

GEN 2.2 ABBREVIATIONS USED IN AIS PUBLICATIONS

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* 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
A/A	Air-to-air	ALA	Aeronautical information services
AAA	or AAB, AAC etc. in sequence, Amended meteorological message	ALERFA†	Alighting area
AAL	Above aerodrome level	ALR	Alert phase
AAU*	Airspace Allocation Unit	ALRS	Alerting (message type designator)
ABM	Abeam	ALS	Alerting service
ABN	Aerodrome beacon	ALT	Approach lighting system
ABV	Above	ALTN	Altitude
AC	Altocumulus	ALTN	Alternate or alternating (light alternates in colour)
ACAS†	Airborne collision avoidance system	AMA	Alternate (aerodrome)
ACC	Area control centre or area control	AMC*	Area minimum altitude
ACCID	Notification of an aircraft accident	AMD	Airspace management cell
ACFT	Aircraft	AMDT	Amend or amended
ACK	Acknowledge	AMS	Amendment (AIP amendment)
ACL	Altimeter check location	ANS	Aeronautical mobile service
ACR	Aircraft classification rating	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	APN	Apron
ADR	Advisory route	APP	Approach control office or approach control or approach control service
ADS-B*	Automatic dependent surveillance-broadcast	APP*	Appendix
ADS-C*	Automatic dependent surveillance - contract	APR	April
ADVS	Advisory service	APRX	Approximate or approximately
ADZ	Advise	APSG	After passing
AES	Aircraft earth station	APV	Approve or approved or approval
AFIL	Flight plan filed in the air	APV*	Approach with vertical guidance
AFIS	Aerodrome flight information service	ARNG	Arrange
AFS	Aeronautical fixed service	ARO	Air traffic services reporting office
AFTN	Aeronautical fixed telecommunication network	ARP	Aerodrome reference point
A/G	Air-to-ground	ARR	Arrive or arrival
AGA	Aerodromes, air routes and ground aids	ARR	Arrival (message type designator)
AGL	Above ground level	AS	Altostratus
AGN	Again	ASDA	Accelerate-stop distance available
AIC	Aeronautical information circular	A-SMGCS*	Advanced surface movement guidance and control system
AIP	Aeronautical information	ASP*	Airspace
		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	CCA	or CCB, CCC, etc. in sequence, Corrected meteorological message
ATS	Air traffic services	CD	Candela
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
		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	EFVS*	Enhanced flight vision systems
DABS*	Daily Airspace Bulletin Switzerland	EFVS-A*	EFVS approach
DCT	Direct (<i>in relation to flight plan clearances and type of approach</i>)	EFVS-L*	EFVS landing
DEC	December	ELBA†	Emergency location beacon-aircraft
DEG [°]	Degrees	ELEV	Elevation
DEL*	Delivery, issuance (ATC clearance)	ELT	Emergency location transmitter
DEP	Depart or departure	EM	Emission
DEP	Departure (<i>message type designator</i>)	EMBD	Embedded in a layer (<i>to indicate cumulonimbus embedded in layers of other clouds</i>)
DEPO*	Deposition	EMERG	Emergency
DER	Departure end of the runway	En*	English
DES	Descend to or descending to	END	Stop-end (<i>related to RVR</i>)
DEST	Destination	ENE	East-north-east
DETRESFA†	Distress phase	ENG	Engine
DEV	Deviation or deviating	ENR	En route
DFTI	Distance from touchdown indicator	EOBT	Estimated off-block time
DH	Decision height	EQPT	Equipment
DIF	Diffuse	ENRC	Enroute chart
DIST	Distance	ENRC-FRA*	Enroute chart -Free Route Airspace
DIV	Divert or diverting	ESE	East-south-east
DLA	Delay or delayed	EST	Estimate or estimated or estimation (<i>message type designator</i>)
DME	Distance measuring equipment	ETA	Estimated time of arrival or estimating arrival
DNG	Danger or dangerous	ETD	Estimated time of departure or estimating departure
do/id.*	ditto/idem	ETE*	Summer (<i>summer time period</i>)
DOC*	Designated operational coverage (range and height)	ETO	Estimated time over significant point
DOM	Domestic	EUR RODEX*	European regional OPMET data exchange
DP	Dew point temperature	EV	Every
DPT	Depth	EVS*	Enhanced vision system
DR	Dead reckoning	EXC	Except
DR ...	Low drifting (<i>follow by DU = dust, SA = sand or SN = snow</i>)	EXER	Exercise(s) or exercising or to exercise
DRG	During	EXP	Expect or expected or expecting
DS	Duststorm	EXTD	Extend or extending
DTAM	Descend to and maintain	F	
DTG	Date-time group	F	Fixed
DTHR	Displaced runway threshold	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
DUR	Duration	FATO	Final approach and take-off area
DVOR	Doppler VOR	FAX	Facsimile transmission
DW	Dual wheels	FCST	Forecast
DZ	Drizzle	FCT	Friction coefficient
E			
E	East or eastern longitude	FEB	February
E*	FRA horizontal entry point	FG	Fog
EAT	Expected approach time	FIC	Flight information centre
EB	Eastbound	FIR	Flight information region

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

MON	Monday		
MPS [m/s]	Metres per second		O
MRA	Minimum reception altitude	OACI*	ICAO
MRP	ATS/MET reporting point	OAS	Obstacle assessment surface
MS	Minus	OBS	Observe <i>or</i> observed <i>or</i> observation
MSA	Minimum sector altitude		
MSG	Message	OBST	Obstacle
MSL	Mean sea level	OCA	Obstacle clearance altitude
MT	Mountain	OCC	Occulting (<i>light</i>)
MTOM*	Maximum take-off mass	OCH	Obstacle clearance height
MWO	Meteorological watch office	OCNL	Occasional <i>or</i> occasionally
N		OCS	Obstacle clearance surface
N	North <i>or</i> northern latitude	OCT	October
N	No distinct tendency (<i>in RVR during previous 10 minutes</i>)	OFAC*	Federal Office of Civil Aviation (BAZL, FOCA, UFAC)
NAT	North Atlantic	OHD	Overhead
NAV	Navigation	OM	Outer marker
NB	Northbound	ONAV*	Air Navigation Obstacle Chart including Glider Flying Information (LFHK)
NBFR	Not before		
NC	No change	OPMET†	Operational meteorological (<i>information</i>)
NDB	Non-directional radio beacon		
NE	North-east	OPN	Open <i>or</i> opening <i>or</i> opened
NEB	North-eastbound	OPR	Operator <i>or</i> operate <i>or</i> operative <i>or</i> operating <i>or</i> operational
NEG	No <i>or</i> negative <i>or</i> permission not granted <i>or</i> that is not correct	OPS†	Operations
NGT	Night	O/R	On request
NIL†	None <i>or</i> I have nothing to send to you	OTS	Organized track system
NM [M]	Nautical miles	OUBD	Outbound
NML	Normal		P
NN	No name, unnamed	P ...	Prohibited area (<i>followed by identification</i>)
NNE	North-north-east	PALS	Precision approach lighting system (<i>specify CAT</i>)
NNW	North-north-west	PANS	Procedures for air navigation services
NOF	International NOTAM office	PAPI†	Precision approach path indicator
NOSIG†	No significant change (<i>used in trend-type landing forecasts</i>)	PAR	Precision approach radar
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	PARL	Parallel
		PAX	Passengers
NOV	November	PBN	Performance-based navigation
NPZ*	Non-standard planning zone	PCD	Proceed <i>or</i> proceeding
NR	Number	PCR	Pavement classification rating
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	REP	Report <i>or</i> reporting <i>or</i> reporting point
P-RNAV*†	Precision RNAV	REQ	Request <i>or</i> requested
PROB†	Probability	ERTE	Re-route
PROC	Procedure	RESA	Runway end safety area
PROV	Provisional	RETIL *	Rapid Exit Taxiway Indicator Lights
PS	Plus	RF	Constant radius arc to a fix
PSG	Passing	RFP*	Replacement <i>or</i> replaced flight plan
PSN	Position	RG	Range (lights)
PSP	Pierced steel plank	RGL *	Runway Guard Light
PTN	Procedure turn	RIF	Reclearance in flight
PTS	Polar track structure	RL	Report leaving
PWR	Power	RLA	Relay to...
Q		RLLS	Runway lead-in lighting system
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)
R		ROC	Rate of climb
R	Red	ROD	Rate of descent
R	Right (<i>Runway identification</i>)	RON	Receiving only
R ...	Restricted area (<i>followed by identification</i>)	RPI	Reference path identifier
R ...*	VOR Radial (<i>followed by number of degrees</i>)	RPL	Repetitive flight plan
RA	Rain	RPLC	Replace <i>or</i> replaced
RAC	Rules of the air and air traffic services	RPS	Radar position symbol
RAD*	Route Availability Document	RR	Report reaching
RAFC*	Regional area forecast centre	RRA	(<i>or RRB, RRC, etc. in sequence</i>)
RB	Rescue boat		Delayed meteorological message (<i>message type designator</i>)
RCC	Rescue coordination centre	RSC	Rescue sub-centre
RCF	Radiocommunication failure (<i>message type designator</i>)	RSCD	Runway surface condition
RCH	Reach <i>or</i> reaching	RSP	Responder beacon
RCL	Runway centre line	RTD	Delayed (<i>used to indicate delayed meteorological message; message type designator</i>)
RCLL	Runway centre line light(s)	RTE	Route
RCLR	Recleared	RTF	Radiotelephone
RCP	Required communication performance	RTG	Radiotelegraph
RDH	Reference datum height	RTHL	Runway threshold light(s)
RDL	Radial	RTIL *	Runway threshold identification light(s)
RDO	Radio	RTS	Return to service
RE ...	Recent (<i>used to qualify weather phenomena, e.g. RERA = recent rain</i>)	RTT	Radioteletypewriter
REC	Receive <i>or</i> receiver	RTZL	Runway touchdown zone light(s)
REDL	Runway edge light(s)	RUT	Standard regional route transmitting frequencies
REF	Reference to... <i>or</i> refer to...	RV	Rescue vessel
REG	Registration	RVR	Runway visual range
RENL	Runway end light(s)	RVSM	Reduced vertical separation minimum
		RWY	Runway
		S	
		S	South <i>or</i> southern latitude
		S1 - S5*	Ground service

SA CAT I*	Special authorisation category I	SQ	Squall
SA CAT II*	Special authorisation category II	SR	Sunrise
SALS	Simple approach lighting system	SRA	Surveillance radar approach
SAN	Sanitary	SRE	Surveillance radar element of precision approach radar system
SAR	Search and rescue	SRG	Short range
SARPS	Standards and Recommended Practices (ICAO)	SRR	Search and rescue region
SAT	Saturday	SRY	Secondary
SB	Southbound	SS	Sunset
SBAS†	Satellite-based augmentation system (to be pronounced "ESS-BAS")	SSB	Single sideband
SC	Stratocumulus	SSE	South-south-east
SCT	Scattered	SSR	Secondary surveillance radar
SE	South-east	SST	Supersonic transport
SEB	South-eastbound	SSW	South-south-west
SEC [s]	Seconds	ST	Stratus
SECT	Sector	STA	Straight-in approach
SELCAL†	Selective calling system	STAR†	Standard instrument arrival
SEP	September	STD	Standard
SER	Service <i>or</i> servicing <i>or</i> served	STN	Station
SFC	Surface	STOL	Short take-off and landing
SFR*	Special flight route	STS	Status
SG	Snow grains	STWL	Stopway light(s)
SGL	Signal	SUBJ	Subject to
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>)	SUN	Sunday
SHF	Super high frequency (3'000 to 30'000 MHz)	SUP	Supplement (<i>AIP Supplement</i>)
SID†	Standard instrument departure	SVC	Service message
SIGMET†	Information concerning en-route weather phenomena which may affect the safety of aircraft operations	SVCBL	Serviceable
SIWL	Single isolated wheel load	SVFR*	Special VFR
SKED	Schedule <i>or</i> scheduled	SVID*	Standard visual/instrument departure
SLP	Speed limiting point	SW	South-west
SMR	Surface movement radar	SWB	South-westbound
SN	Snow	SWY	Stopway
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		
SPEC†	Aviation selected special weather report (<i>in aeronautical meteorological code</i>)		
SPECIAL†	Local special meteorological report (<i>in abbreviated plain language</i>)		
SPL	Supplementary flight plan (<i>message type designator</i>)		
SPOC	SAR point of contact		
SPOT†	Spot wind		
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		T	Temperature
		...T	True (<i>preceded by a bearing to indicate reference to True North</i>)
		TA	Transition altitude
		TACAN†	UHF tactical air navigation aid
		TAF†	Aerodrome forecast
		TAIL†	Tail wind
		TAS	True airspeed
		TAX	Taxiing <i>or</i> taxi
		TC	Terminal control centre*
		TCU	Towering cumulus
		TDZ	Touchdown zone
		TEL	Telephone
		TEMPO†	Temporary <i>or</i> temporarily
		TFC	Traffic
		TGL*	Temporary guidance leaflet
		TGS	Taxiing guidance system
		THR	Threshold
		THRU	Through
		THU	Thursday
		TIL†	Until
		TIP	Until past... (place)
		TKOF	Take-off

TL ...	Till (<i>followed by time by which weather change is forecast to end</i>)	UFAC*	Federal Office of Civil Aviation (BAZL, FOCA, OFAC)
TLOF	Touchdown and lift-off area	UFN	Until further notice
TMA	Terminal control area	UHDT	Unable higher due to traffic
TMM*	Transmissometer (RVR)	UHF	Ultra high frequency (300 to 3'000 MHz)
TMZ	Transponder Mandatory Zone		
TNA	Turn altitude	UIR	Upper flight information region
TNH	Turn height	UNA	Unable
TOC	Top of climb	UNAP	Unable to approve
TODA	Take-off distance available	UNCAT*	Uncategorised
TODAH	Take-off distance available, helicopter	UNL	Unlimited
		UNREL	Unreliable
TOP†	Cloud top	U/S	Unserviceable
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	VAC	Visual approach chart
TRANS	Transmits or transmitter	VAN	Runway control van
TREND†	Trend forecast	VAR	Magnetic variation
TRL	Transition level	VASIS	Visual approach slope indicator systems
TS	Thunderstorm (<i>in aerodrome reports and forecasts, TS used alone means thunder heard but no precipitation at the aerodrome</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>)
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>)	VCY	Vicinity
		VDF	Very high frequency direction-finding station
TSA*	Temporary Segregated Area (LST..)	VER	Vertical
TT	Teletypewriter	VFG*	VFR Flight Guide (<i>in VFR Manual</i>)
TUE	Tuesday	VFR	Visual flight rules
TURB	Turbulence	VHF	Very high frequency (30 to 300 MHz)
TVOR	Terminal VOR		
TWIL*	Twilight	VIS	Visibility
TWR	Aerodrome control tower or aerodrome control	VLF	Very low frequency (3 to 30 kHz)
		VMC	Visual meteorological conditions
TWY	Taxiway	VNAV†	Vertical navigation (to be pronounced "VEE-NAV")
TX*	Telex		
TYP	Type of aircraft	VOLMET†	Meteorological information for aircraft in flight
TZL*	(Simple) Touchdown zone light (Explanation see AIP LSZB, LSZA, LSZR: AD 2.14 - Footnote)	VOR	VHF omnidirectional radio range
		VORTAC†	VOR and TACAN combination
		VOT	VOR airborne equipment test facility
		VPT	Visual manoeuvre with prescribed track
		VRB	Variable
		VSP	Vertical speed
		VSS	Visual segment surface
		VTOL	Vertical take-off and landing
	U		W
U	Upward (<i>tendency in RVR during previous 10 minutes</i>)	W	West or western longitude
U2*	U3 etc. MET charts	W	White
UA	Unmanned aircraft		
UAC	Upper area control centre		
UAR	Upper air route		
UAS	Unmanned aircraft system		
UDF	Ultra high frequency direction-finding station		

WAC	World Aeronautical Chart ICAO 1:1 000 000 (followed by name/title)
WAFC	World area forecast centre
WB	Westbound
WBAR	Wing bar lights
WDI	Wind direction indicator
WDSPR	Widespread
WED	Wednesday
WEF	With effect from <i>or</i> effective from
WGS-84	World Geodetic System-1984
WID	Width
WIE	With immediate effect <i>or</i> effective immediately
WILCO†	Will comply
WIP	Work in progress
WKN	Weaken <i>or</i> 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 (<i>in meteorological messages</i>)
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