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An InFO contains valuable information for operators that should help them meet certain administrative, regulatory, or operational requirements with relatively low urgency or impact on safety.

SUBJECT: Change in Canadian ATC Taxi Phraseology – **LINE UP/LINE UP AND WAIT**

Purpose: Provides all operators advance notice of the change in phraseology that controllers in Canada will use when clearing aircraft to enter a runway in preparation for take off.

Background: The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) publishes standard aviation terms and phrases for use worldwide in the *Procedures for Air Navigation Services—Air Traffic Management* (PANS-ATM), Document 4444. For the most part, the use of standard terms and aviation phraseology in North America is consistent with those published by ICAO; however, certain specific air traffic control (ATC) phraseology used in Canada differs from the phraseology published by ICAO.

Predominantly, controllers of ICAO member States use the ICAO-recommended phraseology “LINE UP” or “LINE UP AND WAIT” when instructing an aircraft to enter the runway intended for take off.

In Canada, controllers currently use the phraseology “TAXI TO POSITION” or “TAXI TO POSITION AND WAIT” when instructing an aircraft to enter the departure runway.

In the near future NAV CANADA will implement the ICAO-recommended phraseology “LINE UP” or “LINE UP AND WAIT” when controllers instruct an aircraft to enter the runway intended for take off.

Pilots are urged to remain alert to the different phraseologies that may be encountered when operating near runway thresholds in various locations. The table below is provided to familiarize pilots with the different phraseologies that will be in use once the change to Canadian phraseology is implemented.

ICAO	CANADA	United States (FAA)
TAXI VIA (taxiway routing) TO HOLDING POINT RUNWAY(number)	RUNWAY (number) TAXI VIA (taxiway routing)	TAXI TO RUNWAY (number) VIA (taxiway routing)
LINE UP AND WAIT	LINE UP AND WAIT (REASON)	RUNWAY (number) POSITION AND HOLD

Recommended action: Directors of safety, directors of operations, trainers, and pilots should clearly understand differing ATC terminology regulations when operating in Canada and other ICAO countries with regard to taxi clearances and the meaning of taxi clearances issued by

ground controllers. Pilots should be aware that if any ATC instructions are not understood a pilot should call upon ATC to clarify the discrepancy before taxiing or at any time while taxiing.

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