



SUBJECT

Revision of SO Regulations

APPLICABILITY

All IVAO users

STATUS

Mandatory

ISSUE DATE

13 October, 2019

EFFECTIVE DATE AND TIME

13 October, 2019 21:00Z

SUPERSEDES

None

CIRCULAR TEXT

IVAO HQ Special Operations Department informs IVAO users of the upcoming major revision of network SO Regulations. New edition of SO Regulations becomes effective on the 1 November, 2019 at 00:00Z.

As the new edition brings a large number of changes, including the structure of the document itself, specific changes are not listed in this Circular.

Below is a brief summary of changes:

- a. Introduction of segregated areas for SO flights and management of activities potentially hazardous for civil aircraft, with emphasis on optimum utilisation of airspace by SO and [simulated] civil air traffic.
- b. Introduction of an appropriate framework of civil-military coordination, including network-wide use of the centralised IVAO NOTAM system for SO purposes.
- c. Clauses on individual SO flights are made clear and concise, certain grey areas were addressed.
- d. Regulations for controlling military units and other Special Operations units other than civil ATS are established for the first time.
- e. Regulations for Special Operations Groups (SOGs) are revised; incentives are provided for officially registered SOGs.
- f. Regulations for international and divisional SO events and tours are revised entirely.
- g. Duties and responsibilities of divisional SO departments are completely revised, clear guidance is provided.



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- h. An appropriate international ICAO terminology is used throughout SO Regulations.
 - i. Complex clauses are supplemented by notes to combat incorrect interpretation of clauses, to explain rationale and intent.
 - j. SO Regulations prescribe workflows and protocols (guidance), in addition to formal requirements.
 - k. Several new mechanisms are established, such as divisional SO Orders and SO LOAs.

IVAO users and staff are asked to familiarise themselves with the new edition of SO Regulations before 1 November, 2019.

Below is the summary of technical details that arise with the introduction of the new edition of SO Regulations:

- a. Divisional special operations departments may begin drafting divisional SO Orders; submission of SO Orders will take place via the HQ-SOD Internal Portal in the same manner that SO LOAs are currently submitted; technical arrangements that will allow submission of SO Orders via Internal Portal will be provided on 1 November, 2019. SO LOAs will be discontinued on the 1 November, 2019 and removed from HQ-SOD Internal Portal and Public website.
- b. Divisional Directors, Assistant Directors, Special Operations Coordinators and Special Operations Assistant Coordinators will be provided with access to IVAO centralised NOTAM system for the purposes of complying with SO Regulations on 1 November, 2019.
- c. International SO events (termed "HQ-SOD approved SO events" as per current edition of SO Regulations) filed for 1 November, 2019 and later dates shall comply with the new edition of SO Regulations.
- d. IVAO divisions shall ensure that their divisional SO events and divisional SO tours are complying with the new edition of SO Regulations from 1 November, 2019.
- e. HQ-SOD Public website and Internal Portal will be updated on 1 November, 2019 to reflect various clauses of the new edition of SO Regulations.
- f. HQ-SOD External Circular N1 dated 18 April, 2019 and HQ-SOD External Circular N2 dated 19 August, 2019 are cancelled on 1 November, 2019; these circulars are incorporated into the new edition of SO Regulations.

The new edition of SO Regulations (edition date 11 October, 2019 / effective date 1 November, 2019) is available at http://sod.ivao.aero/pf/documents/SO_Regulations_11OCT19.pdf

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