INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT INFORMATION MANUAL
User's Guide

The categories included in the IFIM were selected from input received from pilots, operators and aviation organizations. The IFIM is designed to be used as an online preflight / planning guide for aviators flying outside of the United States.

The accuracy and currency of information for some of the countries contained in this guide is uncertain because of the rapidly changing world environment and difficulty in obtaining the information. Though every effort is made to provide accurate and complete information, the Federal Aviation Administration cannot always verify the information provided by sources in other countries. Aviators should always check with a country's aviation authority or a local aviation handler when planning a trip outside of the United States.

Information may not be available for all categories for each country. In the event information is not available a statement to that effect will be annotated in the appropriate category. At times when the interpretation of information is at question *[Sic]* will be used to point out the information is as it appears in the source.

Information of a rapidly changing nature such as hours of operations, communication frequencies, danger area boundaries and fees are not included. The pilot must assume responsibility for securing this data from other sources (some of these sources may be provided in the IFIM).

The IFIM general flight planning information is gathered, prioritized and analyzed from the sources in the order listed below. In general discrepancies in information between sources are handling by publishing the source with the most current date.

    (1) Individual State Aeronautical Information Publications (AIP)

    (2) NOTAMs and Aeronautical Information Circulars (AIC)

    (3) Individual States Aeronautical Information Service (AIS)

    (4) International Civil Aviation Organization website(s) (ICAO)

    (5) U.S. Department of State (DoS)

    (6) U.S. Embassy / Country Embassy (EMB)

    (7) Customs & Border Protection (CBP)

    (8) Transportation Security Administration (TSA)

    (9) Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)

    (10) Center for Disease Control (CDC)

    (11) World Health Organization (WHO)

    (12) Official Travel and Tourism websites (OTT)

Country Information Data Sheet

Country Identification Area

THE BAHAMAS ← Country Name

Country Flag

Country Map

ISO Country Code - BS

International Organization for Standards Country Code

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Contacts

Designated Authorities

This category lists aviation authorities or departments approved by a country to serve as a point of contact for facilitating international aviation. These may include but are not limited to Civil Aviation Authority, Meteorology, Customs, Immigration, Health, Quarantine and Aircraft Accident and Incident.

Aeronautical Information Services (AIS)

This category gives information on the countries AIS and the International NOTAM Office associated with that country. In general the country AIS is the main point of contact for all aviation related activities.

Embassy Information

This category gives the website and or address of a country's Embassy in the United States. If the country does not have an embassy in the United States then a consulate may be substituted. The website and or address of the United States Embassy to the country will also be provided.

Flight Information

This category contains information that serves pilots in international pre-flight planning to satisfy those rules and regulations required to legally enter and exit a country.

As a general rule the IFIM will not include country regulations that are less restrictive then U.S. regulations.

Airports of Entry

This category lists the airports that provide customs and immigration services for incoming flights.

Airports of Entry (AOE's) will be listed by their ICAO Identifier and Airport Name. Some AOE's have special requirements (i.e., advanced notice, prior permission or VFR only). These special requirements will be annotated in parens next to the airport name.

Some countries may have a large number of AOE's. When it is not practical to list all of the AOE's the statement: "There are currently (# of airports here) airports of entry for (country name here)" shall be substituted for the list of AOE's.

Entry/Exit Requirements

The contents of this category are designed to give the pilot a condensed checklist of the basic steps and requirements for flying into a country from the U.S. and exiting that country. It contains documentation requirements for passengers, pilots and aircraft.

Entry Requirements (Departing the U.S.)

Entry Requirements are divided into three categories - Passengers, Pilots and Aircraft.

- *Passengers* - lists passenger documentation such as passports and visa requirements.

- *Pilots* - lists pilot documentation such as passports, licenses, etc. In general pilot requirements are the same as passenger requirements. If differences are clear in the reference material it will be annotated.

- *Aircraft* - lists aircraft documentation such as aircraft registration, insurance, etc.

Exit Requirements

Additional Exit Requirements and/or statements may be added.

Additional Flight Information

Additional flight information addresses topics which may aid a pilot in complying with other country regulations as well as in flight planning. Additional subcategories not listed here may be added.

Aircraft Instruments and Equipment

It is the responsibility of the pilot to determine if the aircraft meets the requirements of the destination country. The items listed in this category are for pilot's reference only.

> **Note: This is not an all-inclusive list. It is a guide to remind the operator to verify equipment requirements.**

Technical Stop / Overflight

A Technical Stop for the purposes of this document is a planned landing at a point prior to the destination for the purpose of refueling, maintenance and other activities not associated with passengers or cargo embarkation or disembarkation. Technical Stop information is designed to assist the pilot in complying with country regulations under the conditions of a technical stop.

Overflight occurs when an aircraft enters airspace controlled / regulated by a foreign country (i.e. CTR, FIR, TMA, Control Zones, predefined airspace). Overflight information such as approval or permission requirements is listed to assist the pilot in pre-flight planning.

Fees associated with Technical Stop / Overflight is addressed in the Fees subcategory.

Non-scheduled Flights (Charters)

For the purposes of this publication a non-scheduled flight is a commercial flight operating under U.S. 14 CFR Part 135. However, other country definitions of non-scheduled flights can be hard to determine. Every effort will be given to determine if there is a difference and will be annotated as such. It is always the responsibility of the PIC to determine these requirements with the appropriate authority prior to flight.

This category addresses information that will aid the pilot in complying with the country rules and regulations concerning the initial application to perform non-scheduled flights.

Fees associated with non-scheduled flights will be addressed in the Fees subcategory.

Private Flights

A private flight is a non-commercial flight operating under U.S. 14 CFR Part 91. However, other country definitions of private flights can be hard to determine. Every effort will be given to determine if there is a difference and will be annotated as such. It is always the responsibility of the PIC to determine these requirements with the appropriate authority prior to flight

This category addresses information that will aid the pilot in complying with the country rules and regulations concerning notification and approval of private flights.

Fees associated with private flights will be addressed in the Fees subcategory.

Float Planes

This category contains information regarding special rules and/or regulations concerning float planes.

Light Sport Aircraft

This category contains information regarding special rules and/or regulations concerning Light Sport Aircraft.

Island Hopping

This category contains information regarding special rules and/or regulations concerning Island Hopping.

When islands of different sovereignties are in the same geographic area the statement, "Each Island in the (name of country or region here) may be its own sovereign nation. Please refer to specific country information prior to flying to other islands within the (name of country or region)" will be included.

Fees

This category will list the types of charges associated with operating an aircraft through foreign airspace and any ground services (i.e., landing, parking, passenger service, fueling surcharges). Due to the rapidly changing world environment actual fees are not listed.

Fuel

This category will only include the availability of Jet A1 (or equivalent) and/or AvGas. The listing of fuel availability by specific airports is done on a country by country basis determined by the availability of the information. Pilots must contact appropriate airport authority for detailed information.

Fees associated with fuel surcharges will be listed under the Fees category.

VRF / Night VFR

This category contains VFR and Night VFR flight regulations that may differ from U.S. regulations.

Aeronautical Charts

This category contains source contact information for obtaining aeronautical charts.

Country Specific Travel Information

This category provides pilots with additional travel knowledge that may be helpful in planning a trip.

Public Health

Public Health information refers to country entry requirements for passengers, crew and aircraft. This may include information pertaining to immunizations, diseases control and aircraft treatment procedures.

Center for Disease Control and the World Health Organization websites are added to access the latest requirements.

Public Holidays

This category contains a list of the Public Holidays for the current year by name and date.

Pets

This category contains information pertinent to immunization, documentation and/or quarantine of pets for the purpose of entering the country. Pets generally refer to cats and dogs however some countries may categorize other animals as pets while other countries do not differentiate between pets and animals.

Links

This category contains the name and web address, not previously mentioned/used, of official source that supports the travel and aeronautical information for each country. Examples are: official travel websites, Department of State, CIA Fact Book, CARICOM, etc.

Aeronautical Information Publication (AIP)

This category lists the country AIP information website if available.

If an AIP is not available to the public then the statement: "The IFIM Staff is not aware of a free access Aeronautical Information Publication website for this country. The Aeronautical Information Service (AIS) may be contacted for information" will be stated.