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SNOWTAM ITEM T GUIDANCE

1 Additional guidance for SNOWTAM Sponsors regarding Item T PLAIN LANGUAGE REMARKS.

The current EAD system used for processing of SNOWTAMs contains software to ensure that the correct format and elements are used, this includes the application of various validation rules

As a consequence, to prevent errors or warnings from being generated due to ITEM T and also ITEM S elements, the below guidance shall be considered. This is in accordance with the EUROCONTROL - EAD Service Operational User Handbook - Data Provider, Appendix J (*EAD/DOC-GEKB38*):

- Item T shall start with RMK/.
- Item T shall use ITA-2 character set.
- Item T & S Items should not be separated using 'full stop', multiple Item T entries should be separated using an oblique in the format [space] / [space]. A single 'full stop' shall only be at the end of Item T.
- If Item S elements exist, they shall be placed also after the RMK/.

In Item T, the following keywords shouldn't be used as they will generate errors and may result in SNOWTAM being rejected. Suggested ICAO 8400 alternatives have been provided if required.

Situational Awareness Keywords (Items I to S)	Alternative to use if using Keywords in Item T
REDUCED TO	REDUCE TO
DRIFTING SNOW	DRFT SN
LOOSE SAND	LOOSE SA
CHEMICALLY TESTED	CHEM TREATED
SNOW BANK	SN BANK
SNOWBANK	SNBANK
SNOW BANKS	SN BANKS
SNOWBANKS	SNBANKS
RWY	RUNWAY
RWYS	RUNWAYS
TWY	TAXIWAY
TWYS	TAXIWAYS
APRON	APN
APRONS	APNS
FM CL	FROM CL

Note: A future software change will mean that the continued use of RMK/ as a prefix for Item T will resolve the need to use alternative Keywords.

1.1 Example for clarity of difference between Situational Awareness and Item T elements after the RMK/

GG EUECYIYP

311842 EGLLZTX

(SNOWTAM PROPOSAL EGGN 0351

EGLL

10311800 09L 2/2/2 100/100/100 04/04/04 SLUSH/SLUSH/SLUSH

10311730 09R 5/2/2 100/50/75 NR/06/06 WET/SLUSH/SLUSH

RWY 09L SNOWBANK R20 FM CL. RWY 09R ADJ SNOWBANKS. TWY B POOR. APRON NORTH POOR. RMK/ RUNWAY 09R SNBANKS REMOVAL at 2200 / APN NORTH CONTAIN GRIT / TAXIWAY B CLOSED DUE ICE.)

- 1.2 Sponsors can request a copy of EUROCONTROL - EAD Service Operational User Handbook - Data Provider, Appendix J (EAD/DOC-GEKB38) from aimr@caa.co.uk.