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SECOND AND THIRD LETTERS

Code	Signification	phraseology
AGA Lighting f	acilities (L)	
LA LB LC LD LE LF LG LH LI LJ LK LL LM LP LR LS LT LU LV LW LX LY LZ	Approach lighting system (specify runway and type) Aerodrome beacon Runway centre line lights (specify runway) Landing direction indicator lights Runway edge lights (specify runway) Sequenced flashing lights (specify runway) Pilot-controlled lighting High intensity runway lights (specify runway) Runway end identifier lights (specify runway) Runway alignment indicator lights (specify runway) Category II components of approach lighting system (specify runway) Low intensity runway lights (specify runway) Medium intensity runway lights (specify runway) Precision approach path indicator (specify runway) All landing area lighting facilities Stopway lights (specify runway) Threshold lights (specify runway) Helicopter approach path indicator Visual approach slope indicator system (specify type and runway) Heliport lighting Taxiway centre line lights (specify taxiway) Taxiway edge lights (specify taxiway) Runway touchdown zone lights (specify runway)	als abn rcll ldi lgt redl sequenced flg lgt pcl high intst rwy lgt rwy end id lgt rai lgt cat II components als low intst rwy lgt medium intst rwy lgt papi ldg area lgt fac stwl thr lgt hapi vasis heliport lgt twy cl lgt twy edge lgt rtzl
AGA Movemen	t and landing area (M)	
MA MB MC MD MG MH MK MM MN MO MP MR MS MT	Movement area Bearing strength (specify part of landing area or movement area) Clearway (specify runway) Declared distances (specify runway) Taxiing guidance system Runway arresting gear (specify runway) Parking area Daylight markings (specify threshold, centre line, etc.) Apron Stopbar (specify taxiway) Aircraft stands (specify) Runway (specify runway) Stopway (specify runway) Threshold (specify runway)	mov area bearing strength cwy declared dist tgs rag prkg area day markings apron stopbar acft stand rwy swy thr

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Code	Signification	Uniform abbreviate phraseology
MU	Runway turning bay (specify runway)	rwy turning bay
MW	Strip/shoulder (specify runway)	strip/shoulder
MX	Taxiway(s) (specify)	twy
MY	Rapid exit taxiway (specify)	rapid exit twy
AGA		
Facilities a	and services (F)	
FA	Aerodrome	ad
FB	Friction measuring device (specify type)	friction measuring device
FC	Ceiling measurement equipment	ceiling measurement eqpt
FD	Docking system (specify AGNIS, BOLDS, etc.)	dckg system
FE	Oxygen (specify type)	oxygen
FF	Firefighting and rescue	fire and rescue
FG	Ground movement control	gnd mov ctl
FH	Helicopter alighting area/platform	hel alighting area
FI	Aircraft de-icing (specify)	acft de-ice
FJ	Oils (specify type)	oil
FL	Landing direction indicator	ldi
FM	Meteorological service (specify type)	met
FO	Fog dispersal system	fg dispersal
FP FS	Heliport	heliport
FT	Snow removal equipment Transmissometer (specify runway and, where applicable, designator(s) of transmissometer(s))	sn removal eqpt transmissometer
FU	Fuel availability	fuel avbl
FW	Wind direction indicator	wdi
FZ	Customs/immigration	cust/immigration
ATM		
Airspace o	organization (A)	
AA	Minimum altitude (specify en-route/crossing/safe)	mnm alt
AC	Control zone	ctr
AD	Air defence identification zone	adiz
ΑE	Control area	cta
AF	Flight information region	fir
AH	Upper control area	uta
AL	Minimum usable flight level	mnm usable fl
AN	Area navigation route	rnav rte
AO	Oceanic control area	oca
AP	Reporting point (specify name or coded designator)	rep
AR	ATS route (specify)	ats rte
AT	Terminal control area	tma
AU	Upper flight information region	uir
AV AX	Upper advisory area	uda sig
AZ AZ	Significant point Aerodrome traffic zone	sig atz
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ATM Air traffic	and VOLMET services (S)	
SA SB SC SE SF SL SO SP SS ST SU SV SY	Automatic terminal information service ATS reporting office Area control centre Flight information service Aerodrome flight information service Flow control centre Oceanic area control centre Approach control service Flight service station Aerodrome control tower Upper area control centre VOLMET broadcast Upper advisory service (specify)	atis aro acc fis afis flow ctl centre oac app fss twr uac volmet upper advisory ser
ATM Air traffic	procedures (P)	
PA PB PC PD PE PF PH PI PK PL PM PO PR PT PU PX PZ	Standard instrument arrival (specify route designator) Standard VFR arrival Contingency procedures Standard instrument departure (specify route designator) Standard VFR departure Flow control procedure Holding procedure Instrument approach procedure (specify type and runway) VFR approach procedure Flight plan processing, filing and related contingency Aerodrome operating minima (specify procedure and amended minimum) Noise operating restrictions Obstacle clearance altitude and height (specify procedure) Radio failure procedure Transition altitude or transition level (specify) Missed approach procedure (specify runway) Minimum holding altitude (specify fix) ADIZ procedure	star std vfr arr contingency proc sid std vfr dep flow ctl proc hldg proc instr apch proc vfr apch proc fpl opr minima noise opr restrictions oca och rdo failure proc ta/trl missed apch proc mnm hldg alt adiz proc
CNS Communic	cations and surveillance facilities (C)	
CA CB CC CD CE CG CG	Air/ground facility (specify service and frequency) Automatic dependent surveillance — broadcast (details) Automatic dependent surveillance — contract (details) Controller-pilot data link communications (details) En-route surveillance radar Ground controlled approach system Selective calling system Surface movement radar	a/g fac ads-b ads-c cpdlc rsr gca selcal smr

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Code	Signification	Uniform abbreviated phraseology
CP CR	Precision approach radar <i>(specify runway)</i> Surveillance radar element of precision approach radar system	par sre
CS CT	(specify wavelength) Secondary surveillance radar Terminal area surveillance radar	ssr tar
CNS Instrumen	t and microwave landing systems (I)	
IC ID IG II IL IM IN IO IS IT IU IW IX IY	Instrument landing system (specify runway) DME associated with ILS Glide path (ILS) (specify runway) Inner marker (ILS) (specify runway) Localizer (ILS) (specify runway) Middle marker (ILS) (specify runway) Localizer (not associated with ILS) Outer marker (ILS) (specify runway) ILS Category I (specify runway) ILS Category II (specify runway) ILS Category III (specify runway) Microwave landing system (specify runway) Locator, outer (ILS) (specify runway) Locator, middle (ILS) (specify runway)	ils ils dme ils gp ils im ils llz ils mm llz ils om ils cat I ils cat III mls ils lo ils lo
CNS GNSS serv	vices (G)	
GA GW	GNSS airfield-specific operations (specify operation) GNSS area-wide operations (specify operation)	gnss airfield gnss area
CNS Terminal a	and en-route navigation facilities (N)	
NA NB NC ND NF NL NM NN NO NT NV	All radio navigation facilities (except) Non-directional radio beacon DECCA Distance measuring equipment Fan marker Locator (specify identification) VOR/DME TACAN OMEGA VORTAC VOR Direction-finding station (specify type and frequency)	all rdo nav fac ndb decca dme fan mkr 1 vor/dme tacan omega vortac vor df

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Navigation Warnings

Airspace restrictions (R)

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Airspace reservation (specify) RA airspace reservation RD Danger area (specify) . . d . . RM Military operating area moa RO Overflying of . . . (specify) overflying RP Prohibited area (specify) . . р . . RR Restricted area . . r . .

Signification

RT Temporary restricted area (specify area) tempo restricted area

Navigation Warnings Warnings (W)

WA Air display air display
WB Aerobatics aerobatics
WC Captive balloon or kite captive balloon/kite

WD Demolition of explosives demolition of explosives
WE Exercises (specify) exer
WF Air refuelling air refuelling
WG Glider flying gld fly

WH Blasting blasting
WJ Banner/target towing banner/target towing

WL Ascent of free balloon ascent of free balloon
WM Missile, gun or rocket firing missile/gun/rocket/frng
WP Parachute jumping exercise, paragliding or hang gliding
WR Radioactive materials or toxic chemicals (specify) radioactive materials/toxic

chemicals

WS Burning or blowing gas burning/blowing gas
WT Mass movement of aircraft mass mov of acft

WU Unmanned aircraft ua

WV Formation flight formation flt

WW Significant volcanic activity significant volcanic act
WY Aerial survey aerial survey

WZ Model flying aeriai survey
WZ model flying model fly

Other Information (O)

OA Aeronautical information service ais
OB Obstacle (specify details) obst

OE Aircraft entry requirements acft entry remnts

OL Obstacle lights on . . . (specify) obst lgt
OR Rescue coordination centre rcc

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FOURTH AND FIFTH LETTERS

Code	Signification	Uniform abbreviated phraseology
Availabili	ity (A)	
AC	Withdrawn for maintenance	withdrawn maint
AD	Available for daylight operation	avbl day ops
AF	Flight checked and found reliable	fltck okay
AG	Operating but ground checked only, awaiting flight check	opr but gnd ck only, awaiting fltck
AH	Hours of service are now (specify)	hr ser
AK	Resumed normal operation	okay
AL	Operative <i>(or reoperative)</i> subject to previously published limitations/conditions	opr subj previous cond
AM	Military operations only	mil ops only
AN	Available for night operation	avbl ngt ops
AO	Operational	opr
AP	Available, prior permission required	avbl, ppr
AR	Available on request	avbl o/r
AS	Unserviceable	u/s
ΑU	Not available (specify reason if appropriate)	not avbl
AW	Completely withdrawn	withdrawn
AX	Previously promulgated shutdown has been cancelled	promulgated shutdown cnl
Changes ((C)	
CA	Activated	act
CC	Completed	cmpl
CD	Deactivated	deactivated
CE	Erected	erected
CF	Operating frequency(ies) changed to	opr freq changed to
CG	Downgraded to	downgraded to
CH	Changed	changed
CI	Identification or radio call sign changed to	ident/rdo call sign changed to
CL	Realigned	realigned
CM	Displaced	displaced
CN	Cancelled	cnl
CO	Operating	opr
CP	Operating on reduced power	opr reduced pwr
CR	Temporarily replaced by	tempo rplcd by
CS	Installed	instl

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Hazard Conditions (H)

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НА	Braking action is 1) Poor 2) Medium/Poor 3) Medium 4) Medium/Good 5) Good	ho is
НВ	Friction coefficient is (specify friction measuring device used)	ba is friction coefficient is
HC	Covered by compacted snow to a depth of	cov compacted sn depth
HD	Covered by dry snow to a depth of	cov dry sn depth
HE	Covered by water to a depth of	cov water depth
HF	Totally free of snow and ice	free of sn and ice
HG	Grass cutting in progress	grass cutting inpr
HH	Hazard due to (specify)	hazard due
HI	Covered by ice	cov ice
НЈ	Launch planned (specify balloon flight identification or project code name, launch site, planned period of launch(es) — date/time, expected climb direction, estimated time to pass 18 000 m (60 000 ft), or reaching cruise level if at or below 18 000 m (60 000 ft), together with estimated location)	launch plan
HK	Bird migration in progress (specify direction)	bird migration inpr
HL	Snow clearance completed	sn clr cmpl
HM	Marked by	marked by
HN	Covered by wet snow or slush to a depth of	cov wet sn/slush depth
НО	Obscured by snow	obscured by sn
HP	Snow clearance in progress	sn clr inpr
HQ	Operation cancelled (specify balloon flight identification or project code name)	opr cnl
HR	Standing water	standing water
HS	Sanding in progress	sanding inpr
HT	Approach according to signal area only	apch according signal
HU	Launch in progress (specify balloon flight identification or project code name, launch site, date/time of launch(es), estimated time passing 18 000 m (60 000 ft), or reaching cruising level if at or below 18 000 m (60 000 ft), together with estimated location, estimated date/time of termination of the flight and planned location of ground contact, when applicable)	launch inpr
HV	Work completed	work cmpl
HW	Work in progress	wip
HX	Concentration of birds	bird concentration
HY	Snow banks exist (specify height)	sn banks hgt
HZ	Covered by frozen ruts and ridges	cov frozen ruts and ridges

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Code Signification

Limitations (L)

LA	Operating on auxiliary power supply
LB	Reserved for aircraft based therein

LC Closed LD Unsafe

LE Operating without auxiliary power supply

LF Interference from

LG Operating without identification
LH Unserviceable for aircraft heavier than

LI Closed to IFR operations LK Operating as a fixed light

LL Usable for length of . . . and width of . . .

LN Closed to all night operations

LP Prohibited to

LR Aircraft restricted to runways and taxiways

LS Subject to interruption

LT Limited to

LV Closed to VFR operations

LW Will take place

LX Operating but caution advised due to

Other (XX)

XX Plain language

opr aux pwr

reserved for acft based therein

clsd unsafe

opr aux wo pwr interference fm opr wo ident

u/s acft heavier than

clsd ifr ops opr as f lgt usable len.../wid... clsd to all ngt ops prohibited to

acft restricted to rwy and twy

subj intrp ltd to clsd vfr ops will take place

opr but ctn advised due to