

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	publication
A*	FRA arrival connecting point	AIREP†	Aeronautical information regulation and control
A1A*	A2A, A3E, etc. Designation of typical radio-communication emissions	AIS	Air-report
		ALA	Aeronautical information services
A/A	Air-to-air	ALERFA†	Alighting area
AAA	or AAB, AAC etc. in sequence, Amended meteorological message	ALR	Alert phase
AAL	Above aerodrome level	ALRS	Alerting (message type designator)
AAU*	Airspace Allocation Unit	ALS	Alerting service
ABM	Abeam	ALT	Approach lighting system
ABN	Aerodrome beacon	ALTN	Altitude
ABV	Above		Alternate or alternating (<i>light alternates in colour</i>)
AC	Altocumulus	ALTN	Alternate (aerodrome)
ACAS†	Airborne collision avoidance system	AMA	Area minimum altitude
ACC	Area control centre or area control	AMC*	Airspace management cell
ACCID	Notification of an aircraft accident	AMD	Amend or amended
ACFT	Aircraft	AMDT	Amendment (<i>AIP amendment</i>)
ACK	Acknowledge	AMS	Aeronautical mobile service
ACL	Altimeter check location	AMSL	Above mean sea level
ACN	Aircraft classification number	ANS	Answer
ACT	Active or activated or activity	AOC	Aerodrome obstacle chart
AD	Aerodrome	AP	Airport
ADA	Advisory area	APAPI†	Abbreviated precision approach path indicator
ADF	Automatic direction finding equipment	APCH	Approach
ADIZ†	Air defence identification zone	APP	Approach control office or approach control or approach control service
ADJ	Adjacent		
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 (<i>message type designator</i>)
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	ASPH	Asphalt
		ASTA*	Climatological station
		ATA	Actual time of arrival
		ATC	Air traffic control (<i>in general</i>)
		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
AUG	August
AUTH	Authorize or authorization
AUW	All up weight
AVBL	Available
AVGAS†	Aviation gasoline
AWY	Airway
AZM	Azimuth

B

B	Blue
BA	Braking action
BASE†	Cloud base
BARO-VNAV*†	Barometric vertical navigation (to be pronounced "BAA-RO-VEE-NAV")
BAZL*	Federal Office of Civil Aviation (FOCA, OFAC, UFAC)
BCFG	Fog patches
BCN	Beacon (<i>aeronautical ground light</i>)
BCST	Broadcast
BDRY	Boundary
BFR	Before
BKN	Broken
BL ...	Blowing (<i>follow by DU = dust, SA = sand or SN = snow</i>)
BLDG	Building
BLO	Below clouds
BLW	Below...
BOMB	Bombing
BR	Mist
BRG	Bearing
BRKG	Braking
B-RNAV*†	Basic RNAV*†
BS	Commercial broadcasting station
BTN	Between
BUFR*	Binary universal form for the representation of meteorological data

C

C [°C]	Degrees Celsius
C	Centre (<i>runway identification</i>)
CAG*	General Aviation Centre (GAC)
CAT	Clear air turbulence
CAT	Category (<i>in CAT I, II, III operations</i>)
CAVOK†	Visibility, cloud and present weather better than prescribed values or conditions (KAV-OH-KAY)
CB	(to be pronounced „CEE BEE") Cumulonimbus
CBA*	Cross border area
CC	Cirrocumulus
CCA	or CCB, CCC, etc. in sequence, Corrected meteorological message

CD	Candela
CDR*	Conditional route
CF	Change frequency to
CGL	Circling guidance light(s)
CH	Channel
CHEM*	Chemical
CHG	Modification (<i>message type designator</i>)
CI	Cirrus
CIDIN†	Common ICAO data interchange network
CIV	Civil
CK	Check
CL	Centre line
CLD	Cloud
CLG	Calling
CLR	Clear or cleared to or clearance
CLSD	Close or closed or closing
CM [cm]	Centimetre
CMB	Climb to or climbing to
CMPL	Completion or completed or complete
CNL	Cancel or cancelled
CNL	Flight plan cancellation (<i>message type designator</i>)
CNS	Communications, navigation and surveillance
COM	Communications
CONC	Concrete
COND	Condition
CONS	Continuous
CONST	Construction or constructed
CONT	Continue(s) or continued
COORD	Coordinates
COP	Change-over point
COR	Correct or corrected or correction
COTSENA*	(= KOSIF)
COTSINA*	(= KOSIF)
COV	Cover or covered or covering
CPDLC	Controller-pilot data link communications
CPL	Current flight plan (<i>message type designator</i>)
CRS*	Course
CRZ	Cruise
CS	Call sign
CS	Cirrostratus
CTA	Control area
CTAM	Climb to and maintain
CTC	Contact
CTL	Control
CTN	Caution
CTR	Control zone
CU	Cumulus
CUST	Customs
CWY	Clearway

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

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IMG	Immigration	LONG [°]	Longitude
INA	Initial approach	LOSS	Airspeed or headwind loss
INBD	Inbound	LPV	Localizer performance with vertical guidance
INCERFA†	Uncertainty phase		
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 VASIS</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	OCNL	Occasional <i>or</i> occasionally
MT	Mountain	OCS	Obstacle clearance surface
MTOM*	Maximum take-off mass	OCT	October
MWO	Meteorological watch office		
N		OFAC*	Federal Office of Civil Aviation (BAZL, FOCA, UFAC)
N	North <i>or</i> 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		
NB	Northbound	OPMET†	Operational meteorological (<i>information</i>)
NBFR	Not before		
NC	No change	OPN	Open <i>or</i> opening <i>or</i> opened
NDB	Non-directional radio beacon	OPR	Operator <i>or</i> operate <i>or</i> operative <i>or</i> operating <i>or</i> operational
NE	North-east	OPS†	Operations
NEB	North-eastbound	O/R	On request
NEG	No <i>or</i> negative <i>or</i> permission not granted <i>or</i> that is not correct	OTS	Organized track system
NGT	Night	OUBD	Outbound
NIL†	None <i>or</i> I have nothing to send to you		
NM [M]	Nautical miles	P ...	Prohibited area (<i>followed by identification</i>)
NML	Normal	PALS	Precision approach lighting system (<i>specify CAT</i>)
NN	No name, unnamed	PANS	Procedures for air navigation services
NNE	North-north-east	PAPI†	Precision approach path indicator
NNW	North-north-west	PAR	Precision approach radar
NOF	International NOTAM office	PARL	Parallel
NOSIG†	No significant change (<i>used in trend-type landing forecasts</i>)	PAX	Passengers
NOTAM†	A notice containing information concerning the establishment, condition <i>or</i> change in any aeronautical facility, service, procedure <i>or</i> hazard, the timely knowledge of which is essential to personnel concerned with flight operations	PBN	Performance-based navigation
NOV	November	PCD	Proceed <i>or</i> proceeding
NR	Number	PCN	Pavement classification number
NRH	No reply heard	PDG	Procedure design gradient
NS	Nimbostratus	PER	Performance
NSC	Nil significant cloud	PERM	Permanent
NSW	Nil significant weather	PJE	Parachute jumping exercise
NVFR*	VFR by night	PLN	Flight plan
NW	North-west	PLVL	Present level
NWB	North-westbound	PN	Prior notice required
		POB	Persons on board
		POSS	Possible
		PPI	Plan position indicator
		PPR	Prior permission required
		PPSN	Present position
		PRI	Primary
		PRKG	Parking
		P-RNAV*†	Precision RNAV
		PROB†	Probability
		PROC	Procedure
		PROV	Provisional
		PS	Plus
		PSG	Passing
		PSN	Position
		PSP	Pierced steel plank
		PTN	Procedure turn
O			
OACI*	ICAO		
OAS	Obstacle assessment surface		
OBS	Observe <i>or</i> observed <i>or</i> observation		
OBST	Obstacle		
OCA	Obstacle clearance altitude		
OCC	Occulting (<i>light</i>)		
OCH	Obstacle clearance height		

PTS	Polar track structure	RIF	Reclearance in flight
PWR	Power	RL	Report leaving
		RLA	Relay to...
		RLLS	Runway lead-in lighting system
		RMK	Remark
		RMZ	Radio Mandatory Zone
		RNAV†	Area navigation (to be pronounced AR NAV)
		RNG	Radio range
		RNP	Required navigation performance
		ROBEX†	Regional OPMET bulletin exchange (scheme)
		ROC	Rate of climb
		ROD	Rate of descent
		RON	Receiving only
		RPL	Repetitive flight plan
		RPLC	Replace or replaced
		RPS	Radar position symbol
		RR	Report reaching
		RRA	(or RRB, RRC, etc. in sequence)
			Delayed meteorological message (message type designator)
		RSC	Rescue sub-centre
		RSCD	Runway surface condition
		RSP	Responder beacon
		RTD	Delayed (used to indicate delayed meteorological message; message type designator)
		RTE	Route
		RTF	Radiotelephone
		RTG	Radiotelegraph
		RTHL	Runway threshold light(s)
		RTIL*	Runway threshold identification light(s)
		RTS	Return to service
		RTT	Radioteletypewriter
		RTZL	Runway touchdown zone light(s)
		RUT	Standard regional route transmitting frequencies
		RV	Rescue vessel
		RVR	Runway visual range
		RVSM	Reduced vertical separation minimum
		RWY	Runway
		S	
		S	South or southern latitude
		S1 - S5*	Ground service
		SALS	Simple approach lighting system
		SAN	Sanitary
		SAR	Search and rescue
		SARPS	Standards and Recommended Practices (ICAO)
		SAT	Saturday
		SB	Southbound
		SBAS†	Satellite-based augmentation system (to be pronounced "ESS-BAS")
		SC	Stratocumulus

SCT	Scattered	SSW	South-south-west
SE	South-east	ST	Stratus
SEB	South-eastbound	STA	Straight-in approach
SEC [s]	Seconds	STAR†	Standard instrument arrival
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
SPECIAL†	Local special meteorological report (<i>in abbreviated plain language</i>)	THR	Threshold
		THRU	Through
SPL	Supplementary flight plan (<i>message type designator</i>)	THU	Thursday
		TIL†	Until
SPOC	SAR point of contact	TIP	Until past... (place)
SPOT†	Spot wind	TKOF	Take-off
SQ	Squall	TL ...	Till (<i>followed by time by which weather change is forecast to end</i>)
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		Cloud top
SSR	Secondary surveillance radar	TOP†	
SST	Supersonic transport		

TOBT*	Target off block time	UTA	Upper control area
TORA	Take-off run available	UTC	Coordinated universal time
TOX	Toxic		
TP	Turning point		
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)		
UIR	Upper flight information region	WAFC	World area forecast centre
UNA	Unable	WB	Westbound
UNAP	Unable to approve	WBAR	Wing bar lights
UNCAT*	Uncategorised	WDI	Wind direction indicator
UNL	Unlimited	WDSPR	Widespread
UNREL	Unreliable	WED	Wednesday
U/S	Unserviceable	WEF	With effect from or effective from
		WGS-84	World Geodetic System-1984
		WID	Width
		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
X*	FRA horizontal exit point
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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