE ...	Recent (<i>used to qualify weather phenomena, e.g. RERA = recent rain</i>)	RVSM	Reduced vertical separation minimum
REC	Receive <i>or</i> receiver	RWY	Runway
REDL	Runway edge light(s)	S	
REF	Reference to... <i>or</i> refer to...	S	South <i>or</i> southern latitude
REG	Registration	S1 - S5*	Ground service
RENL	Runway end light(s)	SALS	Simple approach lighting system
REP	Report <i>or</i> reporting <i>or</i> reporting point	SAN	Sanitary
REQ	Request <i>or</i> requested	SAR	Search and rescue
ERTE	Re-route	SARPS	Standards and Recommended Practices (ICAO)
RESA	Runway end safety area	SAT	Saturday
RETIL*	Rapid Exit Taxiway Indicator Lights	SB	Southbound
RF	Constant radius arc to a fix	SBAS†	Satellite-based augmentation system (to be pronounced "ESS-BAS")
RFP*	Replacement <i>or</i> replaced flight plan		
RG	Range (lights)	SC	Stratocumulus
RGL*	Runway Guard Light	SCT	Scattered
RIF	Reclearance in flight	SE	South-east
RL	Report leaving	SEB	South-eastbound
RLA	Relay to...	SEC [s]	Seconds
RLLS	Runway lead-in lighting system		

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SECT	Sector	STD	Standard
SELCAL†	Selective calling system	STN	Station
SEP	September	STOL	Short take-off and landing
SER	Service <i>or</i> servicing <i>or</i> served	STS	Status
SFC	Surface	STWL	Stopway light(s)
SFR*	Special flight route	SUBJ	Subject to
SG	Snow grains	SUN	Sunday
SGL	Signal	SUP	Supplement (<i>AIP Supplement</i>)
SH ...	Showers (<i>followed by RA = rain, SN = snow, PL = ice pellets, GR = hail, GS = small hail and/or snow pellets or combinations thereof, e.g. SHRASN = showers of rain and snow</i>)	SVC	Service message
		SVCBL	Serviceable
		SVFR*	Special VFR
		SVID*	Standard visual/instrument departure
		SW	South-west
SHF	Super high frequency (3'000 to 30'000 MHz)	SWB	South-westbound
		SWY	Stopway
SID†	Standard instrument departure		T
SIGMET†	Information concerning en-route weather phenomena which may affect the safety of aircraft operations	T	Temperature
		...T	True (<i>preceded by a bearing to indicate reference to True North</i>)
SIWL	Single isolated wheel load	TA	Transition altitude
SKED	Schedule <i>or</i> scheduled	TACAN†	UHF tactical air navigation aid
SLP	Speed limiting point	TAF†	Aerodrome forecast
SMR	Surface movement radar	TAIL†	Tail wind
SN	Snow	TAS	True airspeed
SNOWTAM†	A special series NOTAM notifying the presence <i>or</i> removal of hazardous conditions due to snow, ice, slush <i>or</i> standing water associated with snow, slush and ice on the movement area, by means of a specific format	TAX	Taxiing <i>or</i> taxi
		TC	Terminal control centre*
		TCU	Towering cumulus
		TDZ	Touchdown zone
		TEL	Telephone
		TEMPO†	Temporary <i>or</i> temporarily
SPEC†	Aviation selected special weather report (<i>in aeronautical meteorological code</i>)	TFC	Traffic
		TGL*	Temporary guidance leaflet
		TGS	Taxiing guidance system
		THR	Threshold
SPECIAL†	Local special meteorological report (<i>in abbreviated plain language</i>)	THRU	Through
		THU	Thursday
SPL	Supplementary flight plan (<i>message type designator</i>)	TIL†	Until
		TIP	Until past... (place)
SPOC	SAR point of contact	TKOF	Take-off
SPOT†	Spot wind	TL ...	Till (<i>followed by time by which weather change is forecast to end</i>)
SQ	Squall		
SR	Sunrise	TLOF	Touchdown and lift-off area
SRA	Surveillance radar approach	TMA	Terminal control area
SRE	Surveillance radar element of precision approach radar system	TMM*	Transmissometer (RVR)
		TMZ	Transponder Mandatory Zone
SRG	Short range	TNA	Turn altitude
SRR	Search and rescue region	TNH	Turn height
SRY	Secondary	TOC	Top of climb
SS	Sunset	TODA	Take-off distance available
SSB	Single sideband	TODAH	Take-off distance available, helicopter
SSE	South-south-east		
SSR	Secondary surveillance radar	TOP†	Cloud top
SST	Supersonic transport	TOBT*	Target off block time
SSW	South-south-west	TORA	Take-off run available
ST	Stratus	TOX	Toxic
STA	Straight-in approach	TP	Turning point
STAR†	Standard instrument arrival		

TR	Track		
TRA*	Temporary reserved area		V
TRANS	Transmits or transmitter	VAC	Visual approach chart
TREND†	Trend forecast	VAN	Runway control van
TRL	Transition level	VAR	Magnetic variation
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 systems
TS ...	Thunderstorm (<i>followed by RA = rain, SN = snow, PL = ice pellets, GR = hail, GS = small hail and/or snow pellets or combinations thereof, e.g. TSRASN = thunderstorm with rain and snow</i>)	VC	Vicinity of the aerodrome (<i>followed by FG = fog, FC = funnel cloud, PO = dust/sand whirls, BLDU = blowing dust, BLSA = blowing sand or BLSN = blowing snow, TS = thunderstorm or VA = volcanic ash, e.g. VC FG = vicinity fog</i>)
TSA*	Temporary Segregated Area (LS-T..)	VCY	Vicinity
TT	Teletypewriter	VDF	Very high frequency direction-finding station
TUE	Tuesday	VER	Vertical
TURB	Turbulence	VFG*	VFR Flight Guide (<i>in VFR Manual</i>)
TVOR	Terminal VOR	VFR	Visual flight rules
TWIL*	Twilight	VHF	Very high frequency (30 to 300 MHz)
TWR	Aerodrome control tower or aerodrome control	VIS	Visibility
TWY	Taxiway	VLF	Very low frequency (3 to 30 kHz)
TX*	Telex	VMC	Visual meteorological conditions
TYP	Type of aircraft	VNAV†	Vertical navigation (to be pronounced "VEE-NAV")
TZL*	(Simple) Touchdown zone light (Explanation see AIP LSZB, LSZA, LSZR: AD 2.14 - Footnote)	VOLMET†	Meteorological information for aircraft in flight
U		VOR	VHF omnidirectional radio range
U	Upward (<i>tendency in RVR during previous 10 minutes</i>)	VORTAC†	VOR and TACAN combination
U2*	U3 etc. MET charts	VOT	VOR airborne equipment test facility
UA	Unmanned aircraft	VPT	Visual manoeuvre with prescribed track
UAC	Upper area control centre	VRB	Variable
UAR	Upper air route	VSP	Vertical speed
UAS	Unmanned aircraft system	VTOL	Vertical take-off and landing
UDF	Ultra high frequency direction-finding station		W
UFAC*	Federal Office of Civil Aviation (BAZL, FOCA, OFAC)	W	West or western longitude
UFN	Until further notice	W	White
UHDT	Unable higher due to traffic	WAC	World Aeronautical Chart ICAO 1:1 000 000 (followed by name/title)
UHF	Ultra high frequency (300 to 3'000 MHz)	WAFC	World area forecast centre
UIR	Upper flight information region	WB	Westbound
UNA	Unable	WBAR	Wing bar lights
UNAP	Unable to approve	WDI	Wind direction indicator
UNCAT*	Uncategorised	WDSPR	Widespread
UNL	Unlimited	WED	Wednesday
UNREL	Unreliable	WEF	With effect from or effective from
U/S	Unserviceable	WGS-84	World Geodetic System-1984
UTA	Upper control area	WID	Width
UTC	Coordinated universal time	WIE	With immediate effect or effective immediately
		WILCO†	Will comply
		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
WX	Weather

X

X	Cross
XBAR	Crossbar (of approach lighting system)
XNG	Crossing

Y

Y	Yellow
YCZ	Yellow caution zone (runway lighting)
YR	Your

Z

Z	Coordinated universal time (in meteorological messages)
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