

AERONAUTICAL INFORMATION CIRCULAR 1/25

NATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION OF 14-DAY TRIGGER NOTAM EFFECTIVE 20 FEBRUARY 2025

Background

Trigger NOTAM are used to notify airspace users that an AIP Supplement is published.

The ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices state that an AIP Supplement (AIP SUP) must be used in lieu of a NOTAM whenever the temporary change is of long duration (more than 3 months), or when the event is of short duration but requires graphics to better understand the situation.

Current Canadian use of AIP Supplement vs NOTAM

Aerodrome Construction

AIP Supplements are only used for situational awareness for construction projects at aerodromes and when closures or limitations are difficult to describe with words only. Aerodrome authorities are provided with templates to ensure the information is complete and follows a standardized presentation.

The AIP Supplements will illustrate the various closures or limitations and NOTAM are used to advise when these are in effect to manage the information dynamically.

The AIP Supplement for aerodrome construction activities does not replace the need for NOTAM.

Airspace

An AIP Supplement describing airspace by way of multiple coordinate points will have a NOTAM issued with the same coordinates. This will allow downstream systems to automate the portrayal of these temporary airspace boundaries.

Obstacles

When cranes are expected to be in place for more than 3 months, the related information is included in an AIP Supplement. No additional NOTAM are expected except if cranes are operating at an airport.

Canadian use of Trigger NOTAMs.

Trigger NOTAMs are used to notify airspace users that an AIP Supplement is published. They do not replace other NOTAM that may be needed in conjunction with the AIP Supplement and as such, they only contain basic information.

In October of 2023, NAV CANADA implemented many changes to modernize the publication of AIP Supplements and introduced the use of Trigger NOTAMs. As the concept was new for Canada, the Trigger NOTAMs remained published for the duration of the AIP Supplements.

Effective 20 February 2025, the duration of the Trigger NOTAMs will change to align with international practices:

- If the AIP Supplement is effective for more than 14 days, the Trigger NOTAM will remain published for **only** 14 days.
- If the AIP Supplement is effective for 14 days or less, the Trigger NOTAM will remain published for the duration of the AIP Supplement.

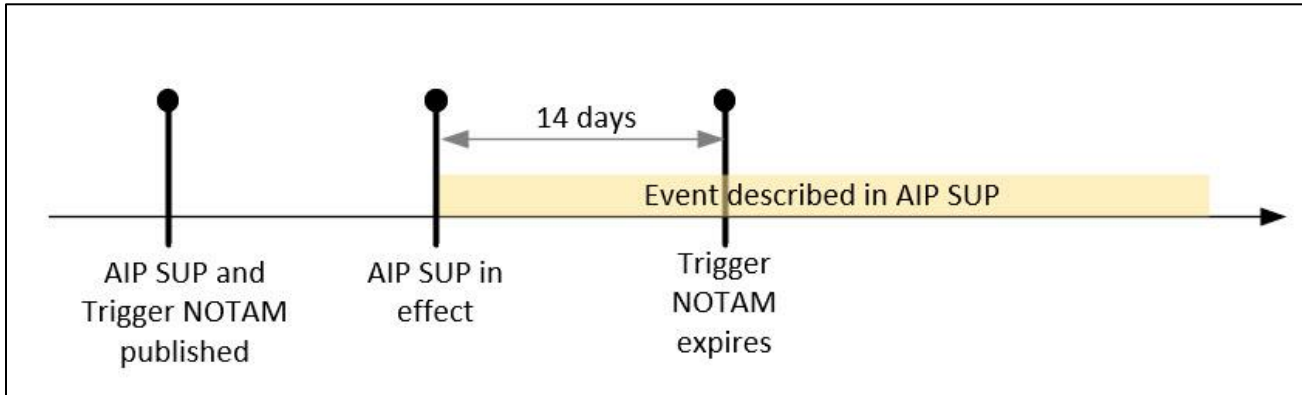


Figure 1

The aviation community is reminded to consult AIP Supplement during the flight planning preparation as there could be no Trigger NOTAM for a given AIP Supplement still in force.

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