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OPERATIONAL OF DEPARTURE CLEARANCE SERVICE

1 .PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of this AIP Supplement is to inform aircraft operators about the operation of the Departure Clearance (DCL) service using datalink at the following airport, effective from 12 MAY 2026:

1. OEAB - Abha/Abha Airport.
2. OEJN - Jeddah / King Abdulaziz International Airport.
3. OERK - Riyadh / King Khaled International Airport.
4. OEDF - Dammam / King Fahd International Airport.
5. OEMA - Madinah / Prince Mohammad Bin Abdulaziz International Airport.
6. OEGS - Gassim / Prince Naif Bin Abdulaziz Airport.

2 .DEPARTURE CLEARANCE VIA DATA LINK (DCL)

2.1 The Departure clearance DCL using datalink is a digital messaging system used as mean of communication between ATC and Pilots for Clearance delivery. It is used as an alternative or backup to VHF voice communication for non-urgent or time-critical communication. It is expected that the DCL will enhance the current clearance delivery service at Dammam, Abha, Jeddah, Riyadh, Gassim and Madinah Towers.

2.2 The Departure clearance (DCL) function is integrated into the ATM/EFIS system deployed at ATC Towers and has the capabilities to exchange datalink messages with FANS 1/A+ equipped aircraft. The processing of messages is achieved by the Air-Ground datalink processing (AGDLP) and the Flight data processing (FDP) function. The DCL function is compliant with ED-85A specification (ED-85A-datalink Application system document (DLASD) for DCL datalink service).

3 .DCL SERVICE

3.1 The DCL service will be available from the moment the datalink communication is established (LOGON) for clearance delivery until the time the aircraft starts taxiing. When the aircraft is taxiing, ATC clearance revision will only be using VHF communication.

3.2 The DCL service will be initiated on Pilot DCL request, preferably before the Estimated off block time (EOBT).

4 .LOGON PROCEDURES.

4.1 To access DCL service, the following AFTN LOGON addresses should be used depending on the Airport of departure:

1. JEDDAH TOWER is JEDDAYA
2. RIYADH TOWER is RUHDAYA
3. MADINA TOWER is MEDDAYA
4. DAMMAM TOWER is DMMCAYA
5. GASSIM TOWER is ELQBAYA
6. ABHA TOWER is AHBAAYA

5 .TIMESCALES FOR OPREATIONAL

5.1 DCL services will be operational at Abha, Jeddah, Riyadh, Dammam, Gassim, and Madinah from 12th May, and will continue until the publication of GEN 3.4 (Communication Services) and AD 2.22 sections.

6 .CONTACTS

6.1 For further information on DCL service through datalink described in this AIC, please use the following contact details:

List of contact	CONTACT DETAILS
For inquiries: Airspace Management	asm@sans.com.sa
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MADINAH	Tel: 0148420085 - 0148401566
DAMMAM	Tel: 0138833100
GASSIM	Tel: 0163800479
RIYADH	Tel: 0112211141
JEDDAH	Tel: 0126853805

7 .VALIDITY

This AIP Supplement will remain valid until the information is superseded or incorporated into the AIP KSA.

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