



# **CIVIL AVIATION SAFETY AUTHORITY OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA**

## **PNG CIVIL AVIATION RULE Part 139**

### **Aerodromes - Certification and Operation**

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## DESCRIPTION

Part 139 provides the regulatory requirements for the certification and operation of aerodromes.

The layout prescribes

- general requirements,
- certification requirements,
- operating requirements
- security requirements for non-security designated aerodromes, and
- aerodrome standards

The Part 139 aerodrome standards are aligned with the applicable standards and recommended practices of Annex 14 Volume I to the Convention on International Civil Aviation.

## BULLETIN

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Amendment 8	21 March 2025

### *Summary of amendments;*

#### **Amendment 8:**

*Amendment 8 aligns Part 139 with Amendment 17 of Annex 14 Vol. I to the Convention on International Civil Aviation*

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<b>Current Rule</b>	<b>Changes</b>
(a) Rule 139.59(a)	Rule 139.59(a) Delete “Appendix 5.2” and insert “Appendix I.2”.
(b) Rule 139.97(8)(i)	Delete “139.61 ” and insert “rule 139.I.2.8 to 139.I.2.24 ”.
(c) Rule 139.97(8)(ii)	Delete “139.63 ” and insert “rule 139.I.2.40 ”.
(d) Rule 139.97(8)(iii)	Delete “rule 139.65 ” and insert “... rules 139.I.2.41 to 139.I.2.45 ”.
(e) Rule 139.97(8)(iv)	Delete “rule 139.67 ” and insert “... rules 139.I.2.26 to 139.I.2.32 ”.
(f) Rule 139.97(8)(v)	Delete “ 139.69 ” and insert “rule 139.I.2.38 to 139.I.2.39 ”.
(g) Rule 139.105(a)	Delete “ 139.61 ” and “rule 139.63” and insert “rule 139.I.2.8 to 139.I.2.24...” and “ rule 139.I.2.40” respectively.
(h) Rule 139.105(b)	Delete “... 139.61 ...” and “... 139.63” and insert “... 139.I.2.8 to 139.I.2.24...” and “... 139.I.2.40” respectively.

- (i) Rule 139.105(f) Delete "... rule 139.67 ..." and insert "... rules 139.I.2.26 to 139.I.2.32 ...".
- (j) Rule 139.107(b) Amend paragraph formatting to read as follows; "For the purpose of paragraph (a), a significant change in aerodrome operations include:
  - (1) A change in aerodrome aircraft traffic
  - (2) A change in aircraft operations type;
  - (3) A change in the aerodrome physical characteristics;
  - (4) An increase in aerodrome accidents/incidents; or
  - (5) a change in airspace designation"
- (k) 139.B.6.6(c) Delete "... 10.2.1 ..." and insert "... J.2.1 ...".
- (l) 139.B.9.4 Delete "... B.9.5.1 ..." and insert "... B.9.5 ...".
- (m) 139.C.4.6 Delete "... AC139-3.3 Pavement Bearing Strength ..." and insert "... 139 series ...".
- (n) 139.C.4.7 Delete "... Appendix 5 ..." and insert "... Appendix E ...".
- (o) 139.C.4.7 Note Delete "... 4 ..." and insert "... D ...".
- (p) 139.E.2.2.6 Delete "... Figure 5-3 ..." and insert "... Figure E-3 ...".
- (q) 139.E.2.4.9 Delete "... Figure 5-4 ..." and insert "... Figure E-4 ...".
- (r) 139.E.2.6.3 Delete Table E-1 as shown below

Table E-1. Location and dimensions of aiming point marking				
Location and dimensions (1)	Landing distance available			
	Less than 800 m (2)	800 m up to but not including 1 200 m (3)	1 200 m up to but not including 2 400 m (4)	2 400 m and above (5)
Distance from threshold to beginning of marking	150 m	250 m	300 m	400 m
Length of stripe <sup>a</sup>	30–45 m	30–45 m	45–60 m	45–60 m
Width of stripe	4 m	6 m	6–10 m <sup>b</sup>	6–10 m <sup>b</sup>
Lateral spacing between inner sides of stripes	6 m <sup>c</sup>	9 m <sup>c</sup>	18–22.5 m	18–22.5 m
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<p>a. The greater dimensions of the specified ranges are intended to be used where increased conspicuity is required.</p> <p>b. The lateral spacing may be varied within these limits to minimize the contamination of the marking by rubber deposits.</p> <p>c. These figures were deduced by reference to the outer main gear wheel span which is element 2 of the aerodrome reference code at Appendix A, Table A-1.</p>				

and insertcorrect table as shownbelow,

<i>Landing distance available or the distance between thresholds</i>	<i>Pair(s) of markings</i>
less than 900 m	1
900 m up to but not including 1 200 m	2
1 200 m up to but not including 1 500 m	3
1 500 m up to but not including 2 400 m	4
2 400 m or more	6

- (s) 139.E.3.5.5 Delete “... 5.3.5.1 ...” and insert “... E.3.5.1 ...”.
- (t) 139.E.3.1.11 Delete, “... in Appendix 2, Figures A2-1 to A2-10 (CASA Advisory Circular AC139-5.3 Visual Aids for navigation – Lights), ... Appendix 2 (CASA Advisory Circular AC139-5.3 Visual Aids for navigation – Lights), collective notes for Figures A2-1 to A2-11 and A2-26, Note 2.” and insert, “ ... Acceptable to the Director.”.

- (u) 139.E.3.1.12 Delete, “... in Appendix 2, Figures A2-1 to A2-10 (CASA Advisory Circular AC139-5.3 Visual Aids for navigation – Lights), ... Appendix 2 (CASA Advisory Circular AC139-5.3 Visual Aids for navigation – Lights), collective notes for Figures A2-12 to A2-21, Note 2.” and insert, “... Acceptable to the Director.”.
- (v) 139.E.3.4.21 Delete, “... of Appendix 2, Figure A2-1 (CASA Advisory Circular AC139-5.3 Visual Aids for navigation – Lights).” and insert, “... acceptable to the Director.”
- (w) E.4.22(Note) Delete, “... Attachment A, Section 11 (CASA Advisory Circular AC139-5.3 Visual Aids for navigation – Lights).” and insert, “... acceptable to the Director.”
- (x) E.3.4.39 (Note). Delete, “... Appendix 2, Figures A2-1 and A2-2.” and insert, “... acceptable to the Director.”.
- (y) E.3.5.5 Delete, “... 5.3.5.1...” and insert, “... E.3.5.1...”.
- (z) E.3.5.13 Delete, “... Appendix 2, Figure A2-22(CASA Advisory Circular AC139-5.3 Visual Aids for navigation – Lights).” and insert, “... acceptable to the Director.”.
- (aa) E.3.5.32 Delete, “... Appendix 2, Figure A2-23(CASA Advisory Circular AC139-5.3 Visual Aids for navigation – Lights).” and insert, “... acceptable to the Director.”.
- (bb) E.3.9.10 Delete, “... of Appendix 2, Figure A2-9 or A2-10 (CASA Advisory Circular AC139-5.3 Visual Aids for navigation – Lights).” and insert, “... acceptable to the Director.”.
- (cc) E.3.10.10 Delete, “... of Appendix 2, Figure A2-3 (CASA Advisory Circular AC139-5.3 Visual Aids for navigation – Lights).” and insert, “... acceptable to the Director.”.
- (dd) E.3.10.11 Delete, “... of Appendix 2, Figure A2-4 (CASA Advisory Circular AC139-5.3 Visual Aids for navigation – Lights).” and insert, “... acceptable to the Director.”.
- (ee) E.3.11.5 Delete, “... of Appendix 2, Figure A2-8 (CASA Advisory Circular AC139-5.3 Visual Aids for navigation – Lights).” and insert, “... acceptable to the Director.”.
- (ff) E.3.12.8 Delete, “... of Appendix 2, Figure A2-6 or A2-7 (CASA Advisory Circular AC139-5.3 Visual Aids for navigation – Lights).” and insert, “... acceptable to the Director.”.

- (gg) E.3.13.6 Delete, "... of Appendix 2, Figure A2-5 (CASA Advisory Circular AC139-5.3 Visual Aids for navigation – Lights)." and insert, "... acceptable to the Director."
- (hh) E.3.14.5 Delete, "... Appendix 2, Figure A2-5." and insert, "... acceptable to the Director."
- (ii) E.3.15.6 Delete, "... Appendix 2, Figure A2-6 or Figure A2-7 (CASA Advisory Circular AC139-5.3 Visual Aids for navigation – Lights), ..." and insert, "... acceptable to the Director, ..."
- (jj) E.3.17.9(a) Delete, "... Appendix 2, Figure A2-12, A2-13, or A2-14, ..." and insert, "... acceptable to the Director, ..."
- (kk) E.3.17.9(b) Delete, "... Appendix 2, Figure A2-15, or A2-16, ..." and insert, "... acceptable to the Director, ..."
- (ll) E.3.17.10 Delete, "... of Appendix 2, Figure A2-12 (CASA Advisory Circular AC139- 5.3 Visual Aids for navigation – Lights)." and insert, "... acceptable to the Director, ..."
- (mm) E.3.17.11 Delete, "... of Appendix 2, Figure A2-17, A2-18 or A2-19 (CASA Advisory Circular AC139-5.3 Visual Aids for navigation – Lights)." and insert, "... acceptable to the Director."
- (nn) E.3.19.7 Delete, "... of Appendix 2, Figure A2-13, A2-14 or A2-15, ..." and insert, "... acceptable to the Director, ..."
- (oo) E.3.20.9 Delete, "... Appendix 2, Figures A2-12 through A2-16 (CASA Advisory Circular AC139-5.3 Visual Aids for navigation – Lights), ..." and insert, "... acceptable to the Director, ..."
- (pp) E.3.20.10 Delete, "... of Appendix 2, Figure A2-17 or A2-19 (CASA Advisory Circular AC139-5.3 Visual Aids for navigation – Lights)." and insert, "... acceptable to the Director."
- (qq) E.3.20.11 Delete, "... of Appendix 2, Figure A2-17 or A2-19 (CASA Advisory Circular AC139-5.3 Visual Aids for navigation – Lights)." and insert, "... acceptable to the Director."
- (rr) E.3.23.11 Delete, "... Appendix 2, Figure A2-24 (CASA Advisory Circular AC139-5.3 Visual Aids for navigation – Lights)." and insert, "... acceptable to the Director."
- (ss) E.3.23.12 Delete, "... Appendix 2, Figure A2-25 (CASA Advisory Circular AC139-5.3 Visual Aids for navigation – Lights)." and insert, "... acceptable to the Director."

- (tt) E.3.23.13 Delete, “... *Appendix 2, Figure A2-25 (CASA Advisory Circular AC139-5.3 Visual Aids for navigation – Lights).*” and insert, “... *acceptable to the Director.*”.
- (uu) E.3.23.14 Delete, “... *Appendix 2, Figure A2-12 (CASA Advisory Circular AC139-5.3 Visual Aids for navigation – Lights).*” and insert, “... *acceptable to the Director.*”.
- (vv) E.3.23.15 Delete, “... *Appendix 2, Figure A2-20 (CASA Advisory Circular AC139-5.3 Visual Aids for navigation – Lights).*” and insert, “... *acceptable to the Director.*”.
- (ww) E.3.23.16 Delete, “... *Appendix 2, Figure A2-20 (CASA Advisory Circular AC139-5.3 Visual Aids for navigation – Lights).*” and insert, “... *acceptable to the Director.*”.
- (xx) E.3.29.6 Delete, “... *Appendix 2, Figures A2-12 through A2-16 (CASA Advisory Circular AC139-5.3 Visual Aids for navigation – Lights), ...*” and insert, “... *acceptable to the Director, ...*”.
- (yy) E.3.29.7 Delete, “... *of Appendix 2, Figure A2-17, A2-18 or A2-19 (CASA Advisory Circular AC139-5.3 Visual Aids for navigation – Lights).*” and insert, “... *acceptable to the Director.*”.
- (zz) E.3.29.8 Delete, “... *of Appendix 2, Figure A2-17 or A2-19 (CASA Advisory Circular AC139-5.3 Visual Aids for navigation – Lights).*” and insert, “... *acceptable to the Director.*”.
- (aaa) E.3.30.6 Delete, “... *of Appendix 2, Figures A2-12 and A2-14 (CASA Advisory Circular AC139-5.3 Visual Aids for navigation – Lights).*” and insert, “... *acceptable to the Director.*”.
- (bbb) E.3.30.9 Delete, “... *of Appendix 2, Figure A2-26 (CASA Advisory Circular AC139-5.3 Visual Aids for navigation – Lights).*” and insert, “... *acceptable to the Director.*”.
- (ccc) E.4.1.3 Format “Table E-5” to bold “**Table E-5**”.
- (ddd) E.4.5.1 Delete, “... *mayd...*” and insert, “... *may ...*”.
- (eee) E.4.7.4 Correct indent formatting on E.4.7.4(b)(1) and E.4.7.4(b)(2).
- (fff) F.2.1.2 Fullstop after “... Table F-1 ...” and delete, “... and Appendix 1”.
- (ggg) F.2.4.3(e)(3) Delete, “... 6.2.1.3 ...” and insert, “... F.2.1.3 ...”.



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| (hhh) | H.1.4(note) | Delete, "... Appendix 1" and insert, "... 139.2".    |
| (iii) | H.1.5       | Delete, "... Appendix 1" and insert, "... 139.2".    |
| (jjj) | I.2.31      | Delete, "... shall ..." and insert, "... may ...".   |
| (kkk) | I.9.2(b)    | Delete, "... Table 3-1" and insert, "... Table C-1". |
| (lll) | I.12.1(c)   | Delete, "... 5.3" and insert, "... E.3".             |

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## Subpart A — General

### 139.1 Purpose

This Part prescribes: -

- (1) rules governing the certification and operation of aerodromes; and
- (2) rules for security at certified aerodromes.

### 139.2 Definitions

In rules made under the Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

**Aerodrome beacon** means an aeronautical beacon used to indicate the location of an aerodrome from the air.

**Aerodrome certificate** means a certificate issued by the appropriate authority under applicable regulations for the operation of an aerodrome.

**Aerodrome elevation** means the elevation of the highest point of the landing area.

**Aerodrome identification sign** means a sign placed on an aerodrome to aid in identifying the aerodrome from the air.

**Aerodrome reference point** means the designated geographical location of an aerodrome.

**Aerodrome traffic density** has the following meaning:

Light. Where the number of movements in the mean busy hour is not greater than 15 per runway or typically less than 20 total aerodrome movements.

Medium. Where the number of movements in the mean busy hour is of the order of 16 to 25 per runway or typically between 20 to 35 total aerodrome movements.

Heavy. Where the number of movements in the mean busy hour is of the order of 26 or more per runway or typically more than 35 total aerodrome movements.

**Aeronautical beacon** means an aeronautical ground light visible at all azimuths, either continuously or intermittently, to designate a particular point on the surface of the earth.

**Aeronautical ground light** means any light specially provided as an aid to air navigation, other than a light displayed on an aircraft.

**Aeroplane reference field length** means the minimum field length required for take-off at maximum certificated take-off mass, sea level, standard atmospheric conditions, still air and zero runway slope, as shown in the appropriate aeroplane flight manual prescribed by the certifying authority or equivalent data from the aeroplane manufacturer. Field length means balanced field length for aeroplanes, if applicable, or take-off distance in other cases.

**Aircraft classification number (ACN)** means a number expressing the relative effect of an aircraft on a pavement for a specified standard subgrade category.

**Aircraft stand** means a designated area on an apron intended to be used for parking an aircraft.

**Arresting system** means a system designed to decelerate an aeroplane overrunning the runway.

**Autonomous runway incursion warning system (ARIWS)** means A system which provides autonomous detection of a potential incursion or of the occupancy of an active runway and a direct warning to a flight crew or a vehicle operator.

**Balked landing** means a landing manoeuvre that is unexpectedly discontinued at any point below the obstacle clearance altitude/height (OCA/H).

**Barrette** means three or more aeronautical ground lights closely spaced in a transverse line so that from a distance they appear as a short bar of light.

**Cyclic redundancy check (CRC)** means a mathematical algorithm applied to the digital expression of data that provides a level of assurance against loss or alteration of data.

**Dependent parallel approaches** means simultaneous approaches to parallel or near-parallel instrument runways where radar separation minima between aircraft on adjacent extended runway centre lines are prescribed.

**Displaced threshold** means a threshold not located at the extremity of a runway.

**Effective intensity** means the effective intensity of a flashing light is equal to the intensity of a fixed light of the same colour which will produce the same visual range under identical conditions of observation.

**Ellipsoid height (Geodetic height)** means the height related to the reference ellipsoid, measured along the ellipsoidal outer normal through the point in question.

**Fixed light** means a light having constant luminous intensity when observed from a fixed point.

**Foreign object debris (FOD)** means an inanimate object within the movement area which has no operational or aeronautical function and which has the potential to be a hazard to aircraft operations.

**Frangible object** means an object of low mass designed to break, distort or yield on impact so as to present the minimum hazard to aircraft.

**Hazard beacon** means an aeronautical beacon used to designate a danger to air navigation.

**Holding bay** means a defined area where aircraft can be held, or bypassed, to facilitate efficient surface movement of aircraft.

**Hot spot** means a location on an aerodrome movement area with a history or potential risk of collision or runway incursion, and where heightened attention by pilots/drivers is necessary.

**Identification beacon** means an aeronautical beacon emitting a coded signal by means of which a particular point of reference can be identified.

**Independent parallel approaches** means simultaneous approaches to parallel or near-parallel instrument runways where radar separation minima between aircraft on adjacent extended runway centre lines are not prescribed.

**Independent parallel departures** means simultaneous departures from parallel or near-parallel instrument runways.

**Intermediate holding position** means a designated position intended for traffic control at which taxiing aircraft and vehicles shall stop and hold until further cleared to proceed, when so instructed by the aerodrome control tower.

**Landing area** means that part of a movement area intended for the landing or take-off of aircraft.

**Landing direction indicator** means a device to indicate visually the direction currently designated for landing and for take-off.

**Landside** means those parts of an airport, adjacent terrain and buildings or portions thereof that are not airside, identified under this Part as relevant in the applicant security programme.

**Laser-beam critical flight zone (LCFZ)** means airspace in the proximity of an aerodrome but beyond the LFFZ where the irradiance is restricted to a level unlikely to cause glare effects.

**Laser-beam free flight zone (LFFZ)** means airspace in the immediate proximity of the aerodrome where the irradiance is restricted to a level unlikely to cause any visual disruption.



**Laser-beam sensitive flight zone (LSFZ)** means airspace outside, and not necessarily contiguous with, the LFFZ and LCFZ where the irradiance is restricted to a level unlikely to cause flash-blindness or after-image effects.

**Lighting system reliability** means the probability that the complete installation operates within the specified tolerances and that the system is operationally usable.

**Marker** means an object displayed above ground level in order to indicate an obstacle or delineate a boundary.

**Near-parallel runways** means non-intersecting runways whose extended centre lines have an angle of convergence/divergence of 15 degrees or less.

**Non-instrument runway** means a runway intended for the operation of aircraft using visual approach procedures or an instrument approach procedure to a point beyond which the approach may continue in visual meteorological conditions.

**Normal flight zone (NFZ)** means airspace not defined as LFFZ, LCFZ or LSFZ but which shall be protected from laser radiation capable of causing biological damage to the eye.

**Obstacle.** All fixed (whether temporary or permanent) and mobile objects, or parts thereof, that:

- (a) are located on an area intended for the surface movement of aircraft; or extend above a defined surface intended to protect aircraft in flight; or
- (b) stand outside those defined surfaces and that have been assessed as being a hazard to air navigation.

**Obstacle free zone (OFZ)** means the airspace above the inner approach surface, inner transitional surfaces, and balked landing surface and that portion of the strip bounded by these surfaces, which is not penetrated by any fixed obstacle other than a low-mass and frangibly mounted one required for air navigation purposes.

**Outer main gear wheel span (OMGWS)** means the distance between the outside edges of the main gear wheels.

**Orthometric height** means height of a point related to the geoid, generally presented as an MSL elevation.

**Pavement classification number (PCN)** means a number expressing the bearing strength of a pavement for unrestricted operations.

Precision approach runway, see Instrument runway.

**Primary runway(s)** means runway(s) used in preference to others whenever conditions permit.

**Protected flight zones** means airspace specifically designated to mitigate the hazardous effects of laser radiation.

**Road** means an established surface route on the movement area meant for the exclusive use of vehicles.

**Road-holding position** means a designated position at which vehicles may be required to hold.

**Runway guard lights** means a light system intended to caution pilots or vehicle drivers that they are about to enter an active runway.

**Runway-holding position** means a designated position intended to protect a runway, an obstacle limitation surface, or an ILS/MLS critical/sensitive area at which taxiing aircraft and vehicles shall stop and hold, unless otherwise authorized by the aerodrome control tower.

**Runway turn pad** means a defined area on a land aerodrome adjacent to a runway for the purpose of completing a 180-degree turn on a runway.

**Segregated parallel operations** means simultaneous operations on parallel or near-parallel instrument runways in which one runway is used exclusively for approaches and the other runway is used exclusively for departures.

**Shoulder** means an area adjacent to the edge of a pavement so prepared as to provide a transition between the pavement and the adjacent surface.

**Sign** means;

- (a) Fixed message sign. A sign presenting only one message.
- (b) Variable message sign. A sign capable of presenting several predetermined messages or no message, as applicable.

**Signal area** means an area on an aerodrome used for the display of ground signals.

**Switch-over time (light)** means the time required for the actual intensity of a light measured in a given direction to fall from 50 percent and recover to 50 percent during a power supply changeover, when the light is being operated at intensities of 25 percent or above.

**Take-off runway** means a runway intended for take-off only.

**Taxiway** means a defined path on a land aerodrome established for the taxiing of aircraft and intended to provide a link between one part of the aerodrome and another, including:

- (a) Aircraft stand taxi lane. A portion of an apron designated as a taxiway and intended to provide access to aircraft stands only.
- (b) Apron taxiway. A portion of a taxiway system located on an apron and intended to provide a through taxi-route across the apron.
- (c) Rapid exit taxiway. A taxiway connected to a runway at an acute angle and designed to allow landing aeroplanes to turn off at higher speeds than are achieved on other exit taxiways thereby minimizing runway occupancy times.

**Taxiway intersection** means a junction of two or more taxiways.

**Taxiway strip** means an area including a taxiway intended to protect an aircraft operating on the taxiway and to reduce the risk of damage to an aircraft accidentally running off the taxiway.

**Touchdown zone** means the portion of a runway, beyond the threshold, where it is intended landing aeroplanes first contact the runway.

**Usability factor** means the percentage of time during which the use of a runway or system of runways is not restricted because of the crosswind component.

### 139.3 Requirement for certificate

- (a) A person must not operate an aerodrome except under the authority of an aerodrome operating certificate issued by the Director under the Act and in accordance with this Part when serving any aeroplane:
  - (1) engaged in air operations to or from Papua New Guinea; and
  - (2) having a passenger seating configuration of 20 seats or more, excluding any required flight crew member seat, that is engaged in regular public transport for the carriage of passengers within Papua New Guinea.

- (b) A person operating an aerodrome who is not required to hold an aerodrome operating certificate under paragraph (a), may apply for an aerodrome certificate under this Part.

### **139.5 Application for certificate**

An applicant for the grant of an aerodrome operating certificate must complete form CA139/01 and submit it to the Director with: -

- (1) the exposition required by 139.97; and
- (2) a payment of the appropriate application fee prescribed by regulations made under the Act; and
- (3) a plan of the aerodrome and its facilities certified by a registered surveyor; and
- (4) evidence of lawful entitlement to use the place as an aerodrome.

### **139.7 Issue of certificate**

An aerodrome operating certificate may be issued by the Director under the Act in accordance with this Part if the Director is satisfied that: -

- (1) the applicant meets the requirements of Subpart B; and
- (2) the applicant, and the applicant's senior person or persons required by 139.51(a)(1) and are fit and proper persons; and
- (3) the granting of the certificate is not contrary to the interests of aviation safety.

### **139.9 Duration of certificate**

- (a) An aerodrome operating certificate may be granted or renewed for a period of up to 5 years.
- (b) An aerodrome operating certificate remains in force until it expires or is suspended or revoked
- (c) The holder of an aerodrome operating certificate that expires or is revoked must forthwith surrender the certificate to the Director.
- (d) The holder of an aerodrome operating certificate that is suspended must forthwith produce the certificate to the Director for appropriate endorsement.

### **139.11 Renewal of certificate**

- (a) An application for the renewal of an aerodrome operating certificate must be made on form CA139/01
- (b) The application must be submitted to the Director at least 30 days before the certificate expires.

### **139.15 Exemptions**

The Director may exempt any person from any requirement in Subpart A, B, C, or D.

## **Subpart B — Certification Requirements**

### **139.51 Personnel requirements**

- (a) An applicant for the grant of an aerodrome operating certificate must engage, employ or contract: -
  - (1) a senior person identified as the Chief Executive who has the authority within the applicant's organisation to ensure that all activities undertaken by the organisation can be financed and carried out in accordance with the requirements and standards prescribed by this Part; and
  - (2) a senior person designated as the Airport Manager or group of senior persons, who are responsible for ensuring that the aerodrome and its operation comply with the requirements of this Part; and
  - (3) sufficient personnel to operate and maintain the aerodrome and its services and facilities in accordance with the requirements of Subparts B, C, and D.
- (b) An applicant for the grant of an aerodrome certificate must establish a procedure for initially assessing and for maintaining the competence of personnel required to operate and maintain the aerodrome and its services and facilities.

### **139.53 Aerodrome design requirements**

An applicant for the grant of an aerodrome operating certificate must ensure that: -

- (a) the physical characteristics of the aerodrome, the obstacle limitation surfaces, the visual aids for navigation and denoting obstacles and restricted areas, and the equipment and installations for the aerodrome are commensurate with: -
  - (1) the characteristics of the aircraft that the aerodrome is intended to serve; and
  - (2) the lowest meteorological minima intended for each runway; and
  - (3) the ambient light conditions intended for the operation of aircraft on each runway.
- (b) the physical characteristics, obstacle limitation surfaces, visual aids, and equipment and installations provided at the aerodrome meet the applicable standards in Appendices C to I.

### **139.55 Aerodrome limitations**

An applicant for the grant of an aerodrome operating certificate must, when necessary for the safety of aircraft operations at their aerodrome, establish appropriate limitations on the use of the aerodrome that arise from the aerodrome design or the facilities or services provided at the aerodrome.

### **139.57 Aerodrome emergency plan**

- (a) An applicant for the grant of an aerodrome operating certificate must establish and maintain an aerodrome emergency plan that complies with the requirements specified in Appendix I.1.1, designed to minimise the possibility and extent of personal injury and property damage at, or in the vicinity of, their aerodrome in an emergency.
- (b) The aerodrome emergency plan required by paragraph (a) must include: -
  - (1) details of the types of emergencies planned for; and
  - (2) procedures for prompt response to the emergencies planned for; and
  - (3) sufficient detail to provide adequate guidance to each person who must carry out the plan; and

- (4) details of the agencies involved in the plan and the responsibility and role of each agency; and
  - (5) for an aerodrome serving international air transport operations, provision for an adequately equipped emergency operations centre and command post for each type of emergency; and
  - (6) a description of equipment that is available for implementing the emergency plan including medical equipment, and details of the location of the equipment; and
  - (7) information on names and telephone numbers of offices and persons to be contacted in the case of a particular emergency; and
  - (8) a grid map of the aerodrome and its immediate vicinity; and
  - (9) procedures to maintain the aerodrome emergency plan in accordance with rule 139.103.
- (c) The applicant must: -
- (1) co-ordinate its aerodrome emergency plan with law enforcement agencies, security providers, rescue and firefighting agencies, medical personnel and organisations, the principal tenants of the aerodrome, and all other persons who have responsibilities in the plan; and
  - (2) to the extent practicable, provide for participation by all agencies and personnel specified in paragraph (c)(1) in the development of the aerodrome emergency plan.

### **139.59 Rescue and firefighting**

An applicant for the grant of an aerodrome operating certificate must, for any International aerodrome, and any other aerodrome when so required by the Director in the interest of safety, provide rescue and firefighting capability at that aerodrome that complies with the standards specified in Appendix I.2.

### **139.71 Public protection**

- (a) An applicant for the grant of an aerodrome operating certificate must provide at their aerodrome, fencing or other suitable barrier that complies with Appendix I.10.
- (b) The safeguards required by paragraph (a) must: -
  - (1) in areas adjacent to the aerodrome operational area to which the public has direct vehicle or pedestrian access: -
    - (i) be continuous barriers that may include existing structures, gates and doors with secured or controlled access; and
    - (ii) be at least 1200 millimetres in height; and
  - (2) in other areas, be of a construction and height appropriate to prevent incursion by animals likely to endanger aircraft operations.

### **139.73 Wildlife hazard management**

- (a) An applicant for the grant of an aerodrome operating certificate must, where any wildlife presents a hazard to aircraft operations at their aerodrome, establish an environment management programme to minimise or eliminate the wildlife hazard and comply with Appendix I.3; and

- (b) Where there is potential for domestic animals to intrude into the movement areas of the aerodrome, an applicant for an aerodrome operating certificate must conduct an awareness programme with residents and settlements in the vicinity of an aerodrome about the consequences of allowing domestic animals in their care to enter the aerodrome.

### **139.75 Notification of aerodrome data and information**

An applicant for the grant of an aerodrome operating certificate must establish a procedure that comply with Appendix B, to notify aeronautical information service providers certificated under Part 175: -

- (1) of the aerodrome data and information; and
- (2) of any limitation established under rule 139.55 on the use of the aerodrome; and
- (3) as soon as practicable, of any change that affects the use of the aerodrome.

### **139.77 Movement data reporting**

An applicant for the grant of an aerodrome operating certificate must establish procedures for collecting and reporting traffic movement data at the aerodrome on a monthly basis and report that movement quarterly to the Director.

### **139.79 Aerodrome maintenance programme**

An applicant for the grant of an aerodrome operating certificate must establish a maintenance programme, including preventive maintenance where appropriate, for maintaining the aerodrome facilities in a condition that does not impair the safety, security, regularity or efficiency of aircraft operations that complies with Appendix J.

### **139.81 Aerodrome inspection programme**

An applicant for the grant of an aerodrome operating certificate must: -

- (a) establish an aerodrome inspection programme for ensuring that the aerodrome and its facilities are maintained in accordance with the requirements and standards of this Part; and
- (b) provide appropriate equipment for use in conducting the aerodrome inspections in accordance with the programme required by paragraph (1); and
- (c) establish procedures for ensuring that qualified personnel to perform the aerodrome inspections in accordance with the programme required by paragraph (1); and
- (d) establish a reporting system for ensuring prompt correction of unsafe aerodrome conditions that is noted during an aerodrome inspection.

### **139.83 Visual aids for navigation – maintenance and checking**

- (a) An applicant for the grant of an aerodrome operating certificate must establish a maintenance programme for the visual aids for navigation that are installed on the aerodrome.
- (b) The maintenance programme required by paragraph (a) must include:
  - (1) procedures for ensuring that each visual aid for navigation provides reliable and accurate guidance information to the users in accordance with the applicable standards prescribed in Appendix J.5; and
  - (2) details on the number of lights that may be allowed to be unserviceable in each lighting system to ensure continuity of guidance to the user; and

- (3) procedures for restoring any unserviceable or deteriorated items back into service without undue delay.

### **139.85 Works on Aerodromes**

An applicant for the grant of an aerodrome operating certificate must establish procedures, including precautions to be taken for ensuring that any works carried out on the aerodrome do not endanger aircraft operations.

### **139.87 Ground Vehicles**

- (a) An applicant for the grant of an aerodrome operating certificate must establish procedures for limiting and controlling access by ground vehicles to the operational areas of the aerodrome.
- (b) Under the procedures required by paragraph (a), ground vehicle access to the operational areas of the aerodrome must be limited to those vehicles that are necessary for the operation of the aerodrome and the operation of aircraft.
- (c) When an aerodrome control service is in operation at the aerodrome, the procedures required by paragraph (a) must: -
  - (1) provide for the safe and orderly access to, and operation on the aerodrome operational area of ground vehicles; and
  - (2) require each ground vehicle operating on the operational area of the aerodrome to be controlled by: -
    - (i) two-way radio communications between the vehicle and the aerodrome control service; or
    - (ii) if the vehicle does not have radio communications, an accompanying escort vehicle that has two-way communication with the aerodrome control service; or
    - (iii) if it is not practical to have two-way radio communications or an accompanying escort vehicle, by adequate measures such as signs, signals or guards for controlling the vehicle; and
- (d) When an aerodrome control service is not in operation at the aerodrome, the procedures required by paragraph (a) must provide for ground vehicles operating on the operational area of the aerodrome to be controlled by signs or prearranged signals.
- (e) The procedures required by paragraph (a) must ensure that each employee, tenant, or contractor who operates a ground vehicle on any portion of the aerodrome which has access to the operational area of the aerodrome is familiar with, and complies with, the procedures established by the certificate holder for the operation of ground vehicles on the aerodrome.

### **139.89 Unsafe conditions**

An applicant for an aerodrome operating certificate must establish procedures for ensuring that aircraft operations are restricted, or if necessary prohibited, on any part of the aerodrome where an unsafe condition exists.

### **139.91 Documentation**

An applicant for an aerodrome operating certificate must: -

- (1) hold copies of relevant documents necessary for the provision and operation of the aerodrome and the associated services and facilities; and
- (2) establish a procedure for controlling the document required under paragraph (1) to ensure that: -
  - (i) establish a procedure for controlling the document are available to personnel at each location where personnel need access to the documentation; and
  - (ii) every obsolete document is promptly removed from every point of issue; and
  - (iii) the current version of each item of documentation can be identified to prevent the use of superseded material.

### **139.93 Safety management system**

- (a) An applicant for the grant of an aerodrome operating certificate must establish and implement a safety management system which meets the requirements of Part 100.
- (b) The safety management system required by paragraph (a) must include a runway safety programme.
- (c) The safety management system required by paragraph (a) must oblige all users of the aerodrome, including fixed-base operators, ground handling agencies and other organizations that perform activities independently at the aerodrome in relation to flight or aircraft handling, to comply with the requirements laid down by the aerodrome operator with regard to safety at the aerodrome.

### **139.95 Quality management system**

An applicant for the grant of an aerodrome operating certificate must establish and implement a quality management system which meets the requirements of Part 100.

### **139.96 Aerodrome Security Programme**

An applicant for the grant of an aerodrome operating certificate for a security designated airport must establish, implement and maintain an aerodrome security programme which meets the requirements of Part 107.

### **139.97 Aerodrome exposition**

- (a) An applicant for the grant of an aerodrome operating certificate must provide the Director with an exposition that contains the following: -
  - (1) a statement signed by the Chief Executive on behalf of the applicant's organisation, confirming that the exposition and any included manuals: -
    - (i) define the organisation and demonstrate its means and methods for ensuring ongoing compliance with this Part; and
    - (ii) is to be complied with at all times; and
  - (2) the titles and names of the senior persons required by 139.51(a)(1) and (2); and



- (3) the duties and responsibilities of the senior persons specified under paragraph(a)(2) including matters for which they have responsibility to deal directly with the Director on behalf of the organisation; and
- (4) an organisation chart showing lines of responsibility of the senior person or persons specified under paragraph (a)(2); and
- (5) details of any limitations on the use of the aerodrome established under rule 139.55; and
- (6) details of each current exemption granted to the applicant from any requirements prescribed in Subparts A, B, C or D; and
- (7) the aerodrome emergency plan required by rule 139.57; and
- (8) a statement of the rescue and firefighting category determined under 139.59 with a description of the following:
  - (i) extinguishing agents required by rules 139.I.2.8 to 139.I.2.24; and
  - (ii) vehicles required by rule 139.I.2.40; and
  - (iii) procedure and personnel required by rules 139.I.2.41 to 139.I.2.45; and
  - (iv) details of the response capability required by rules 139.I.2.26 to 139.I.2.32; and
  - (v) discrete communication system required by 139.I.2.38 to 139.I.2.39.
- (9) a description of the safeguards for public protection required by rule 139.71; and
- (10) details of the environmental management programme when required by rule 139.73; and
- (11) the procedures for the notification of aerodrome data and information required by rule 139.75; and
- (12) the procedures for the collection and reporting of traffic movement data required by rule 139.77; and
- (13) the aerodrome maintenance programme required by rule 139.79; and
- (14) the aerodrome inspection programme, procedures and reporting system required by rule 139.81; and
- (15) the procedures for preventive maintenance and checking of the aerodrome visual aids for navigation required by rule 139.83; and
- (16) the procedures and precautions for any works on the aerodrome required by rule 139.85; and
- (17) the procedures for the control of ground vehicles required by rule 139.87; and
- (18) the procedures for limiting aircraft operations if an unsafe aerodrome condition occurs required by rule 139.89; and
- (19) the procedures for management and control of documents necessary for the provision and operation of the aerodrome and the associated services and facilities required by rule 139.91; and
- (20) details of the safety management system required by rule 139.93; and
- (21) details of the quality management system required by rule 139.95; and

- (22) a description of the measures taken to comply with the relevant security requirements in rule part 107, including details of the security awareness programme and procedures required by rule 107.101(d)(8) and (9); or
  - (23) the aerodrome security programme for a security designated airport which meets the requirements of Part 107; and
  - (24) the procedures to control, amend, and distribute the exposition.
- (b) The applicant's exposition must be acceptable to the Director.

## **Subpart C — Operating Requirements**

### **139.101 Continued compliance**

A holder of an aerodrome operating certificate must: -

- (1) hold at least one complete and current copy of the aerodrome exposition required by rule 139.97 on the aerodrome; and
- (2) comply with all procedures, plans, systems and programmes detailed in the exposition; and
- (3) make each applicable part of the exposition available to personnel who require those parts to carry out their duties; and
- (4) continue to meet the standards and comply with the requirements of Subpart B prescribed for aerodrome certification under this Part; and
- (5) notify the Director of any change of address for service, telephone number, or facsimile number required by form CA 139/01 within 28 days of the change; and
- (6) ensure the aerodrome exposition required by rule 139.97 remains acceptable to the Director.

### **139.103 Aerodrome emergency plan – maintenance**

A holder of an aerodrome operating certificate must: -

- (1) ensure that all aerodrome personnel having duties and aerodrome emergency responsibilities under the holder's aerodrome emergency plan required by rule 139.57 are familiar with their assignments and are properly trained; and
- (2) test the aerodrome emergency plan required by rule 139.57 by conducting: -
  - (i) a full-scale aerodrome emergency exercise at intervals not exceeding 2 years; and
  - (ii) special emergency exercises in the intervening year to ensure that any deficiencies found during the full-scale aerodrome emergency exercise have been corrected; and
  - (iii) review the plan after each of the exercises specified in subparagraph (2) or after an actual emergency, to correct any deficiency found; and co-ordinate its aerodrome emergency plan required by rule 139.57 with law enforcement agencies, security providers, rescue and firefighting agencies, medical personnel and organisations, the principal tenants of the aerodrome, and all other persons who have responsibilities in the plan.

### **139.105 Rescue and firefighting – operational requirements**

- (a) Except as provided in paragraph (c), the holder of an aerodrome operating certificate must provide on the aerodrome, during operations by aeroplanes having a certificated seating configuration of 20 passengers' seats or more, excluding any required flight crew member seat, that are engaged in regular air operations for the carriage of passengers, the rescue and firefighting capability meeting the minimum requirements of rules 139.I.2.8 to 139.I.2.24 and 139.I.2.40.
- (b) Except as provided in paragraph (c), if an increase in the movements or a change in the type of air transport aeroplanes using the aerodrome results in an increase in the rescue and firefighting category of the aerodrome applicable under rule 139.59, the certificate holder must increase the rescue and firefighting capability to the minimum required for that higher category under rules 139.I.2.8 to 139.I.2.24 and 139.I.2.40.

- (c) Subject to paragraph (d), during any period of operations when the use of the aerodrome is limited to aeroplanes having a lower specification than that normally applicable under rule 139.59, the certificate holder may reduce the rescue and firefighting capability to a lower level required for the aerodrome category corresponding to the highest specification aeroplane regularly using the aerodrome provided: -
  - (1) procedures for, and the persons having the authority to implement, the reductions are included in the exposition required by rule 139.97:
  - (2) procedures for recall of the full aerodrome rescue and firefighting capability are included in the exposition required by rule 139.97:
  - (3) information on the reduction is forwarded to the Aeronautical Information Service for appropriate publication.
- (d) Any reduction in the rescue and firefighting capability under paragraph (c) must not be implemented until the information is promulgated by the Aeronautical Information Service for appropriate publication.
- (e) The holder of an aerodrome operating certificate must employ a system of preventive maintenance of their rescue and firefighting vehicle or vehicles to ensure effectiveness of the equipment and compliance with the required response time throughout the life of each vehicle.
- (f) The holder of an aerodrome operating certificate must immediately replace any required rescue and firefighting vehicle that becomes inoperative to the extent that the certificate holder cannot meet the response capability required by rule 139.I.2.26 to 139.I.2.32, with a vehicle that enables the certificate holder to meet that capability.
- (g) If a replacement vehicle is not available immediately, the certificate holder must provide the notification required by rule 139.117.
- (h) If the required response capability is not restored within 72 hours, the certificate holder must limit regular air operations on the aerodrome to those aeroplanes compatible with the aerodrome category corresponding to the remaining operative rescue and firefighting vehicle or vehicles.
- (i) The holder of an aerodrome operating certificate must, with the rescue and firefighting equipment required under this Part and the number of trained personnel who are required to assure an effective operation, respond to each aircraft emergency during operations of the kind specified in paragraph(a).

#### **139.107 Aeronautical Study**

- (a) The holder of an aerodrome operating certificate must monitor operations and conduct an aeronautical study when a significant change in aerodrome operations occurs that may affect the safety of aircraft operations.
- (b) For the purpose of paragraph (a), a significant change in aerodrome operations include:
  - (1) a change in aerodrome aircraft traffic,
  - (2) a change in aircraft operations type,
  - (3) a change in the aerodrome physical characteristics,
  - (4) an increase in aerodrome accidents/incidents, or

- (5) a change in airspace designation.

### **139.109 Aerodrome aircraft traffic management**

Each holder of an aerodrome operating certificate must ensure the provision of an aerodrome control service at their aerodrome when so required by the Director in the interest of safety.

### **139.111 Aerodrome aircraft traffic services**

When an ATS is required to be provided at the aerodrome the holder of the aerodrome operating certificate must establish a written agreement with a holder of an air traffic service organisation certificate issued in accordance with Part 172 for the provision of the ATS.

### **139.113 Apron management service**

- (a) The holder of an aerodrome operating certificate must ensure that the aerodrome is provided with an appropriate apron traffic management service, when such service is warranted by the volume of traffic and operating conditions.
- (b) The holder of an aerodrome operating certificate for an aerodrome that has an aerodrome control service and requires an apron management service must, ensure the coordination and safe, transition of aerodrome traffic between the apron management service and the aerodrome control service.

### **139.115 Protection of navigation aids & ATS facilities**

A holder of an aerodrome operating certificate must: -

- (a) prevent any construction or activity on the aerodrome, or surrounding area that the certificate holder has authority over, that could have an adverse effect on the operation of any electronic or visual navigation aid or air traffic service facility on the aerodrome; and
- (b) prevent, as far as it is within the certificate holder's authority, any interruption of visual or electronic signals of navigation aids for the aerodrome.

### **139.117 Aerodrome condition notification**

The holder of an aerodrome operating certificate must, in accordance with the procedure required by rule 139.75, notify the Aeronautical Information Service, as soon as practicable (for the issue of a NOTAM), of any aerodrome operational condition at the aerodrome that may affect the safe operation of aircraft.

### **139.119 Changes to certificate holder's organisation**

- (a) The holder of an aerodrome operating certificate must ensure that the aerodrome exposition required by rule 139.97 is amended to remain a current description of the aerodrome and its associated plans, programmes, services, systems, procedures, and facilities.
- (b) The certificate holder must ensure that any amendments made to the aerodrome exposition meets the applicable requirements of this Part and comply with the amendment procedures contained in the exposition.
- (c) The certificate holder must provide the Director with a copy of each amendment to the aerodrome exposition as soon as practicable after its incorporation into the exposition.

- (d) If the holder of an aerodrome certificate proposes to change, or changes, the person identified as the Chief Executive, or any of the senior persons required by rule 139.51(a)(2), the certificate holder must notify the Director prior to the change or as soon as practicable after the change if prior notification is not possible.
- (e) The changes of persons referred to in paragraph (d) must be accepted by the Director after satisfactory demonstration of the fit and proper person criteria required by Section 50 of the Act before being incorporated into the certificate holder's exposition.
- (f) The Director may impose conditions under which the holder of an aerodrome operating certificate may operate during or following any of the changes specified in paragraph (d) and (e).
- (g) The holder of an aerodrome operating certificate must comply with any conditions imposed by the Director under paragraph (f).
- (h) If any of the changes under paragraph (d) and (e) require an amendment to the aerodrome operating certificate, the holder of the certificate must forward the certificate to the Director as soon as practicable for endorsement of the amendment.
- (i) The holder of an aerodrome operating certificate must amend the holder's exposition as the Director may consider necessary in the interests of safety.

#### **139.121 Deviations**

- (a) The holder of an aerodrome operating certificate may deviate from any requirement of Subpart C, or D if an emergency occurs requiring immediate action for the protection of life or property involving carriage by air
- (b) A certificate holder who deviates from a requirement of Subpart C, or D under paragraph (a) must provide a written report to the Director as soon as practicable, but in any event not later than 14 days after the emergency. The report must cover the nature, extent and duration of the deviation.

## Subpart D — Aerodrome Security

### 139.201 Non-security designated aerodrome security requirements

The holder of an aerodrome operating certificate that is not a security designated aerodrome must, in addition to complying with the requirements of rule 139.71:

- (a) have a contingency plan to provide, when so required by the Director: -
  - (1) areas at their aerodrome for the screening of passengers and baggage: -
    - (i) areas for the screening of international passengers, crew, and their baggage, prior to aircraft boarding;
    - (ii) sterile areas where international passengers and crew subject to screening are prevented from having access to unauthorised articles or contact with unscreened persons;
    - (iii) areas for the separation of arriving passengers and crew from departing passengers during international deplaning to prevent arriving, transit, and transfer passengers and crew having contact with any person who has been subject to screening; and
  - (2) measures to subject vehicles entering the aerodrome, and the items contained within them, to screening and other appropriate security controls.
- (b) comply with the following rules
  - (1) designate an isolated aircraft parking position at their aerodrome that complies with appendix C.9; and
  - (2) provide and maintain lighting, and emergency lighting in the event of failure of the normal lighting system, on any parking areas at their aerodrome used at night by aeroplanes having a certificated seating configuration of 20 seats or more passengers, excluding any required flight crew member seat, that are engaged in scheduled air transport operations for the carriage of passengers; and
  - (3) provide lighting, or have portable lighting available within 30 minutes, on any designated isolated aircraft parking area at their aerodrome intended to be used at night; and
  - (4) ensure that personnel engaged, employed or contracted by the certificate holder undergo a security awareness programme, and that each person required to carry out specific security tasks is trained for those tasks; and
  - (5) establish procedures for identifying, reporting to the Director, and dealing with, breaches of and deficiencies in, any security procedures established by the holder and any provisions of any enactment relating to security at the aerodrome; and
  - (6) establish and facilitate a security awareness group in order to ensure sufficient information is given to other organisations at the aerodrome to motivate security awareness on the part of all personnel; and
  - (7) convene, chair, and minute meetings of the security awareness group established under paragraph (c) at regular intervals not exceeding 12 months.

## **Subpart E — Transition Provisions**

### **139.301 – Transition**

Transition provisions detailed in Part 20 apply to this Part.



## APPENDIX A. GENERAL

### A.1 Applicability

A.1.1 The interpretation of some of the specifications in the Appendices expressly requires the exercising of discretion, the taking of a decision or the performance of a function by the appropriate authority. In other specifications, the expression appropriate authority does not actually appear although its inclusion is implied. In both cases, the responsibility for whatever determination or action is necessary shall rest with the authority having jurisdiction over the aerodrome.

A.1.2 The specifications, unless otherwise indicated in a particular context, shall apply to all aerodromes open to public use in accordance with the requirements of Article 15 of the Chicago Convention. The specifications of Part 139 Appendix C, shall apply only to land aerodromes. The specifications in this Part shall apply, where appropriate, to heliports but shall not apply to stolports.

**Note.**— Although there are at present no specifications relating to stolports, it is intended that specifications for these aerodromes will be included as they are developed. In the interim, guidance material on stolports is given in the Stolport Manual (Doc 9150).

A.1.3 Wherever a colour is referred to in this Part, the specifications for that colour given in AC139-5.1 Visual Aids for Navigation – Indicators and Signalling Devices shall apply.

### A.2 Common reference systems

#### A.2.1 Horizontal reference system

World Geodetic System — 1984 (WGS-84) shall be used as the horizontal (geodetic) reference system. Reported aeronautical geographical coordinates (indicating latitude and longitude) shall be expressed in terms of the WGS-84 geodetic reference datum.

**Note.**— *Comprehensive guidance material concerning WGS-84 is contained in the World Geodetic System — 1984 (WGS-84) Manual (Doc 9674).*

#### A.2.2 Vertical reference system

Mean sea level (MSL) datum, which gives the relationship of gravity-related height (elevation) to a surface known as the geoid, shall be used as the vertical reference system.

**Note 1.**— *The geoid globally most closely approximates MSL. It is defined as the equipotential surface in the gravity field of the Earth which coincides with the undisturbed MSL extended continuously through the continents.*

**Note 2.**— *Gravity-related heights (elevations) are also referred to as orthometric heights while distances of points above the ellipsoid are referred to as ellipsoidal heights.*

#### A.2.3 Temporal reference system

A.2.3.1 The Gregorian calendar and Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) shall be used as the temporal reference system.

A.2.3.2 When a different temporal reference system is used, this shall be indicated in GEN 2.1.2 of the Aeronautical Information Publication (AIP).

**Note.**— *See PANS-AIM (Doc 10066), Appendix 2.*

### **A.3 Airport design and master plan**

- A.3.1 A master plan containing detailed plans for the development of aerodrome infrastructure shall be established for aerodromes deemed relevant by the Director.

*Note 1.— A master plan represents the development plan of a specific aerodrome . It is developed by the aerodrome operator based on economic feasibility, traffic forecasts, and current and future requirements provided by, among others, aircraft operators (see A.3.3).*

*Note 2.— A master plan may be required when the lack of capacity at an airport, due to conditions such as, but not limited to expected traffic growth, changing weather and climatic conditions or major works to address safety or environmental concerns, would put the connectivity of a geographical area at risk or cause severe disruption to the air transport network.*

- A.3.2 The master plan, shall:

- (1) contain a schedule of priorities including a phased implementation plan; and
- (2) be reviewed periodically to take into account current and future aerodrome traffic.

- A.3.3 Aerodrome stakeholders, particularly aircraft operators, shall be consulted in order to facilitate the master planning process using a consultative and collaborative approach.

*Note 1.— Provision of advanced planning data to facilitate the planning process includes future aircraft types, characteristics and numbers of aircraft expected to be used, anticipated growth of aircraft movements, and number of passengers and amount of cargo projected to be handled.*

*Note 2.— See Annex 9, Chapter 6 on the need for aircraft operators to inform aerodrome operators concerning the former's service, schedule and fleet plans to enable rational planning of facilities and services in relation to the traffic anticipated.*

*Note 3.— See ICAO's Policies on Charges for Airports and Air Navigation Services (Doc 9082), Section 1, regarding consultation with users concerning provision of advance planning data and protection of commercially sensitive data.*

- A.3.4 Architectural and infrastructure-related requirements for the optimum implementation of international civil aviation security measures shall be integrated into the design and construction of new facilities and alterations to existing facilities at an aerodrome.

- A.3.5 The design shall take into account land-use and environmental control measures.

*Note.— Guidance on land-use planning and environmental control measures is contained in the Airport Planning Manual (Doc 9184), Part 2.*

### **A.4 Aerodrome reference code**

- A.4.1 An aerodrome reference code — code number and letter — which is selected for aerodrome planning purposes shall be determined in accordance with the characteristics of the aeroplane for which an aerodrome facility is intended.

- A.4.2 The aerodrome reference code numbers and letters shall have the meanings assigned to them in Table A-1.

- A.4.3 The code number for element 1 shall be determined from Table A-1 selecting the code number corresponding to the highest value of the aeroplane reference field lengths of the aeroplanes for which the runway is intended.

*Note 1.— The determination of the aeroplane reference field length is solely for the selection of a code number and is not intended to influence the actual runway length provided.*

*Note 2.— Guidance on determining the runway length is given in the CASA PNG Advisory Circular AC139-3.1 Physical Characteristics-Runways.*

- A.4.4 The code letter for element 2 shall be determined from Table A-1 by selecting the code letter which corresponds to the greatest wingspan of the aeroplanes for which the facility is intended.

*Note.— Guidance on determining the aerodrome reference code is given in the CASA PNG Advisory Circulars AC139-3.1 Physical Characteristics-Runways and AC139-3.2 Physical Characteristics-Taxiway, Apron, Holding Bays.*

**Table A-1. Aerodrome reference code**

(see A.4.2 to A.4.4)

Code element 1	
Code number	Aeroplane reference field length
1	Less than 800 m
2	800 m up to but not including 1 200 m
3	1 200 m up to but not including 1 800 m
4	1 800 m and over
Code element 2	
Code letter	Wingspan
A	Up to but not including 15 m
B	15 m up to but not including 24 m
C	24 m up to but not including 36 m
D	36 m up to but not including 52 m
E	52 m up to but not including 65 m
F	65 m up to but not including 80 m

*Note 1.— Guidance on planning for aeroplanes with wingspans greater than 80m is given in the CASA PNG Advisory Circulars AC139-3.1 and AC139-3.2.*

*Note 2.— Procedures on conducting an aerodrome compatibility study to accommodate aeroplanes with folding wing tips spanning two code letters are given in the PANS-Aerodromes (Doc 9981). Further guidance can be found in the manufacturer's manual on aircraft characteristics for airport planning.*

## **A.5 Specific procedures for aerodrome operations**

- A.5.1 When the aerodrome accommodates an aeroplane that exceeds the certificated characteristics of the aerodrome, the compatibility between the operation of the aeroplane and aerodrome infrastructure and operations shall be assessed and appropriate measures developed and implemented in order to maintain an acceptable level of safety during operations.

**Note.**— *Procedures to assess the compatibility of the operation of a new aeroplane with an existing aerodrome can be found in the PANS-Aerodromes (Doc 9981).*

- A.5.2 Information concerning alternative measures, operational procedures and operating restrictions implemented at an aerodrome arising from A.5.1 shall be promulgated.

**Note 1.**— *See PANS-AIM (Doc 10066), Appendix 2, AD 2.20, on the provision of a detailed description of local traffic regulations.*

**Note 2.**— *See PANS-Aerodromes (Doc 9981), Chapter 3, section 3.6, on promulgation of safety information.*

## APPENDIX B. AERODROME DATA

### B.1 Aeronautical data

- B.1.1 Determination and reporting of aerodrome-related aeronautical data shall be in accordance with the accuracy and integrity classification required to meet the needs of the end-users of aeronautical data.

*Note.— Specifications concerning the accuracy and integrity classification related to aerodrome-related aeronautical data are contained in CASA Advisory Circular AC139-2 Aerodrome Data.*

- B.1.2 Aerodrome mapping data may be made available to the aeronautical information services for aerodromes deemed relevant where safety and/or performance-based operations suggest possible benefits.

*Note 1.— Aerodrome mapping databases related provisions are contained in CASA Advisory Circular AC139-2 Aerodrome Data.*

*Note 2.— Guidance material concerning the application of aerodrome mapping databases is provided in CASA Advisory Circular AC139-2 Aerodrome Data.*

- B.1.3 Where made available in accordance with B.1.2, the selection of the aerodrome mapping data features to be collected shall be made with consideration of the intended applications.

*Note 1.— It is intended that the selection of the features to be collected match a defined operational need.*

*Note 2.— Aerodrome mapping databases can be provided at one of two levels of quality — fine or medium. These levels and the corresponding numerical requirements are defined in RTCA Document DO-272B and European Organization for Civil Aviation Equipment (EUROCAE) Document ED-99C — User Requirements for Aerodrome Mapping Information.*

- B.1.4 Digital data error detection techniques shall be used during the transmission and/or storage of aeronautical data and digital data sets.

*Note.— Detailed specifications concerning digital data error detection techniques are contained in CASA Advisory Circular AC139-2 Aerodrome Data.*

### B.2 Aerodrome reference point

- B.2.1 An aerodrome reference point shall be established for an aerodrome.
- B.2.2 The aerodrome reference point shall be located near the initial or planned geometric centre of the aerodrome and shall normally remain where first established.
- B.2.3 The position of the aerodrome reference point shall be measured and reported to the aeronautical information services authority in degrees, minutes and seconds.

### B.3 Aerodrome and runway elevations

- B.3.1 The aerodrome elevation and geoid undulation at the aerodrome elevation position shall be measured to the accuracy of one-half metre or foot and reported to the aeronautical information services authority.
- B.3.2 For an aerodrome used by international civil aviation for non-precision approaches, the elevation and geoid undulation of each threshold, the elevation of the runway end and any significant high and low intermediate points along the runway shall be measured to the accuracy of one-half metre or foot and reported to the aeronautical information services authority.
- B.3.3 For precision approach runway, the elevation and geoid undulation of the threshold, the elevation of the runway end and the highest elevation of the touchdown zone shall be measured to the accuracy of one-quarter metre or foot and reported to the aeronautical information services authority.

*Note.— Geoid undulation shall be measured in accordance with the appropriate system of coordinates.*

### B.4 Aerodrome reference temperature

- B.4.1 An aerodrome reference temperature shall be determined for an aerodrome in degrees Celsius.
- B.4.2 The aerodrome reference temperature shall be the monthly mean of the daily maximum temperatures for the hottest month of the year (the hottest month being that which has the highest monthly mean temperature). This temperature shall be averaged over a period of years.

### B.5 Aerodrome dimensions and related information

- B.5.1 The following data shall be measured or described, as appropriate, for each facility provided on an aerodrome:
- (a) runway — true bearing to one-hundredth of a degree, designation number, length, width, displaced threshold location to the nearest metre or foot, slope, surface type, type of runway and, for a precision approach runway category I, the existence of an obstacle free zone when provided;
 

strip, runway end safety area , stopway	}	length, width to the nearest metre or foot, surface type; and
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  - arresting system — location (which runway end) and description;
  - (b) taxiway — designation, width, surface type;
  - (c) apron — surface type, aircraft stands;
  - (d) the boundaries of the air traffic control service;
  - (e) clearway — length to the nearest metre or foot, ground profile;
  - (f) visual aids for approach procedures, marking and lighting of runways, taxiways and aprons, other visual guidance and control aids on taxiways and aprons, including taxi-holding positions and stopbars, and location and type of visual docking guidance systems;

- (g) location and radio frequency of any VOR aerodrome checkpoint;
- (h) location and designation of standard taxi-routes; and
- (i) distances to the nearest metre or foot of localizer and glide path elements comprising an instrument landing system (ILS) or azimuth and elevation antenna of a microwave landing system (MLS) in relation to the associated runway extremities.

- B.5.2 The geographical coordinates of each threshold shall be measured and reported to the aeronautical information services authority in degrees, minutes, seconds and hundredths of seconds.
- B.5.3 The geographical coordinates of appropriate taxiway centre line points shall be measured and reported to the aeronautical information services authority in degrees, minutes, seconds and hundredths of seconds.
- B.5.4 The geographical coordinates of each aircraft stand shall be measured and reported to the aeronautical information services authority in degrees, minutes, seconds and hundredths of seconds.
- B.5.5 The geographical coordinates of obstacles in Area 2 (the part within the aerodrome boundary) and in Area 3 shall be measured and reported to the aeronautical information services authority in degrees, minutes, seconds and tenths of seconds. In addition, the top elevation, type, marking and lighting (if any) of obstacles shall be reported to the aeronautical information services authority.

*Note.*— CASA Advisory Circular AC139-2 Aerodrome Data, provides requirements for obstacle data determination in Areas 2 and 3.

## **B.6 Strength of pavements.**

- B.6.1 The bearing strength of a pavement shall be determined.
- B.6.2 The bearing strength of a pavement intended for aircraft of apron (ramp) mass greater than 5 700 kg shall be made available using the aircraft classification rating-pavement classification rating (ACR-PCR) method by reporting all of the following information:
- (a) pavement classification rating (PCR) and numerical value;
  - (b) pavement type for ACR-PCR determination;
  - (c) subgrade strength category;
  - (d) maximum allowable tire pressure category or maximum allowable tire pressure value; and
  - (e) evaluation method.

*Note.*— Guidance on reporting and publishing of PCRs is contained in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-3.3 Pavement Bearing Strength.

- B.6.3 The PCR reported shall indicate that aircraft with an aircraft classification rating (ACR) equal to or less than the reported PCR may operate on the pavement subject to any limitation on the tire pressure or aircraft all-up mass for specified aircraft type(s).

*Note.*— Different PCRs may be reported if the strength of the pavement is subject to significant seasonal variation.

- B.6.4 The ACR of an aircraft shall be determined in accordance with the standard procedures associated with the ACR-PCR method.

**Note.**— The standard procedures for determining the ACR of an aircraft are given in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-3.3 Pavement Bearing Strength 3. For convenience, dedicated software is available on the ICAO website for computing any aircraft ACR at any mass on rigid and flexible pavements for the four standard subgrade strength categories detailed in B.6.6(b) below.

- B.6.5 For the purposes of determining the ACR, the behaviour of a pavement shall be classified as equivalent to a rigid or flexible construction.
- B.6.6 Information on pavement type for ACR-PCR determination, subgrade strength category, maximum allowable tire pressure category and evaluation method shall be reported using the following codes:

- (a) Pavement type for ACR-PCR determination:

	Code
Rigid pavement	R
Flexible pavement	F

*Note.*— If the actual construction is composite or non-standard, include a note to that effect (see example 2 below).

- (b) Subgrade strength category:

	Code
High strength: characterized by $E = 200$ MPa and representing all $E$ values equal to or above 150 MPa, for rigid and flexible pavements.	A
Medium strength: characterized by $E = 120$ MPa and representing a range in $E$ values equal to or above 100 MPa and strictly less than 150 MPa, for rigid and flexible pavements.	B
Low strength: characterized by $E = 80$ MPa and representing a range in $E$ values equal to or above 60 MPa and strictly less than 100 MPa, for rigid and flexible pavements.	C
Ultra-low strength: characterized by $E = 50$ MPa and representing all $E$ values strictly less than 60 MPa, for rigid and flexible pavements.	D

- (c) Maximum allowable tire pressure category:

	Code
<i>Unlimited:</i> no pressure limit	W
<i>High:</i> pressure limited to 1.75 MPa	X
<i>Medium:</i> pressure limited to 1.25 MPa	Y
<i>Low:</i> pressure limited to 0.50 MPa	Z

*Note.*— See Note 5 to J.2.1 where the pavement is used by aircraft with tire pressures in the upper categories.

- (d) Evaluation method:



## Code

Technical evaluation: representing a specific study of the pavement characteristics and application of pavement behaviour technology.

T

Using aircraft experience: representing a knowledge of the specific type and mass of aircraft satisfactorily being supported under regular use.

U

*Note.— The following examples illustrate how pavement strength data are reported under the ACR-PCR method. Further guidance on this topic is contained in the Aerodrome Design Manual (Doc 9157), Part 3.*

Example 1.— If the bearing strength of a rigid pavement, resting on a medium-strength subgrade, has been assessed by technical evaluation to be PCR 760 and there is no tire pressure limitation, then the reported information would be:

PCR 760 / R / B / W / T

Example 2.— If the bearing strength of a composite pavement, behaving like a flexible pavement and resting on a highstrength subgrade, has been assessed by using aircraft experience to be PCR 550 and the maximum allowable tire pressure is 1.25 MPa, then the reported information would be:

PCR 550 / F / A / Y / U

*Note.— Composite construction.*

- B.6.7 Criteria shall be established to regulate the use of a pavement by an aircraft with an ACR higher than the PCR reported for that pavement in accordance with B.6.2 and B.6.3.

*Note.— CASA Advisory Circular AC139-3.3 Pavement Bearing Strength, includes the descriptions of more detailed procedures for evaluation of pavements and their suitability for restricted overload operations.*

- B.6.8 The bearing strength of a pavement intended for aircraft of apron (ramp) mass equal to or less than 5700 kg shall be made available by reporting the following information:

- (a) maximum allowable aircraft mass; and
- (b) maximum allowable tire pressure.

Example: 4 800 kg/0.60 MPa.

**B.7 Pre-flight altimeter check location**

- B.7.1 One or more pre-flight altimeter check locations shall be established for an aerodrome.
- B.7.2 A pre-flight check location shall be located on an apron.

*Note 1.— Locating a pre-flight altimeter check location on an apron enables an altimeter check to be made prior to obtaining taxi clearance and eliminates the need for stopping for that purpose after leaving the apron.*

*Note 2.— Normally an entire apron can serve as a satisfactory altimeter check location.*

- B.7.3 The elevation of a pre-flight altimeter check location shall be given as the average elevation, rounded to the nearest metre or foot, of the area on which it is located. The elevation of any portion of a pre-flight altimeter check location shall be within 3m (10ft) of the average elevation for that location.

**B.8 Declared distances**

The following distances shall be calculated to the nearest metre or foot for a runway intended for use by international or domestic commercial air transport:

- (a) take-off run available;
- (b) take-off distance available;
- (c) accelerate-stop distance available; and
- (d) landing distance available.

*Note.— Guidance on calculation of declared distances is given in CASA Advisory Circular AC139-3.1 Physical Characteristics – Runways.*

**B.9 Condition of the movement area and related facilities**

- B.9.1 Information on the condition of the movement area and the operational status of related facilities shall be provided to the appropriate aeronautical information services units, and similar information of operational significance to the air traffic services units, to enable those units to provide the necessary information to arriving and departing aircraft. The information shall be kept up to date and changes in conditions reported without delay.

*Note.— The nature, format and conditions of the information to be provided are specified in the PANS-AIM (Doc 10066) and the PANS-ATM (Doc 4444). Specific procedures pertaining to works in progress on the movement area and to the reporting of such works are included in the PANS-Aerodromes (Doc 9981).*

- B.9.2 The condition of the movement area and the operational status of related facilities shall be monitored, and reports on matters of operational significance affecting aircraft and aerodrome operations shall be provided in order to take appropriate action, particularly in respect of the following:
- (a) construction or maintenance work;
  - (b) rough or broken surfaces on a runway, a taxiway or an apron;
  - (c) water, on a runway, a taxiway or an apron;
  - (d) other contaminants on a runway, taxiway or apron;

- (e) other temporary hazards, including parked aircraft;
- (f) failure or irregular operation of part or all of the aerodrome visual aids; and
- (g) failure of the normal or secondary power supply.

*Note 1.— Other contaminants may include mud, dust, sand, volcanic ash, oil and rubber. Procedures for monitoring and reporting the conditions of the movement area are included in the PANS-Aerodromes (Doc 9981).*

*Note 2.— The Aeroplane Performance Manual (Doc 10064) provides guidance on aircraft performance calculation requirements regarding the description of runway surface conditions in B.9.2(c), (d) and (e).*

*Note 3.— Origin and evolution of data, assessment process and the procedures are prescribed in the PANS-Aerodromes (Doc 9981). These procedures are intended to fulfil the requirements to achieve the desired level of safety for aeroplane operations prescribed by Annex 6 and Annex 8 and to provide the information fulfilling the syntax requirements for dissemination specified in Annex 15, PANS-AIM (Doc 10066) and the PANS-ATM (Doc 4444).*

B.9.3 To facilitate compliance with B.9.1 and B.9.2, the following inspections shall be carried out each day:

- (a) for the movement area, at least once where the aerodrome reference code number is 1 or 2 and at least twice where the aerodrome reference code number is 3 or 4; and
- (b) for the runway(s), inspections in addition to a) whenever the runway surface conditions may have changed significantly due to meteorological conditions.

*Note 1.— Procedures on carrying out daily inspections of the movement area are given in the PANS-Aerodromes (Doc 9981). Further guidance is available in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-9.6 Operational Services – Surface Movement Guidance and Control System.*

*Note 2.— The PANS-Aerodromes (Doc 9981) contains clarifications on the scope of a significant change in the runway surface conditions.*

B.9.4 Personnel assessing and reporting runway surface conditions required in B.9.2 and B.9.5 shall be trained and competent to perform their duties.

*Note 1.— Guidance on training of personnel is given in Attachment A, Section 6.*

*Note 2.— Information on training for personnel assessing and reporting runway surface conditions is available in the PANS-Aerodromes (Doc 9981).*

***Runway surface condition(s) for use in the runway condition report***

B.9.5 The runway surface condition shall be assessed and reported through a runway condition code (RWYCC) and a description using the following terms:

DRY

STANDING WATER

WET

CHEMICALLY TREATED

LOOSE SAND

*Note 1.— The runway surface conditions are those conditions for which, by means of the methods described in the PANS-Aerodromes (Doc 9981), the flight crew can derive appropriate aeroplane performance.*

*Note 2.— The conditions, either singly or in combination with other observations, are criteria for which the effect on aeroplane performance is sufficiently deterministic to allow assignment of a specific runway condition code.*

*Note 3.— The terms CHEMICALLY TREATED and LOOSE SAND do not appear in the aeroplane performance section but are used in the situational awareness section of the runway condition report.*

- B.9.6 Whenever an operational runway is contaminated, an assessment of the contaminant depth and coverage over each third of the runway shall be made and reported.

*Note.— Procedures on depth and coverage reporting are found in the PANS-Aerodromes (Doc 9981).*

- B.9.9 Information that a runway or portion thereof is slippery wet shall be made available.

*Note 1.— The surface friction characteristics of a runway or a portion thereof can be degraded due to rubber deposits, surface polishing, poor drainage or other factors. The determination that a runway or portion thereof is slippery wet stems from various methods used solely or in combination. These methods may be functional friction measurements, using a continuous friction measuring device, that fall below a minimum standard as acceptable to the Director, observations by aerodrome maintenance personnel, repeated reports by pilots and aircraft operators based on flight crew experience, or through analysis of aeroplane stopping performance that indicates a substandard surface. Supplementary tools to undertake this assessment are described in the PANS-Aerodromes (Doc 9981).*

*Note 2.— See B.9.1 and B.13 concerning the provision of information to, and coordination between, appropriate authorities.*

- B.9.10 Notification shall be given to relevant aerodrome users when the friction level of a paved runway or portion thereof is less than the minimum friction level acceptable to the Director in accordance with J.2.3.

*Note 1.— Guidance on determining and expressing the minimum friction level is provided in Assessment, Measurement and Reporting of Runway Surface Conditions (Cir 355).*

*Note 2.— Procedures on conducting a runway surface friction characteristics evaluation programme are provided in the PANS-Aerodromes (Doc 9981).*

*Note 3.— Information to be promulgated in a NOTAM includes specifying which portion of the runway is below the minimum friction level and its location on the runway.*

## **B.10 Disabled aircraft removal**

*Note.— See I.3 for information on disabled aircraft removal services.*

- B.10.1 The telephone/telex number(s) of the office of the aerodrome coordinator of operations for the removal of an aircraft disabled on or adjacent to the movement area shall be made available, on request, to aircraft operators.
- B.10.2 Information concerning the capability to remove an aircraft disabled on or adjacent to the movement area shall be made available.

*Note.— The capability to remove a disabled aircraft may be expressed in terms of the largest type of aircraft which the aerodrome is equipped to remove.*

## **B.11 Rescue and firefighting**

*Note.— See I.2 for information on rescue and firefighting services.*

- B.11.1 Information concerning the level of protection provided at an aerodrome for aircraft rescue and firefighting purposes shall be made available.
- B.11.2 The level of protection normally available shall be expressed in terms of the category of the rescue and firefighting services as described in I.2 and in accordance with the types and amounts of extinguishing agents normally available at the aerodrome.
- B.11.3 Changes in the level of protection normally available at an aerodrome for rescue and firefighting shall be notified to the appropriate air traffic services units and aeronautical information services units to enable those units to provide the necessary information to arriving and departing aircraft. When such a change has been corrected, the above units shall be advised accordingly.

*Note.— Changes in the level of protection from that normally available at the aerodrome could result from a change in the availability of extinguishing agents, equipment to deliver the agents or personnel to operate the equipment, etc.*

- B.11.4 A change shall be expressed in terms of the new category of the rescue and firefighting service available at the aerodrome.

## **B.12 Visual approach slope indicator systems**

The following information concerning a visual approach slope indicator system installation shall be made available:

- (a) associated runway designation number;
- (b) type of system according to E.3.5.2. For an AT-VASIS, PAPI or APAPI installation, the side of the runway on which the lights are installed, i.e. left or right, shall be given;
- (c) where the axis of the system is not parallel to the runway centre line, the angle of displacement and the direction of displacement, i.e. left or right, shall be indicated;
- (d) nominal approach slope angle(s). For a T-VASIS or an AT-VASIS this shall be angle  $\Theta$  according to the formula in Figure 5-18 and for a PAPI and an APAPI this shall be angle  $(B + C) \div 2$  and  $(A + B) \div 2$ , respectively as in Figure 5-20; and
- (e) minimum eye height(s) over the threshold of the on-slope signal(s). For a T-VASIS or an AT-VASIS this shall be the lowest height at which only the wing bar(s) are visible; however,

the additional heights at which the wing bar(s) plus one, two or three fly-down light units come into view may also be reported if such information would be of benefit to aircraft using the approach. For a PAPI this shall be the setting angle of the third unit from the runway minus 2°, i.e. angle B minus 2°, and for an APAPI this shall be the setting angle of the unit farther from the runway minus 2°, i.e. angle A minus 2°.

### **B.13 Coordination between aeronautical information services and aerodrome authorities**

- B.13.1 To ensure that aeronautical information services units obtain information to enable them to provide up-to-date pre-flight information and to meet the need for in-flight information, arrangements shall be made between aeronautical information services and aerodrome authorities responsible for aerodrome services to report to the responsible aeronautical information services unit, with a minimum of delay:
- (a) information on the status of certification of aerodromes and aerodrome conditions (ref. A.4, B.9, B.10, B.11 and B.12);
  - (b) the operational status of associated facilities, services and navigation aids within their area of responsibility;
  - (c) any other information considered to be of operational significance.
- B.13.2 Before introducing changes to the air navigation system, due account shall be taken by the services responsible for such changes of the time needed by aeronautical information services for the preparation, production and issue of relevant material for promulgation. To ensure timely provision of the information to aeronautical information services, close coordination between those services concerned is therefore required.
- B.13.3 Of a particular importance are changes to aeronautical information that affect charts and/or computer-based navigation systems which qualify to be notified by the aeronautical information regulation and control (AIRAC) system, as specified in CASA Advisory Circular AC139-2 Aerodrome Data. The predetermined, internationally agreed AIRAC effective dates shall be observed by the responsible aerodrome services when submitting the raw information/data to aeronautical information services.

*Note.— Detailed specifications concerning the AIRAC system are contained in CASA Advisory Circular AC139-2 Aerodrome Data.*

- B.13.4 The aerodrome services responsible for the provision of raw aeronautical information/data to the aeronautical information services shall do that while taking into account accuracy and integrity requirements necessary to meet the needs of the end-user of aeronautical data.

*Note 1.— Specifications concerning the accuracy and integrity classification of aerodrome-related aeronautical data are contained in CASA Advisory Circular AC139-2 Aerodrome Data.*

*Note 2.— Specifications for the issue of NOTAM is contained in CASA Advisory Circular AC139-2 Aerodrome Data.*

*Note 3.— AIRAC information is distributed by the AIS at least 42 days in advance of the AIRAC effective dates with the objective of reaching recipients at least 28 days in advance of the effective date.*

*Note 4.— The schedule of the predetermined internationally agreed AIRAC common effective dates at intervals of 28 days and guidance for the AIRAC use are contained in the Aeronautical Information Services Manual (Doc 8126, Chapter 2).*

## APPENDIX C PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

### C.1 Runways

#### *Number and orientation of runways*

- C.1.1 The number and orientation of runways shall be such that the usability factor of the aerodrome is not less than 95 percent for the aeroplanes that the aerodrome is intended to serve.
- C.1.2 The siting and orientation of runways shall, where possible, be such that the arrival and departure tracks minimize interference with areas approved for residential use and other noise-sensitive areas close to the aerodrome in order to avoid future noise problems.

*Note.— Guidance on how to address noise problems is provided in the Airport Planning Manual (Doc 9184), Part 2, and in Guidance on the Balanced Approach to Aircraft Noise Management (Doc 9829).*

#### C.1.3 Choice of maximum permissible crosswind components

In the application of C.1.1 it may be assumed that landing or take-off of aeroplanes is, in normal circumstances, precluded when the crosswind component exceeds:

- (a) 37 km/h (20 kt) in the case of aeroplanes whose reference field length is 1500m or over, except that when poor runway braking action owing to an insufficient longitudinal coefficient of friction is experienced with some frequency, a crosswind component not exceeding 24 km/h (13 kt) may be assumed;
- (b) 24 km/h (13 kt) in the case of aeroplanes whose reference field length is 1200m or up to but not including 1 500m; and
- (c) 19 km/h (10 kt) in the case of aeroplanes whose reference field length is less than 1200m.

*Note.— In CASA Advisory Circular AC139-3.1 Physical Characteristics – Runways., guidance is given on factors affecting the calculation of the estimate of the usability factor and allowances which may have to be made to take account of the effect of unusual circumstances.*

#### C.1.4 Data to be used

The selection of data to be used for the calculation of the usability factor shall be based on reliable wind distribution statistics that extend over as long a period as possible, preferably of not less than five years. The observations used shall be made at least eight times daily and spaced at equal intervals of time.

*Note.— These winds are mean winds. Reference to the need for some allowance for gusty conditions is made in CASA Advisory Circular AC139-3.1 Physical Characteristics – Runways.*

#### *Location of threshold*

- C.1.5 A threshold shall be located at the extremity of a runway unless operational considerations justify the choice of another location.

*Note.— Guidance on the siting of the threshold is given in CASA Advisory Circular AC139-3.1 Physical Characteristics – Runways..*

- C.1.6 When it is necessary to displace a threshold either permanently or temporarily, from its normal location, account shall be taken of the various factors which may have a bearing on the location of the threshold. Where this displacement is due to an unserviceable runway condition, a cleared and graded area of at least 60m in length shall be available between the unserviceable area and the displaced threshold. Additional distance shall also be provided to meet the requirements of the runway end safety area as appropriate.

*Note.— Guidance on factors which may be considered in the determination of the location of a displaced threshold is given in CASA Advisory Circular AC139-3.1 Physical Characteristics – Runways.*

***Actual length of runways***

- C.1.7 Primary runway

Except as provided in C.1.9, the actual runway length to be provided for a primary runway shall be adequate to meet the operational requirements of the aeroplanes for which the runway is intended and shall be not less than the longest length determined by applying the corrections for local conditions to the operations and performance characteristics of the relevant aeroplanes.

*Note 1.— This specification does not necessarily mean providing for operations by the critical aeroplane at its maximum mass.*

*Note 2.— Both take-off and landing requirements need to be considered when determining the length of runway to be provided and the need for operations to be conducted in both directions of the runway.*

*Note 3.— Local conditions that may need to be considered include elevation, temperature, runway slope, humidity and the runway surface characteristics.*

*Note 4.— When performance data on aeroplanes for which the runway is intended are not known, guidance on the determination of the actual length of a primary runway by application of general correction factors is given in the CASA PNG Advisory Circular AC139-3.1 Physical Characteristics-Runways.*

- C.1.8 Secondary runway

The length of a secondary runway shall be determined similarly to primary runways except that it needs only to be adequate for those aeroplanes which require to use that secondary runway in addition to the other runway or runways in order to obtain a usability factor of at least 95 percent.

- C.1.9 Runways with stopways or clearways

Where a runway is associated with a stopway or clearway, an actual runway length less than that resulting from application of C.1.7 or C.1.8, as appropriate, shall be considered satisfactory, but in such a case any combination of runway, stopway and clearway provided shall permit compliance with the operational requirements for take-off and landing of the aeroplanes the runway is intended to serve.



*Note.— Guidance on use of stopways and clearways is given in CASA Advisory Circular AC139-3.1 Physical Characteristics – Runways.*

### **Width of runways**

- C.1.10 The width of a runway shall be not less than the appropriate dimension specified in the following tabulation:

Code number	Outer Main Gear Wheel Span (OMGWS)			
	Up to but not including 4.5 m	4.5 m up to but not including 6 m	6 m up to but not including 9 m	9 m up to but not including 15 m
1 <sup>a</sup>	18 m	18 m	23 m	–
2 <sup>a</sup>	23 m	23 m	30 m	–
3	30 m	30 m	30 m	45 m
4	–	–	45 m	45 m
<i>a. The width of a precision approach runway should be not less than 30 m where the code number is 1 or 2.</i>				

*Note 1.— The combinations of code numbers and OMGWS for which widths are specified have been developed for typical aeroplane characteristics.*

*Note 2.— Factors affecting runway width are given in the CASA PNG Advisory Circular AC139-3.1 Physical Characteristics-Runways.*

*Note 3.— See 3.2 concerning the provision of runway shoulders, in particular for Code F aeroplanes with four (or more) engines.*

### **Minimum distance between parallel runways**

- C.1.11 Where parallel non-instrument runways are intended for simultaneous use, the minimum distance between their centre lines shall be:
- (a) 210m where the higher code number is 3 or 4;
  - (b) 150m where the higher code number is 2; and
  - (c) 120m where the higher code number is 1.

*Note.— Procedures for wake turbulence categorization of aircraft and wake turbulence separation minima are contained in the PANS-ATM (Doc 4444), Appendix D, D.9, and Appendix E, E.8, respectively.*

- C.1.12 Where parallel instrument runways are intended for simultaneous use subject to conditions specified in the PANS-ATM (Doc 4444) and the PANS-OPS (Doc 8168), Volume I, the minimum distance between their centre lines shall be:
- (a) 1 035m for independent parallel approaches;
  - (b) 915m for dependent parallel approaches;
  - (c) 760m for independent parallel departures;
  - (d) 760m for segregated parallel operations;
- except that:

- (1) for segregated parallel operations the specified minimum distance:
  - (i) may be decreased by 30m for each 150m that the arrival runway is staggered toward the arriving aircraft, to a minimum of 300m; and
  - (ii) shall be increased by 30m for each 150m that the arrival runway is staggered away from the arriving aircraft;
  - (iii) for independent parallel approaches, combinations of minimum distances and associated conditions other than those specified in the PANS-ATM (Doc 4444) may be applied when it is determined that such combinations would not adversely affect the safety of aircraft operations.

*Note.— Procedures and facilities requirements for simultaneous operations on parallel or near-parallel instrument runways are contained in the PANS-ATM (Doc 4444), Chapter 6 and the PANS-OPS (Doc 8168), Volume I, Part III, Section 2, and Volume II, Part I, Section 3; Part II, Section 1; and Part III, Section 3, and relevant guidance is contained in the Manual on Simultaneous Operations on Parallel or Near-Parallel Instrument Runways (SOIR) (Doc 9643).*

### ***Slopes on runways***

#### **C.1.13 Longitudinal slopes**

The slope computed by dividing the difference between the maximum and minimum elevation along the runway centre line by the runway length shall not exceed:

- (a) 1 percent where the code number is 3 or 4; and
- (b) 2 percent where the code number is 1 or 2.

#### **C.1.14 Along no portion of a runway shall the longitudinal slope exceed:**

- (a) 1.25 percent where the code number is 4, except that for the first and last quarter of the length of the runway the longitudinal slope shall not exceed 0.8 percent;
- (b) 1.5 percent where the code number is 3, except that for the first and last quarter of the length of a precision approach runway category II or III the longitudinal slope shall not exceed 0.8 percent; and
- (c) 2 percent where the code number is 1 or 2.

#### **C.1.15 Longitudinal slope changes**

Where slope changes cannot be avoided, a slope change between two consecutive slopes shall not exceed:

- (a) 1.5 percent where the code number is 3 or 4; and
- (b) 2 percent where the code number is 1 or 2.

*Note.— Guidance on slope changes before a runway is given in CASA Advisory Circular AC139-3.1 Physical Characteristics – Runways.*

#### **C.1.16 The transition from one slope to another shall be accomplished by a curved surface with a rate of change not exceeding:**

- (a) percent per 30m (minimum radius of curvature of 30000m) where the code number is 4;
- (b) 0.2 percent per 30m (minimum radius of curvature of 15000m) where the code number is 3; and
- (c) 0.4 percent per 30m (minimum radius of curvature of 7500m) where the code number is 1 or 2.

#### C.1.17 Sight distance

Where slope changes cannot be avoided, they shall be such that there will be an unobstructed line of sight from:

- (a) any point 3m above a runway to all other points 3m above the runway within a distance of at least half the length of the runway where the code letter is C, D, E or F;
- (b) any point 2m above a runway to all other points 2m above the runway within a distance of at least half the length of the runway where the code letter is B; and
- (c) any point 1.5m above a runway to all other points 1.5m above the runway within a distance of at least half the length of the runway where the code letter is A.

*Note.— Consideration will have to be given to providing an unobstructed line of sight over the entire length of a single runway where a full-length parallel taxiway is not available. Where an aerodrome has intersecting runways, additional criteria on the line of sight of the intersection area would need to be considered for operational safety. See the CASA PNG Advisory Circular AC139-3.1 Physical Characteristics-Runways.*

#### C.1.18 Distance between slope changes

Undulations or appreciable changes in slopes located close together along a runway shall be avoided. The distance between the points of intersection of two successive curves shall not be less than:

- (a) the sum of the absolute numerical values of the corresponding slope changes multiplied by the appropriate value as follows:
  - (1) 30000m where the code number is 4;
  - (2) 15000m where the code number is 3; and
  - (3) 5000m where the code number is 1 or 2; or
- (b) 45m;

whichever is greater.

*Note.— Guidance on implementing this specification is given in CASA Advisory Circular AC139-3.1 Physical Characteristics – Runways.*

#### C.1.19 Transverse slopes

To promote the most rapid drainage of water the runway surface shall, if practicable, be cambered except where a single crossfall from high to low in the direction of the wind most frequently associated with rain would ensure rapid drainage. The transverse slope shall ideally be:

- (a) 1.5 percent where the code letter is C, D, E or F; and
- (b) 2 percent where the code letter is A or B;

but in any event shall not exceed 1.5 percent or 2 percent, as applicable, nor be less than 1 percent except at runway or taxiway intersections where flatter slopes may be necessary.

For a cambered surface the transverse slope on each side of the centre line shall be symmetrical.

*Note.— On wet runways with crosswind conditions the problem of aquaplaning from poor drainage is apt to be accentuated. Additional guidance is included in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-3.1 Physical Characteristics – Runways and AC139-3.3 Pavement Bearing Strength.*

- C.1.20 The transverse slope shall be substantially the same throughout the length of a runway except at an intersection with another runway or a taxiway where an even transition shall be provided taking account of the need for adequate drainage.

*Note.— Guidance on transverse slope is given in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-3.3 Pavement Bearing Strength.*

#### **Strength of runways**

- C.1.21 A runway shall be capable of withstanding the traffic of aeroplanes the runway is intended to serve.

#### **Surface of runways**

- C.1.22 The surface of a runway shall be constructed without irregularities that would impair the runway surface friction characteristics or otherwise adversely affect the take-off or landing of an aeroplane.

*Note 1.— Surface irregularities may adversely affect the take-off or landing of an aeroplane by causing excessive bouncing, pitching, vibration, or other difficulties in the control of an aeroplane.*

*Note 2.— Guidance on design tolerances and other information is given in CASA Advisory Circular AC139-3.1 Physical Characteristics – Runways.. Additional guidance is included in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-3.3 Pavement Bearing Strength.*

- C.1.23 A paved runway shall be so constructed or resurfaced as to provide surface friction characteristics at or above the minimum friction level acceptable to the Director.
- C.1.24 The surface of a paved runway shall be evaluated when constructed or resurfaced to determine that the surface friction characteristics achieve the design objectives.

*Note.— Additional guidance is included in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-9.13 Operational Services – Pavement Surface Condition..*

- C.1.25 Measurements of the surface friction characteristics of a new or resurfaced paved runway shall be made with a continuous friction measuring device using self-wetting features.

*Note.— Additional guidance is included in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-9.13 Operational Services – Pavement Surface Condition..*

- C.1.26 The average surface texture depth of a new surface shall be not less than 1.0mm.

*Note 1.— Macrotexture and microtexture are taken into consideration in order to provide the required surface friction characteristics. Guidance on surface design is given in Attachment A, Section 7.*

*Note 2.— Guidance on methods used to measure surface texture is given in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-9.13 Operational Services – Pavement Surface Condition.*

*Note 3.— Guidance on design and methods for improving surface texture is given in the Aerodrome Design Manual (Doc 9157), Part 3.*

- C.1.27 When the surface is grooved or scored, the grooves or scorings shall be either perpendicular to the runway centre line or parallel to non-perpendicular transverse joints, where applicable.

*Note.— Guidance on methods for improving the runway surface texture is given in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-3.3 Pavement Bearing Strength.*

## **C.2 Runway shoulders**

### ***General***

*Note.— Guidance on characteristics and treatment of runway shoulders is given in Attachment A, Section 8, and in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-3.1 Physical Characteristics-Runways.*

- C.2.1 Runway shoulders shall be provided for a runway where the code letter is D, E or F.

### ***Width of runway shoulders***

- C.2.2 For aeroplanes with OMGWS from 9m up to but not including 15m, the runway shoulders shall extend symmetrically on each side of the runway so that the overall width of the runway and its shoulders is not less than:

- (a) 60m where the code letter is D or E;
- (b) 60m where the code letter is F with two- or three-engined aeroplanes; and
- (c) 75m where the code letter is F with four (or more)-engined aeroplanes.

### ***Slopes on runway shoulders***

- C.2.3 The surface of the shoulder that abuts the runway shall be flush with the surface of the runway and its transverse slope shall not exceed 2.5 percent.

### ***Strength of runway shoulders***

- C.2.4 The portion of a runway shoulder between the runway edge and a distance of 30m from the runway centre line shall be prepared or constructed so as to be capable, in the event of an aeroplane running off the runway, of supporting the aeroplane without inducing structural damage to the aeroplane and of supporting ground vehicles which may operate on the shoulder.

*Note.— Guidance on strength of runway shoulders is given in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-3.1 Physical Characteristics-Runways.*

### ***Surface of runway shoulders***

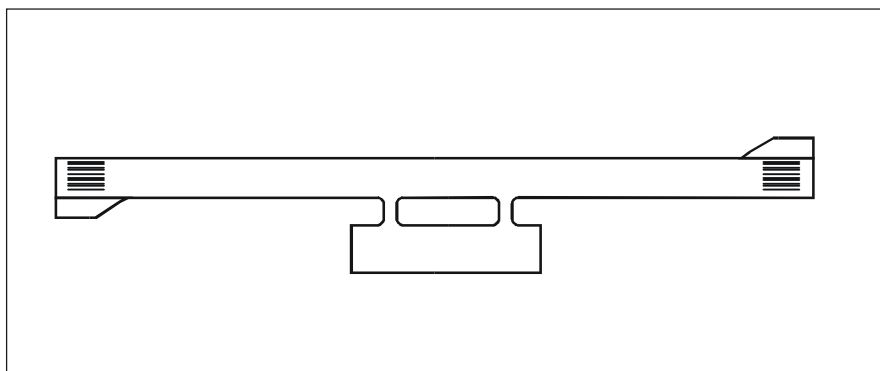
- C.2.5 A runway shoulder shall be prepared or constructed so as to resist erosion and the ingestion of the surface material by aeroplane engines.
- C.2.6 Runway shoulders for code letter F aeroplanes shall be paved to a minimum overall width of runway and shoulder of not less than 60m.

*Note.— Guidance on surface of runway shoulders is given in the Aerodrome Design Manual, (Doc 9157), Part 1.*

## **C.3 Runway turn pads**

### ***General***

- C.3.1 Where the end of a runway is not served by a taxiway or a taxiway turnaround and where the code letter is D, E or F, a runway turn pad shall be provided to facilitate a 180-degree turn of aeroplanes. (See Figure C-1.)



**Figure C-1. Typical turn pad layout**

- C.3.2 Where the end of a runway is not served by a taxiway or a taxiway turnaround and where the code letter is A, B or C, a runway turn pad shall be provided to facilitate a 180-degree turn of aeroplanes.

*Note 1.— Such areas may also be useful if provided along a runway to reduce taxiing time and distance for aeroplanes which may not require the full length of the runway.*

*Note 2.— Guidance on the design of the runway turn pads is available in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-3.1 Physical Characteristics-Runways. Guidance on taxiway turnaround as an alternate facility is available in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-3.2 Physical Characteristics-Taxiway, Apron, Holding Bays*

- C.3.3 The runway turn pad shall be located on either the left or right side of the runway and adjoining the runway pavement at both ends of the runway and at some intermediate locations where deemed necessary.

*Note.— The initiation of the turn would be facilitated by locating the turn pad on the left side of the runway, since the left seat is the normal position of the pilot-in-command.*

- C.3.4 The intersection angle of the runway turn pad with the runway shall not exceed 30 degrees.
- C.3.5 The nose wheel steering angle to be used in the design of the runway turn pad shall not exceed 45 degrees.
- C.3.6 The design of a runway turn pad shall be such that, when the cockpit of the aeroplane for which the turn pad is intended remains over the turn pad marking, the clearance distance

between any wheel of the aeroplane landing gear and the edge of the turn pad shall be not less than that given by the following tabulation:

OMGWS				
Up to but not including 4.5m	4.5m up to but not including 6m	6m up to but not including 9m	9m up to but not including 15m	
Clearance	1.50m	2.25m	3m <sup>a</sup> or 4m <sup>b</sup>	4m
<i><sup>a.</sup> If the turn pad is intended to be used by aeroplanes with a wheel base less than 18m.</i>				
<i><sup>b.</sup> If the turn pad is intended to be used by aeroplanes with a wheel base equal to or greater than 18m.</i>				

*Note.— Wheel base means the distance from the nose gear to the geometric centre of the main gear.*

### ***Slopes on runway turn pads***

- C.3.7 The longitudinal and transverse slopes on a runway turn pad shall be sufficient to prevent the accumulation of water on the surface and facilitate rapid drainage of surface water. The slopes shall be the same as those on the adjacent runway pavement surface.

### ***Strength of runway turn pads***

- C.3.8 The strength of a runway turn pad shall be at least equal to that of the adjoining runway which it serves, due consideration being given to the fact that the turn pad will be subjected to slow-moving traffic making hard turns and consequent higher stresses on the pavement.

*Note.— Where a runway turn pad is provided with flexible pavement, the surface would need to be capable of withstanding the horizontal shear forces exerted by the main landing gear tires during turning manoeuvres.*

### ***Surface of runway turn pads***

- C.3.9 The surface of a runway turn pad shall not have surface irregularities that may cause damage to an aeroplane using the turn pad.
- C.3.10 The surface of a runway turn pad shall be so constructed or resurfaced as to provide surface friction characteristics at least equal to that of the adjoining runway.

### ***Shoulders for runway turn pads***

- C.3.11 The runway turn pads shall be provided with shoulders of such width as is necessary to prevent surface erosion by the jet blast of the most demanding aeroplane for which the turn pad is intended, and any possible foreign object damage to the aeroplane engines.

*Note.— As a minimum, the width of the shoulders would need to cover the outer engine of the most demanding aeroplane and thus may be wider than the associated runway shoulders.*

- C.3.12 The strength of runway turn pad shoulders shall be capable of withstanding the occasional passage of the aeroplane it is designed to serve without inducing structural damage to the aeroplane and to the supporting ground vehicles that may operate on the shoulder.

## **C.4 Runway strips**

### ***General***

- C.4.1 A runway and any associated stopways shall be included in a strip.

### ***Length of runway strips***

- C.4.2 A strip shall extend before the threshold and beyond the end of the runway or stopway for a distance of at least:
- (a) 60m where the code number is 2, 3 or 4;
  - (b) 60m where the code number is 1 and the runway is an instrument one; and
  - (c) 30m where the code number is 1 and the runway is a non-instrument one.

### ***Width of runway strips***

- C.4.3 A strip including a precision approach runway shall, wherever practicable, extend laterally to a distance of at least:
- (a) 140m where the code number is 3 or 4; and
  - (b) 70m where the code number is 1 or 2;
- on each side of the centre line of the runway and its extended centre line throughout the length of the strip.
- C.4.4 A strip including a non-precision approach runway shall extend laterally to a distance of at least:
- (a) 140m where the code number is 3 or 4; and
  - (b) 70m where the code number is 1 or 2;
- on each side of the centre line of the runway and its extended centre line throughout the length of the strip.
- C.4.5 A strip including a non-instrument runway shall extend on each side of the centre line of the runway and its extended centre line throughout the length of the strip, to a distance of at least:
- (a) 75m where the code number is 3 or 4;
  - (b) 40m where the code number is 2; and
  - (c) 30m where the code number is 1.

### ***Objects on runway strips***

*Note.*— See I.9 for information regarding siting of equipment and installations on runway strips.

- C.4.6 An object situated on a runway strip which may endanger aeroplanes shall be regarded as an obstacle and shall, as far as practicable, be removed.

*Note 1.*— Consideration will have to be given to the location and design of drains on a runway strip to prevent damage to an aeroplane accidentally running off a runway. Suitably designed drain covers may be required. For further guidance, see the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-3.1 Physical Characteristics-Runways.



*Note 2.— Where open-air or covered storm water conveyances are installed, consideration will have to be given to ensure that their structure does not extend above the surrounding ground so as not to be considered an obstacle. See also Note 1 to C.4.16.*

*Note 3.— Particular attention needs to be given to the design and maintenance of an open-air storm water conveyance in order to prevent wildlife attraction, notably birds. If needed, it can be covered by a net. Procedures on wildlife management are specified in the PANS-Aerodromes (Doc 9981). Further guidance can be found in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-3.3 Pavement Bearing Strength.*

- C.4.7 No fixed object, other than visual aids required for air navigation or those required for aircraft safety purposes and which shall be sited on the runway strip, and satisfying the relevant frangibility requirement in Appendix E, shall be permitted on any part of a runway strip of a precision approach runway delineated by the lower edges of the inner transitional surfaces. No mobile object shall be permitted on this part of the runway strip during the use of the runway for landing or take-off.

*Note.— See Appendix D, section D.1, for characteristics of inner transitional surfaces.*

#### **Grading of runway strips**

- C.4.8 That portion of a strip of an instrument runway within a distance of at least:

- (a) 75m where the code number is 3 or 4; and
- (b) 40m where the code number is 1 or 2;

from the centre line of the runway and its extended centre line shall provide a graded area for aeroplanes which the runway is intended to serve in the event of an aeroplane running off the runway.

*Note.— Guidance on grading of a greater area of a strip including a precision approach runway where the code number is 3 or 4 is given in Attachment A, Section 8.*

- C.4.9 That portion of a strip of a non-instrument runway within a distance of at least:

- (a) 75m where the code number is 3 or 4;
- (b) 40m where the code number is 2; and
- (c) 30m where the code number is 1;

from the centre line of the runway and its extended centre line shall provide a graded area for aeroplanes which the runway is intended to serve in the event of an aeroplane running off the runway.

- C.4.10 The surface of that portion of a strip that abuts a runway, shoulder or stopway shall be flush with the surface of the runway, shoulder or stopway.
- C.4.11 That portion of a strip to at least 30m before the start of a runway shall be prepared against blast erosion in order to protect a landing aeroplane from the danger of an exposed edge.

*Note 1.— The area provided to reduce the erosive effects of jet blast and propeller wash may be referred to as a blast pad.*

*Note 2.— Guidance on protection against aeroplane engine blast is available in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-3.2 Physical Characteristics-Taxiway, Apron, Holding Bays*

- C.4.12 Where the areas in C.4.11 have paved surfaces, they shall be able to withstand the occasional passage of the critical aeroplane for runway pavement design.

***Slopes on runway strips***

- C.4.13 Longitudinal slopes

A longitudinal slope along that portion of a strip to be graded shall not exceed:

- (a) 1.5 percent where the code number is 4;
- (b) 1.75 percent where the code number is 3; and
- (c) 2 percent where the code number is 1 or 2.

- C.4.14 Longitudinal slope changes

Slope changes on that portion of a strip to be graded shall be as gradual as practicable and abrupt changes or sudden reversals of slopes avoided.

- C.4.15 Transverse slopes

Transverse slopes on that portion of a strip to be graded shall be adequate to prevent the accumulation of water on the surface but shall not exceed:

- (a) 2.5 percent where the code number is 3 or 4; and
- (b) 3 percent where the code number is 1 or 2;

except that to facilitate drainage the slope for the first 3m outward from the runway, shoulder or stopway edge shall be negative as measured in the direction away from the runway and may be as great as 5 percent.

- C.4.16 The transverse slopes of any portion of a strip beyond that to be graded shall not exceed an upward slope of 5 percent as measured in the direction away from the runway.

*Note 1.— Where deemed necessary for proper drainage, an open-air storm water conveyance may be allowed in the non-graded portion of a runway strip and would be placed as far as practicable from the runway.*

*Note 2.— The aerodrome rescue and firefighting (RFF) procedure would need to take into account the location of openair water conveyances within the non-graded portion of a runway strip.*

***Strength of runway strips***

- C.4.17 That portion of a strip of an instrument runway within a distance of at least:

- (a) 75m where the code number is 3 or 4; and
- (b) 40m where the code number is 1 or 2;

from the centre line of the runway and its extended centre line shall be so prepared or constructed as to minimize hazards arising from differences in load-bearing capacity to aeroplanes which the runway is intended to serve in the event of an aeroplane running off the runway.

*Note.— Guidance on preparation of runway strips is given in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-3.1 Physical Characteristics-Runways.*

C.4.18 That portion of a strip containing a non-instrument runway within a distance of at least:

- (a) 75m where the code number is 3 or 4;
- (b) 40m where the code number is 2; and
- (c) 30m where the code number is 1;

from the centre line of the runway and its extended centre line shall be so prepared or constructed as to minimize hazards arising from differences in load-bearing capacity to aeroplanes which the runway is intended to serve in the event of an aeroplane running off the runway.

## **C.5 Runway end safety areas**

### ***General***

C.5.1 A runway end safety area shall be provided at each end of a runway strip where:

- (a) the code number is 3 or 4; and
- (b) the code number is 1 or 2 and the runway is an instrument one.

*Note.— Guidance on runway end safety areas is given in Attachment A, Section 9.*

C.5.2 A runway end safety area shall be provided at each end of a runway strip where the code number is 1 or 2 and the runway is a non-instrument one.

### ***Dimensions of runway end safety areas***

C.5.3 A runway end safety area shall extend from the end of a runway strip to a distance of at least 90m where:

- (a) the code number is 3 or 4; and
- (b) the code number is 1 or 2 and the runway is an instrument one.

If an arresting system is installed, the above length may be reduced, based on the design specification of the system, subject to acceptance by the Director.

*Note.— Guidance on arresting systems is given in CASA Advisory Circular AC139-3.1 Physical Characteristics-Runways.*

C.5.4 A runway end safety area may, as far as practicable, extend from the end of a runway strip to a distance of at least:

- (a) 240m where the code number is 3 or 4; or a reduced length when an arresting system is installed;
- (b) 120m where the code number is 1 or 2 and the runway is an instrument one; or a reduced length when an arresting system is installed; and
- (c) 30m where the code number is 1 or 2 and the runway is a non-instrument one.

C.5.5 The width of a runway end safety area shall be at least twice that of the associated runway.

- C.5.6 The width of a runway end safety area may, wherever practicable, be equal to that of the graded portion of the associated runway strip.

***Objects on runway end safety areas***

*Note.*— See I.9 for information regarding siting of equipment and installations on runway end safety areas.

- C.5.7 An object situated on a runway end safety area which may endanger aeroplanes shall be regarded as an obstacle and shall, as far as practicable, be removed.

***Clearing and grading of runway end safety areas***

- C.5.8 A runway end safety area shall provide a cleared and graded area for aeroplanes which the runway is intended to serve in the event of an aeroplane undershooting or overrunning the runway.

*Note.*— The surface of the ground in the runway end safety area does not need to be prepared to the same quality as the runway strip. See, however, C.5.12.

***Slopes on runway end safety areas***

- C.5.9 General

The slopes of a runway end safety area shall be such that no part of the runway end safety area penetrates the approach or take-off climb surface.

- C.5.10 Longitudinal slopes

The longitudinal slopes of a runway end safety area shall not exceed a downward slope of 5 percent. Longitudinal slope changes shall be as gradual as practicable and abrupt changes or sudden reversals of slopes avoided.

- C.5.11 Transverse slopes

The transverse slopes of a runway end safety area shall not exceed an upward or downward slope of 5 percent. Transitions between differing slopes shall be as gradual as practicable.

***Strength of runway end safety areas***

- C.5.12 A runway end safety area shall be so prepared or constructed as to reduce the risk of damage to an aeroplane undershooting or overrunning the runway, enhance aeroplane deceleration and facilitate the movement of rescue and firefighting vehicles as required in I.2.33 to I.2.35.

*Note.*— Guidance on the strength of a runway end safety area is given in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-3.1 Physical Characteristics-Runways.

**C.6 Clearways**

*Note.*— The inclusion of detailed specifications for clearways in this section is not intended to imply that a clearway has to be provided. CASA Advisory Circular AC139-3.1 Physical Characteristics-Runways, provides information on the use of clearways.

***Location of clearways***

- C.6.1 The origin of a clearway shall be at the end of the take-off run available.

***Length of clearways***

- C.6.2 The length of a clearway shall not exceed half the length of the take-off run available.

***Width of clearways***

- C.6.3 A clearway shall extend laterally on each side of the extended centre line of the runway, to a distance of at least:

- (a) 75m for instrument runways; and
- (b) half of the width of the runway strip for non-instrument runways.

***Slopes on clearways***

- C.6.4 The ground in a clearway shall not project above a plane having an upward slope of 1.25 percent, the lower limit of this plane being a horizontal line which:

- (a) is perpendicular to the vertical plane containing the runway centre line; and
- (b) passes through a point located on the runway centre line at the end of the take-off run available.

*Note.*— *Because of transverse or longitudinal slopes on a runway, shoulder or strip, in certain cases the lower limit of the clearway plane specified above may be below the corresponding elevation of the runway, shoulder or strip. It is not intended that these surfaces be graded to conform with the lower limit of the clearway plane nor is it intended that terrain or objects which are above the clearway plane beyond the end of the strip but below the level of the strip be removed unless it is considered they may endanger aeroplanes.*

- C.6.5 Abrupt upward changes in slope shall be avoided when the slope on the ground in a clearway is relatively small or when the mean slope is upward. In such situations, in that portion of the clearway within a distance of 22.5m or half the runway width whichever is greater on each side of the extended centre line, the slopes, slope changes and the transition from runway to clearway shall generally conform with those of the runway with which the clearway is associated.

***Objects on clearways***

*Note.*— *See I.9 for information regarding siting of equipment and installations on clearways.*

- C.6.6 An object situated on a clearway which may endanger aeroplanes in the air shall be regarded as an obstacle and shall be removed.

**C.7 Stopways**

*Note.*— *The inclusion of detailed specifications for stopways in this section is not intended to imply that a stopway has to be provided. Attachment A, Section 2, provides information on the use of stopways.*

***Width of stopways***

- C.7.1 A stopway shall have the same width as the runway with which it is associated.

***Slopes on stopways***

- C.7.2 Slopes and changes in slope on a stopway and the transition from a runway to a stopway shall comply with the specifications of C.1.13 to C.1.19 for the runway with which the stopway is associated except that:

- (a) the limitation in C.1.14 of a 0.8 percent slope for the first and last quarter of the length of a runway need not be applied to the stopway; and
- (b) at the junction of the stopway and runway and along the stopway the maximum rate of slope change may be 0.3 percent per 30m (minimum radius of curvature of 10000m) for a runway where the code number is 3 or 4.

#### ***Strength of stopways***

- C.7.3 A stopway shall be prepared or constructed so as to be capable, in the event of an abandoned take-off, of supporting the aeroplane which the stopway is intended to serve without inducing structural damage to the aeroplane.

*Note.*— Attachment A, Section 2, presents guidance relative to the support capability of a stopway.

#### ***Surface of stopways***

- C.7.4 The surface of a paved stopway shall be so constructed or resurfaced as to provide surface friction characteristics at or above those of the associated runway.

### **C.8 Radio altimeter operating area**

#### ***General***

- C.8.1 A radio altimeter operating area shall be established in the pre-threshold area of a precision approach runway.

#### ***Length of the area***

- C.8.2 A radio altimeter operating area shall extend before the threshold for a distance of at least 300m.

#### ***Width of the area***

- C.8.3 A radio altimeter operating area shall extend laterally, on each side of the extended centre line of the runway, to a distance of 60m, except that, when special circumstances so warrant, the distance to be reduced to no less than 30m if an aeronautical study indicates that such reduction does not affect the safety of operations of aircraft.

#### ***Longitudinal slope changes***

- C.8.4 On a radio altimeter operating area slope changes shall be avoided or kept to a minimum. Where slope changes cannot be avoided, the slope changes shall be as gradual as practicable and abrupt changes or sudden reversals of slopes avoided. The rate of change between two consecutive slopes shall not exceed 2 percent per 30m.

*Note.*— Guidance on radio altimeter operating area is given in CASA Advisory Circular AC139-3.1 Physical Characteristics-Runways and in the Manual of All Weather Operations, (Doc 9365), Section 5.2. Guidance on the use of radio altimeter is given in the PANS-OPS, Volume II, Part II, Section 1.

### **C.9 Taxiways**

*Note 1.*— Unless otherwise indicated, the requirements in this section are applicable to all types of taxiways.

*Note 2.*— See section E.4.3 for a standardized scheme for the nomenclature of taxiways which may be used to improve situational awareness and as a part of an effective runway incursion prevention measure.

*Note 3.— See Attachment A, Section 21, for specific taxiway design guidance which may assist in the prevention of runway incursions when developing a new taxiway or improving existing ones with known runway incursion safety risks.*

### **General**

- C.9.1 Taxiways shall be provided to permit the safe and expeditious surface movement of aircraft.

*Note.— Guidance on layout and standardized nomenclature of taxiways is given in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-3.2 Physical Characteristics-Taxiway, Apron, Holding Bays*

- C.9.2 Sufficient entrance and exit taxiways for a runway shall be provided to expedite the movement of aeroplanes to and from the runway and provision of rapid exit taxiways considered when traffic volumes are high.
- C.9.3 The design of a taxiway shall be such that, when the cockpit of the aeroplane for which the taxiway is intended remains over the taxiway centre line markings, the clearance distance between the outer main wheel of the aeroplane and the edge of the taxiway shall be not less than that given by the following tabulation:

OMGWS				
	Up to but not including 4.5 m	4.5 m up to but not including 6 m	6 m up to but not including 9 m	9 m up to but not including 15 m
Clearance	1.50 m	2.25 m	3 m <sup>a,b</sup> or 4 m <sup>c</sup>	4 m
<sup>a.</sup> On straight portions.				
<sup>b.</sup> On curved portions if the taxiway is intended to be used by aeroplanes with a wheel base of less than 18 m.				
<sup>c.</sup> On curved portions if the taxiway is intended to be used by aeroplanes with a wheel base equal to or greater than 18 m.				

*Note.— Wheel base means the distance from the nose gear to the geometric centre of the main gear.*

### **Width of taxiways**

- C.9.4 A straight portion of a taxiway shall have a width of not less than that given by the following tabulation:

OMGWS				
	Up to but not including 4.5 m	4.5 m up to but not including 6 m	6 m up to but not including 9 m	9 m up to but not including 15 m
Taxiway width	7.5 m	10.5 m	15 m	23 m

*Note.— Guidance on width of taxiways is given in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-3.2 Physical Characteristics-Taxiway, Apron, Holding Bays*

### **Taxiway curves**

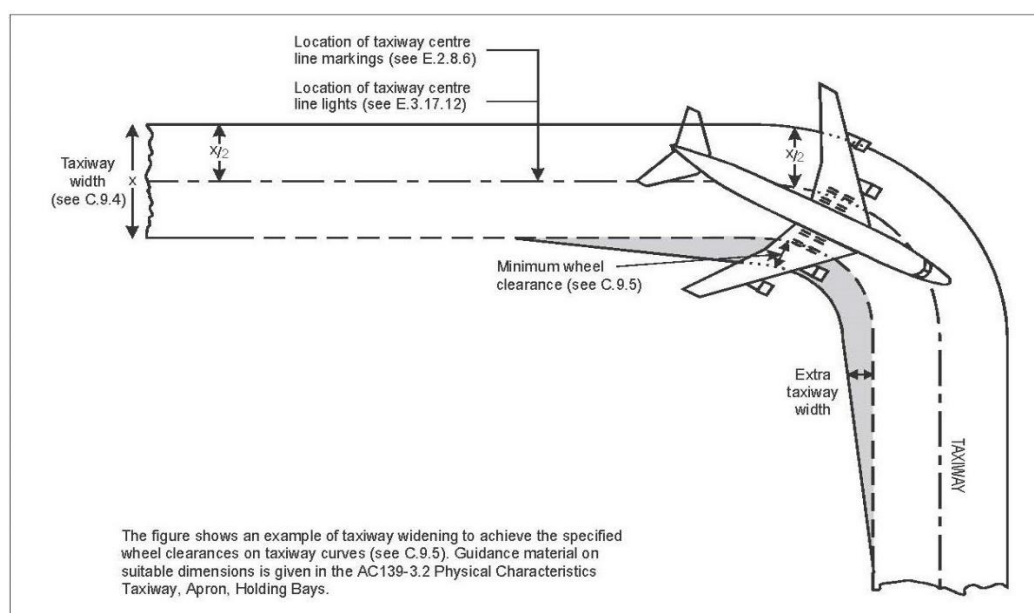
- C.9.5 Changes in direction of taxiways shall be as few and small as possible. The radii of the curves shall be compatible with the manoeuvring capability and normal taxiing speeds of the

aeroplanes for which the taxiway is intended. The design of the curve shall be such that, when the cockpit of the aeroplane remains over the taxiway centre line markings, the clearance distance between the outer main wheels of the aeroplane and the edge of the taxiway shall not be less than those specified in C.9.3.

*Note 1.— An example of widening taxiways to achieve the wheel clearance specified is illustrated in Figure C-2. Guidance on the values of suitable dimensions is given in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-3.2 Physical Characteristics-Taxiway, Apron, Holding Bays*

*Note 2.— The location of taxiway centre line markings and lights is specified in E.2.8.6 and E.3.17.12.*

*Note 3.— Compound curves may reduce or eliminate the need for extra taxiway width.*



**Figure C-2. Taxiway curve**

### ***Junctions and intersections***

- C.9.6 To facilitate the movement of aeroplanes, fillets shall be provided at junctions and intersections of taxiways with runways, aprons and other taxiways. The design of the fillets shall ensure that the minimum wheel clearances specified in C.9.3 are maintained when aeroplanes are manoeuvring through the junctions or intersections.

*Note.— Consideration will have to be given to the aeroplane datum length when designing fillets. Guidance on the design of fillets and the definition of the term aeroplane datum length are given in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-3.2 Physical Characteristics-Taxiway, Apron, Holding Bays*

### ***Taxiway minimum separation distances***

- C.9.7 The separation distance between the centre line of a taxiway and the centre line of a runway, the centre line of a parallel taxiway or an object shall not be less than the appropriate dimension specified in Table C-1, except that it is permissible to operate with lower separation distances at an existing aerodrome if an aeronautical study indicates that such lower separation distances do not adversely affect the safety or significantly affect the regularity of operations of aeroplanes.



*Note 1.— Guidance on factors which may be considered in the aeronautical study is given in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-3.2 Physical Characteristics-Taxiway, Apron, Holding Bays*

*Note 2.— ILS and MLS installations may also influence the location of taxiways due to interferences to ILS and MLS signals by a taxiing or stopped aircraft. Information on critical and sensitive areas surrounding ILS and MLS installations is contained in Annex 10 — Aeronautical Telecommunications, Volume I — Radio Navigation Aids, Attachments C and G (respectively).*

*Note 3.— The separation distances of Table C-1, column 10, do not necessarily provide the capability of making a normal turn from one taxiway to another parallel taxiway. Guidance for this condition is given in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-3.2 Physical Characteristics-Taxiway, Apron, Holding Bays*

*Note 4.— The separation distance between the centre line of an aircraft stand taxilane and an object shown in Table C-1, column 13, may need to be increased when jet exhaust wake velocity may cause hazardous conditions for ground servicing.*

#### **Slopes on taxiways**

##### **C.9.8 Longitudinal slopes**

The longitudinal slope of a taxiway shall not exceed:

- (a) 1.5 percent where the code letter is C, D, E or F; and
- (b) 3 percent where the code letter is A or B.

##### **C.9.9 Longitudinal slope changes**

Where slope changes on a taxiway cannot be avoided, the transition from one slope to another slope, shall be accomplished by a curved surface with a rate of change not exceeding:

- (a) 1 percent per 30m (minimum radius of curvature of 3 000m) where the code letter is C, D, E or F; and
- (b) 1 percent per 25m (minimum radius of curvature of 2 500m) where the code letter is A or B.

**Table C-1. Taxiway minimum separation distances**

Code letter	Distance between taxiway centre line and runway centre line (metres)								Taxiway centre line to taxiway centre line (metres)	Taxiway, other than aircraft stand taxilane, centre line to object (metres)	Aircraft stand taxilane centre line to aircraft stand taxilane centre line (metres)	Aircraft stand taxilane centre line to object (metres)
	Instrument runways				Non-instrument runways							
	Code number	Code number	Code number	Code number	Code number	Code number	Code number	Code number				
(1)	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)
A	77.5	77.5	–	–	37.5	47.5	–	–	23	15.5	19.5	12
B	82	82	152	–	42	52	87	–	32	20	28.5	16.5
C	88	88	158	158	48	58	93	93	44	26	40.5	22.5
D	–	–	166	166	–	–	101	101	63	37	59.5	33.5
E	–	–	172.5	172.5	–	–	107.5	107.5	76	43.5	72.5	40
F	–	–	180	180	–	–	115	115	91	51	87.5	47.5

*Note 1.— The separation distances shown in columns (2) to (9) represent ordinary combinations of runways and taxiways. The basis for development of these distances is given in the CASA PNG Advisory Circular AC139-3.2 Physical Characteristics-Taxiway, Apron, Holding Bays*

*Note 2.— The distances in columns (2) to (9) do not guarantee sufficient clearance behind a holding aeroplane to permit the passing of another aeroplane on a parallel taxiway. See the CASA PNG Advisory Circular AC139-3.2 Physical Characteristics-Taxiway, Apron, Holding Bays*

#### C.9.10 Sight distance

Where a change in slope on a taxiway cannot be avoided, the change shall be such that, from any point:

- 3m above the taxiway, it will be possible to see the whole surface of the taxiway for a distance of at least 300m from that point, where the code letter is C, D, E or F;
- 2m above the taxiway, it will be possible to see the whole surface of the taxiway for a distance of at least 200m from that point, where the code letter is B; and
- 1.5m above the taxiway, it will be possible to see the whole surface of the taxiway for a distance of at least 150m from that point, where the code letter is A.

#### C.9.11 Transverse slopes

The transverse slopes of a taxiway shall be sufficient to prevent the accumulation of water on the surface of the taxiway but shall not exceed:

- 1.5 percent where the code letter is C, D, E or F; and
- 2 percent where the code letter is A or B.

Note.— See C.13.4 regarding transverse slopes on an aircraft stand taxilane.

***Strength of taxiways***

- C.9.12 The strength of a taxiway shall be at least equal to that of the runway it serves, due consideration being given to the fact that a taxiway will be subjected to a greater density of traffic and, as a result of slow moving and stationary aeroplanes, to higher stresses than the runway it serves.

*Note.— Guidance on the relation of the strength of taxiways to the strength of runways is given in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-3.3 Pavement Bearing Strength.*

***Surface of taxiways***

- C.9.13 The surface of a taxiway shall not have irregularities that cause damage to aeroplane structures.
- C.9.14 The surface of a paved taxiway shall be so constructed or resurfaced as to provide suitable surface friction characteristics.

*Note.— Suitable surface friction characteristics are those surface properties required on taxiways that assure safe operation of aeroplanes.*

***Rapid exit taxiways***

*Note.— The following specifications detail requirements particular to rapid exit taxiways. See Figure C-3. General requirements for taxiways also apply to this type of taxiway. Guidance on the provision, location and design of rapid exit taxiways is included in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-3.2 Physical Characteristics-Taxiway, Apron, Holding Bays*

- C.9.15 A rapid exit taxiway shall be designed with a radius of turn-off curve of at least:

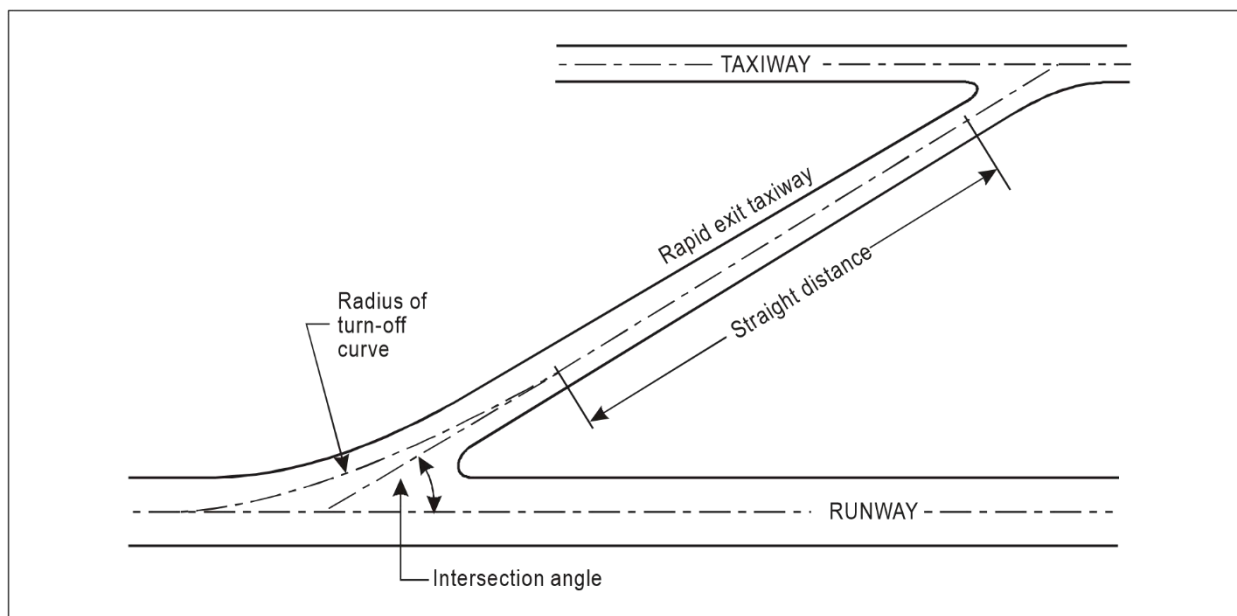
- (a) 550m where the code number is 3 or 4; and
- (b) 275m where the code number is 1 or 2;

to enable exit speeds under wet conditions of:

- (a) 93km/h where the code number is 3 or 4; and
- (b) 65km/h where the code number is 1 or 2.

*Note.— The locations of rapid exit taxiways along a runway are based on several criteria described in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-3.2 Physical Characteristics-Taxiway, Apron, Holding Bays, in addition to different speed criteria.*

- C.9.16 The radius of the fillet on the inside of the curve at a rapid exit taxiway shall be sufficient to provide a widened taxiway throat in order to facilitate early recognition of the entrance and turn-off onto the taxiway.
- C.9.17 A rapid exit taxiway shall include a straight distance after the turn-off curve sufficient for an exiting aircraft to come to a full stop clear of any intersecting taxiway.
- C.9.18 The intersection angle of a rapid exit taxiway with the runway shall not be greater than 45° nor less than 25° and preferably shall be 30°.



**Figure C-3. Rapid exit taxiway**

### ***Taxiways on bridges***

- C.9.19 The width of that portion of a taxiway bridge capable of supporting aeroplanes, as measured perpendicularly to the taxiway centre line, shall not be less than the width of the graded area of the strip provided for that taxiway, unless a proven method of lateral restraint is provided which shall not be hazardous for aeroplanes for which the taxiway is intended.
- C.9.20 Access shall be provided to allow rescue and firefighting vehicles to intervene in both directions within the specified response time to the largest aeroplane for which the taxiway bridge is intended.

*Note.— If aeroplane engines overhang the bridge structure, protection of adjacent areas below the bridge from engine blast may be required.*

- C.9.21 A bridge shall be constructed on a straight section of the taxiway with a straight section on both ends of the bridge to facilitate the alignment of aeroplanes approaching the bridge.

### **C.10 Taxiway shoulders**

*Note.— Guidance on characteristics of taxiway shoulders and on shoulder treatment is given in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-3.2 Physical Characteristics-Taxiway, Apron, Holding Bays*

- C.10.1 Straight portions of a taxiway where the code letter is C, D, E or F shall be provided with shoulders which extend symmetrically on each side of the taxiway so that the overall width of the taxiway and its shoulders on straight portions is not less than:
- (a) 44m where the code letter is F;
  - (b) 38m where the code letter is E;
  - (c) 34m where the code letter is D; and
  - (d) 25m where the code letter is C.

On taxiway curves and on junctions or intersections where increased pavement is provided, the shoulder width shall be not less than that on the adjacent straight portions of the taxiway.

- C.10.2 When a taxiway is intended to be used by turbine-engined aeroplanes, the surface of the taxiway shoulder shall be so prepared as to resist erosion and the ingestion of the surface material by aeroplane engines.

## **C.11 Taxiway strips**

*Note.— Guidance on characteristics of taxiway strips is given in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-3.2 Physical Characteristics-Taxiway, Apron, Holding Bays*

### **General**

- C.11.1 A taxiway, other than an aircraft stand taxiway, shall be included in a strip.

### **Width of taxiway strips**

- C.11.2 A taxiway strip shall extend symmetrically on each side of the centre line of the taxiway throughout the length of the taxiway to at least the distance from the centre line given in Table C-1, column 11.

### **Objects on taxiway strips**

*Note.— See I.9 for information regarding siting of equipment and installations on taxiway strips.*

- C.11.3 The taxiway strip shall provide an area clear of objects which may endanger taxiing aeroplanes.

*Note 1.— Consideration will have to be given to the location and design of drains on a taxiway strip to prevent damage to an aeroplane accidentally running off a taxiway. Suitably designed drain covers may be required. For further guidance, see the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-3.2 Physical Characteristics-Taxiway, Apron, Holding Bays*

*Note 2.— Where open-air or covered storm water conveyances are installed, consideration will have to be given to ensure that their structure does not extend above the surrounding ground so as not to be considered an obstacle. See also Note 1 to C.11.6.*

*Note 3.— Particular attention needs to be given to the design and maintenance of an open-air storm water conveyance in order to prevent wildlife attraction, notably birds. If needed, it can be covered by a net. Guidance on wildlife control and reduction can be found in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-3.3 Pavement Bearing Strength*

### **Grading of taxiway strips**

- C.11.4 The centre portion of a taxiway strip shall provide a graded area to a distance from the centre line of the taxiway of not less than that given by the following tabulation:
- (a) 10.25m where the OMGWS is up to but not including 4.5m;
  - (b) 11m where the OMGWS is 4.5m up to but not including 6m;
  - (c) 12.50m where the OMGWS is 6m up to but not including 9m;
  - (d) 18.50m where the OMGWS is 9m up to but not including 15m, where the code letter is D;
  - (e) 19m where the OMGWS is 9m up to but not including 15m, where the code letter is E;

- (f) 22m where the OMGWS is 9m up to but not including 15m, where the code letter is F.

*Note.— Guidance on width of the graded portion of a taxiway is given in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-3.2 Physical Characteristics-Taxiway, Apron, Holding Bays*

#### ***Slopes on taxiway strips***

- C.11.5 The surface of the strip shall be flush at the edge of the taxiway or shoulder, if provided, and the graded portion shall not have an upward transverse slope exceeding:

- (a) 2.5 percent for strips where the code letter is C, D, E or F; and
- (b) 3 percent for strips of taxiways where the code letter is A or B;

the upward slope being measured with reference to the transverse slope of the adjacent taxiway surface and not the horizontal. The downward transverse slope shall not exceed 5 percent measured with reference to the horizontal.

- C.11.6 The transverse slopes on any portion of a taxiway strip beyond that to be graded shall not exceed an upward or downward slope of 5 percent as measured in the direction away from the taxiway.

*Note 1.— Where deemed necessary for proper drainage, an open-air storm water conveyance may be allowed in the non-graded portion of a taxiway strip and would be placed as far as practicable from the taxiway.*

*Note 2.— The aerodrome RFF procedure would need to take into account the location of open-air storm water conveyances within the non-graded portion of a taxiway strip.*

### **C.12 Holding bays, runway positions, intermediate holding positions and road-holding positions**

#### ***General***

- C.12.1 Holding bay(s) shall be provided when the traffic density is medium or heavy.
- C.12.2 A runway-holding position or positions shall be established:
  - (a) on the taxiway, at the intersection of a taxiway and a runway; and
  - (b) at an intersection of a runway with another runway when the former runway is part of a standard taxi-route.
- C.12.3 A runway-holding position shall be established on a taxiway if the location or alignment of the taxiway is such that a taxiing aircraft or vehicle can infringe an obstacle limitation surface or interfere with the operation of radio navigation aids.
- C.12.4 An intermediate holding position shall be established on a taxiway at any point other than a runway-holding position where it is desirable to define a specific holding limit.
- C.12.5 A road-holding position shall be established at an intersection of a road with a runway.

#### ***Location***

- C.12.6 The distance between a holding bay, runway-holding position established at a taxiway/runway intersection or road-holding position and the centre line of a runway shall

be in accordance with Table C-2 and, in the case of a precision approach runway, such that a holding aircraft or vehicle will not interfere with the operation of radio navigation aids or penetrate the inner transitional surface.

*Note.— Guidance for the positioning of runway-holding positions is given in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-3.2 Physical Characteristics-Taxiway, Apron, Holding Bays*

- C.12.7 At elevations greater than 700m (2300ft) the distance of 90m specified in Table C-2 for a precision approach runway code number 4 shall be increased as follows:
- (a) up to an elevation of 2000m (6600ft); 1m for every 100m (330ft) in excess of 700m (2300ft);
  - (b) elevation in excess of 2000m (6600ft) and up to 4000m (13320ft); 13m plus 1.5m for every 100m (330ft) in excess of 2000m (6600ft); and
  - (c) elevation in excess of 4000m (13320ft) and up to 5000m (16650ft); 43m plus 2m for every 100m (330ft) in excess of 4000m (13320ft).
- C.12.8 If a holding bay, runway-holding position or road-holding position for a precision approach runway code number 4 is at a greater elevation compared to the threshold, the distance specified in Table C-2 shall be further increased 5m for every metre the bay or position is higher than the threshold.
- C.12.9 The location of a runway-holding position established in accordance with C.12.3 shall be such that a holding aircraft or vehicle will not infringe the obstacle free zone, approach surface, take-off climb surface or ILS/MLS critical/ sensitive area or interfere with the operation of radio navigation aids.

**Table C-2. Minimum distance from the runway centre line to a holding bay, runway-holding position or road-holding position**

Type of runway	Code number			
	1	2	3	4
Non-instrument	30 m	40 m	75 m	75 m
Non-precision approach	40 m	40 m	75 m	75 m
Precision approach category I	60 m <sup>b</sup>	60 m <sup>b</sup>	90 m <sup>a,b</sup>	90 m <sup>a,b</sup>
Precision approach categories II and III	—	—	90 m <sup>a,b</sup>	90 m <sup>a,b</sup>
Take-off runway	30 m	40 m	75 m	75 m

- a. If a holding bay, runway-holding position or road-holding position is at a lower elevation compared to the threshold, the distance may be decreased 5m for every metre the bay or holding position is lower than the threshold, contingent upon not infringing the inner transitional surface.
- b. This distance may need to be increased to avoid interference with radio navigation aids, particularly the glide path and localizer facilities. Information on critical and sensitive areas of ILS and MLS is contained in Annex 10, Volume I, Attachments C and G, respectively (see also C.12.6).

*Note 1.— The distance of 90m for code number 3 or 4 is based on an aircraft with a tail height of 20m, a distance from the nose to the highest part of the tail of 52.7m and a nose height of 10m holding at an angle of 45° or more with respect to the runway centre line, being clear of the obstacle free zone and not accountable for the calculation of OCA/H.*

*Note 2.— The distance of 60m for code number 2 is based on an aircraft with a tail height of 8m, a distance from the nose to the highest part of the tail of 24.6m and a nose height of 5.2m holding at an angle of 45° or more with respect to the runway centre line, being clear of the obstacle free zone.*

*Note 3.— For code number 4 where the width of the inner edge of the inner approach surface is more than 120m, a distance greater than 90m may be necessary to ensure that a holding aircraft is clear of the obstacle free zone. For example, a distance of 100m is based on an aircraft with a tail height of 24m, a distance from the nose to the highest part of the tail of 62.2m and a nose height of 10m holding at an angle of 45° or more with respect to the runway centre line, being clear of the obstacle free zone.*

## C.13 Aprons

### *General*

- C.13.1 Aprons shall be provided where necessary to permit the on- and off-loading of passengers, cargo or mail as well as the servicing of aircraft without interfering with the aerodrome traffic.

### *Size of aprons*

- C.13.2 The total apron area shall be adequate to permit expeditious handling of the aerodrome traffic at its maximum anticipated density.

### *Strength of aprons*

- C.13.3 Each part of an apron shall be capable of withstanding the traffic of the aircraft it is intended to serve, due consideration being given to the fact that some portions of the apron will be subjected to a higher density of traffic and, as a result of slow moving or stationary aircraft, to higher stresses than a runway.

### *Slopes on aprons*

- C.13.4 Slopes on an apron, including those on an aircraft stand taxilane, shall be sufficient to prevent accumulation of water on the surface of the apron but shall be kept as level as drainage requirements permit.
- C.13.5 On an aircraft stand the maximum slope shall not exceed 1 percent.

### *Clearance distances on aircraft stands*

- C.13.6 An aircraft stand shall provide the following minimum clearances between an aircraft entering or exiting the stand and any adjacent building, aircraft on another stand and other objects:

Code letter	Clearance
<i>A</i>	<i>3 m</i>
<i>B</i>	<i>3 m</i>
<i>C</i>	<i>4.5 m</i>
<i>D</i>	<i>7.5 m</i>
<i>E</i>	<i>7.5 m</i>
<i>F</i>	<i>7.5 m</i>

When special circumstances so warrant, these clearances may be reduced at a nose-in aircraft stand, where the code letter is D, E or F:

- (a) between the terminal, including any fixed passenger bridge, and the nose of an aircraft; and
- (b) over any portion of the stand provided with azimuth guidance by a visual docking guidance system.

*Note.— On aprons, consideration also has to be given to the provision of service roads and to manoeuvring and storage area for ground equipment (see the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-3.2 Physical Characteristics-Taxiway, Apron, Holding Bays, for guidance on storage of ground equipment).*



**C.14 Isolated aircraft parking position**

- C.14.1 An isolated aircraft parking position shall be designated or the aerodrome control tower shall be advised of an area or areas suitable for the parking of an aircraft which is known or believed to be the subject of unlawful interference, or which for other reasons needs isolation from normal aerodrome activities.
- C.14.2 The isolated aircraft parking position shall be located at the maximum distance practicable and in any case never less than 100m from other parking positions, buildings or public areas, etc. Care shall be taken to ensure that the position is not located over underground utilities such as gas and aviation fuel and, to the extent feasible, electrical or communication cables.

## APPENDIX D. OBSTACLE RESTRICTION AND REMOVAL

*Note 1.— The objectives of the specifications in this appendix are to define the airspace around aerodromes to be maintained free from obstacles so as to permit the intended aeroplane operations at the aerodromes to be conducted safely and to prevent the aerodromes from becoming unusable by the growth of obstacles around the aerodromes. This is achieved by establishing a series of obstacle limitation surfaces that define the limits to which objects may project into the airspace.*

*Note 2.— Objects which penetrate the obstacle limitation surfaces contained in this appendix may in certain circumstances cause an increase in the obstacle clearance altitude/height for an instrument approach procedure or any associated visual circling procedure or have other operational impact on flight procedure design. Criteria for flight procedure design are contained in the Procedures for Air Navigation Services — Aircraft Operations (PANS-OPS, Doc 8168).*

*Note 3.— The establishment of, and requirements for, an obstacle protection surface for visual approach slope indicator systems are specified in E.3.5.42 to E.3.5.46.*

### D.1 Obstacle limitation surfaces

*Note.— See Figure D-1.*

#### **Outer horizontal surface**

*Note.— Guidance on the need to provide an outer horizontal surface and its characteristics is contained in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-4 Obstacle Restriction and Removal.*

#### **Conical surface**

- D.1.1 Description.— Conical surface. A surface sloping upwards and outwards from the periphery of the inner horizontal surface.
- D.1.2 Characteristics.— The limits of the conical surface shall comprise:
- (a) a lower edge coincident with the periphery of the inner horizontal surface; and
  - (b) an upper edge located at a specified height above the inner horizontal surface.
- D.1.3 The slope of the conical surface shall be measured in a vertical plane perpendicular to the periphery of the inner horizontal surface.

#### **Inner horizontal surface**

- D.1.4 Description.— Inner horizontal surface. A surface located in a horizontal plane above an aerodrome and its environs.
- D.1.5 Characteristics.— The radius or outer limits of the inner horizontal surface shall be measured from a reference point or points established for such purpose.
- Note.— The shape of the inner horizontal surface need not necessarily be circular. Guidance on determining the extent of the inner horizontal surface is contained in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-4 Obstacle Restriction and Removal*
- D.1.6 The height of the inner horizontal surface shall be measured above an elevation datum established for such purpose.

*Note.— Guidance on determining the elevation datum is contained in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-4 Obstacle Restriction and Removal*

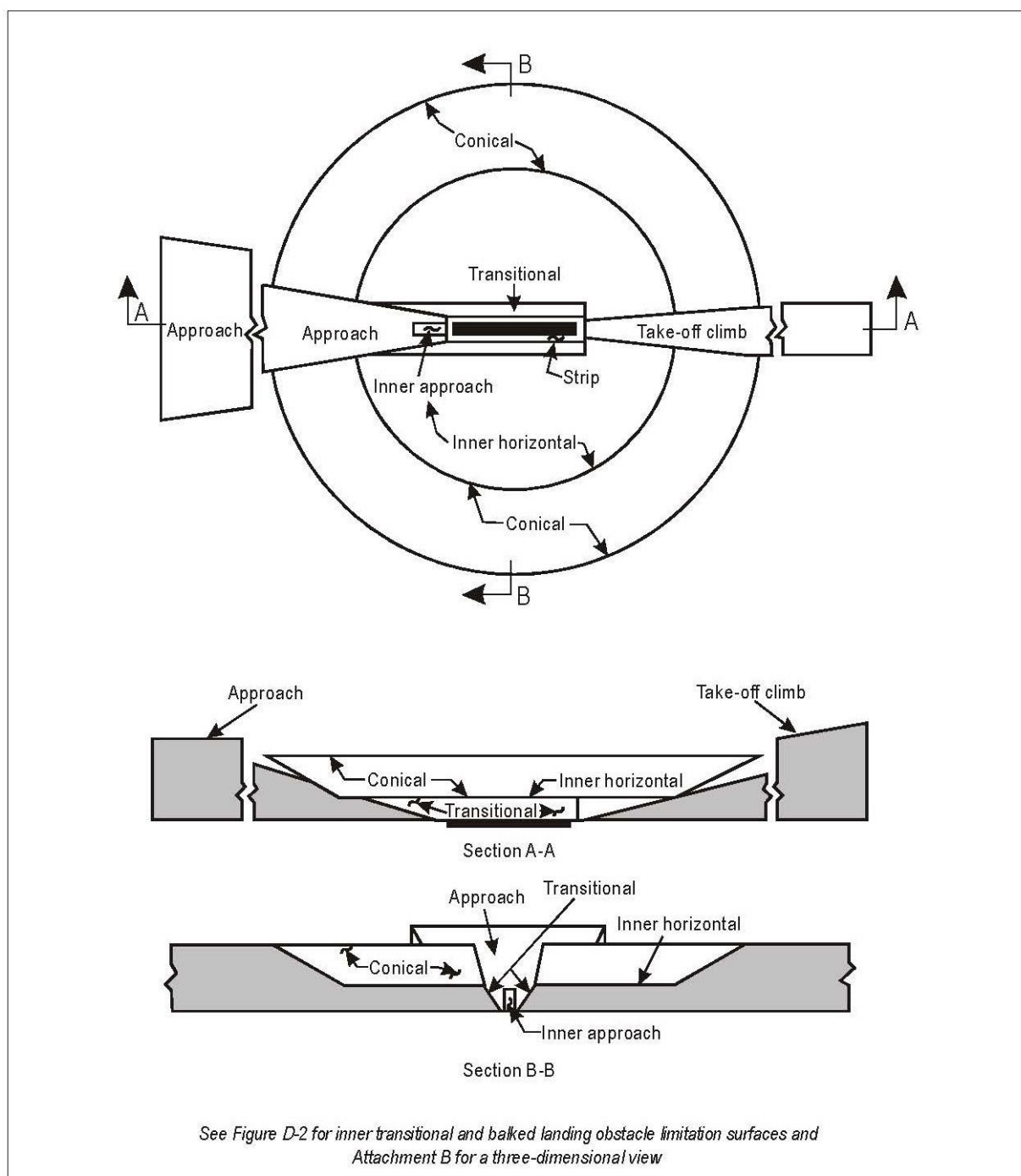
***Approach surface***

- D.1.7 Description.— Approach surface. An inclined plane or combination of planes preceding the threshold.
- D.1.8 Characteristics.— The limits of the approach surface shall comprise:
- (a) an inner edge of specified length, horizontal and perpendicular to the extended centre line of the runway and located at a specified distance before the threshold;
  - (b) two sides originating at the ends of the inner edge and diverging uniformly at a specified rate from the extended centre line of the runway;
  - (c) an outer edge parallel to the inner edge; and
  - (d) the above surfaces shall be varied when lateral offset, offset or curved approaches are utilized, specifically, two sides originating at the ends of the inner edge and diverging uniformly at a specified rate from the extended centre line of the lateral offset, offset or curved ground track.
- D.1.9 The elevation of the inner edge shall be equal to the elevation of the midpoint of the threshold.
- D.1.10 The slope(s) of the approach surface shall be measured in the vertical plane containing the centre line of the runway and shall continue containing the centre line of any lateral offset or curved ground track.

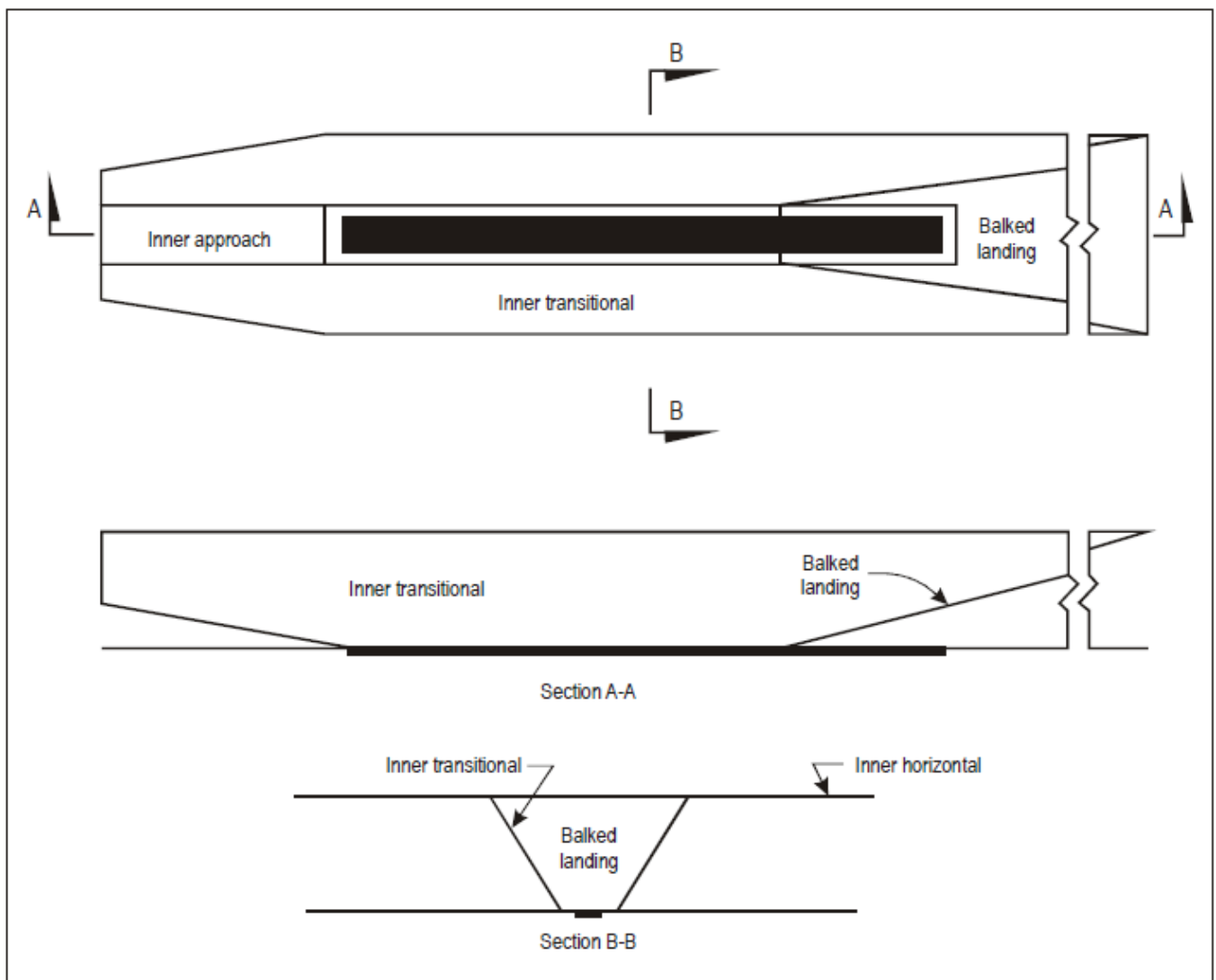
*Note.*— See Figure D-2.

***Inner approach surface***

- D.1.11 Description.— Inner approach surface. A rectangular portion of the approach surface immediately preceding the threshold.
- D.1.12 Characteristics.— The limits of the inner approach surface shall comprise:
- (a) an inner edge coincident with the location of the inner edge of the approach surface but of its own specified length;
  - (b) two sides originating at the ends of the inner edge and extending parallel to the vertical plane containing the centre line of the runway; and
  - (c) an outer edge parallel to the inner edge.



**Figure D-1. Obstacle limitation surfaces**



**Figure D-2. Inner approach, inner transitional and balked landing obstacle limitation surfaces**

***Transitional surface***

- D.1.13 Description.— Transitional surface. A complex surface along the side of the strip and part of the side of the approach surface, that slopes upwards and outwards to the inner horizontal surface.
- D.1.14 Characteristics.— The limits of a transitional surface shall comprise:
- a lower edge beginning at the intersection of the side of the approach surface with the inner horizontal surface and extending down the side of the approach surface to the inner edge of the approach surface and from there along the length of the strip parallel to the runway centre line; and
  - an upper edge located in the plane of the inner horizontal surface.
- D.1.15 The elevation of a point on the lower edge shall be:
- along the side of the approach surface — equal to the elevation of the approach surface at that point; and
  - along the strip — equal to the elevation of the nearest point on the centre line of the runway or its extension.

*Note.— As a result of b) the transitional surface along the strip will be curved if the runway profile is curved, or a plane if the runway profile is a straight line. The intersection of the transitional surface with the inner horizontal surface will also be a curved or a straight line depending on the runway profile.*

- D.1.16 The slope of the transitional surface shall be measured in a vertical plane at right angles to the centre line of the runway.

***Inner transitional surface***

*Note.— It is intended that the inner transitional surface be the controlling obstacle limitation surface for navigation aids, aircraft and other vehicles that shall be near the runway and which is not to be penetrated except for frangible objects. The transitional surface described in 4.1.13 is intended to remain as the controlling obstacle limitation surface for buildings, etc.*

- D.1.17 Description.— Inner transitional surface. A surface similar to the transitional surface but closer to the runway.

- D.1.18 Characteristics.— The limits of an inner transitional surface shall comprise:

- (a) a lower edge beginning at the end of the inner approach surface and extending down the side of the inner approach surface to the inner edge of that surface, from there along the strip parallel to the runway centre line to the inner edge of the balked landing surface and from there up the side of the balked landing surface to the point where the side intersects the inner horizontal surface; and
- (b) an upper edge located in the plane of the inner horizontal surface.

- D.1.19 The elevation of a point on the lower edge shall be:

- (a) along the side of the inner approach surface and balked landing surface — equal to the elevation of the particular surface at that point; and
- (b) along the strip — equal to the elevation of the nearest point on the centre line of the runway or its extension.

*Note.— As a result of (b) the inner transitional surface along the strip will be curved if the runway profile is curved or a plane if the runway profile is a straight line. The intersection of the inner transitional surface with the inner horizontal surface will also be a curved or straight line depending on the runway profile.*

- D.1.20 The slope of the inner transitional surface shall be measured in a vertical plane at right angles to the centre line of the runway.

***Balked landing surface***

- D.1.21 Description.— Balked landing surface. An inclined plane located at a specified distance after the threshold, extending between the inner transitional surface.

- D.1.22 Characteristics.— The limits of the balked landing surface shall comprise:

- (c) an inner edge horizontal and perpendicular to the centre line of the runway and located at a specified distance after the threshold;

- (d) two sides originating at the ends of the inner edge and diverging uniformly at a specified rate from the vertical plane containing the centre line of the runway; and
- (e) an outer edge parallel to the inner edge and located in the plane of the inner horizontal surface.

D.1.23 The elevation of the inner edge shall be equal to the elevation of the runway centre line at the location of the inner edge.

D.1.24 The slope of the balked landing surface shall be measured in the vertical plane containing the centre line of the runway.

#### ***Take-off climb surface***

D.1.25 Description.— Take-off climb surface. An inclined plane or other specified surface beyond the end of a runway or clearway.

D.1.26 Characteristics.— The limits of the take-off climb surface shall comprise:

- (a) an inner edge horizontal and perpendicular to the centre line of the runway and located either at a specified distance beyond the end of the runway or at the end of the clearway when such is provided and its length exceeds the specified distance;
- (b) two sides originating at the ends of the inner edge, diverging uniformly at a specified rate from the take-off track to a specified final width and continuing thereafter at that width for the remainder of the length of the take-off climb surface; and
- (c) an outer edge horizontal and perpendicular to the specified take-off track.

D.1.27 The elevation of the inner edge shall be equal to the highest point on the extended runway centre line between the end of the runway and the inner edge, except that when a clearway is provided the elevation shall be equal to the highest point on the ground on the centre line of the clearway.

D.1.28 In the case of a straight take-off flight path, the slope of the take-off climb surface shall be measured in the vertical plane containing the centre line of the runway.

D.1.29 In the case of a take-off flight path involving a turn, the take-off climb surface shall be a complex surface containing the horizontal normals to its centre line, and the slope of the centre line shall be the same as that for a straight take-off flight path.

## **D.2 Obstacle limitation requirements**

*Note.— The requirements for obstacle limitation surfaces are specified on the basis of the intended use of a runway, i.e. take-off or landing and type of approach, and are intended to be applied when such use is made of the runway. In cases where operations are conducted to or from both directions of a runway, then the function of certain surfaces may be nullified because of more stringent requirements of another lower surface.*

#### ***Non-instrument runways***

D.2.1 The following obstacle limitation surfaces shall be established for a non-instrument runway:

- (a) conical surface;
- (b) inner horizontal surface;
- (c) approach surface; and

(d) transitional surfaces.

D.2.2 The heights and slopes of the surfaces shall not be greater than, and their other dimensions not less than, those specified in Table D-1.

D.2.3 New objects or extensions of existing objects shall not be permitted above an approach or transitional surface except when, in the opinion of the appropriate authority, the new object or extension would be shielded by an existing immovable object.

*Note.— Circumstances in which the shielding principle may reasonably be applied are described in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-4 Obstacle Restriction and Removal*

D.2.4 New objects or extensions of existing objects shall not be permitted above the conical surface or inner horizontal surface, except when, in the opinion of the appropriate authority, the object is shielded by an existing immovable object, or after aeronautical study it is determined that the object would not adversely affect the safety or significantly affect the regularity of operations of aeroplanes.

D.2.5 Existing objects above any of the surfaces required by D.2.1 shall as far as practicable be removed except when, in the opinion of the appropriate authority, the object is shielded by an existing immovable object, or after aeronautical study it is determined that the object would not adversely affect the safety or significantly affect the regularity of operations of aeroplanes.

*Note.— Because of transverse or longitudinal slopes on a strip, in certain cases the inner edge or portions of the inner edge of the approach surface may be below the corresponding elevation of the strip. It is not intended that the strip be graded to conform with the inner edge of the approach surface, nor is it intended that terrain or objects which are above the approach surface beyond the end of the strip, but below the level of the strip, be removed unless it is considered they may endanger aeroplanes.*

D.2.6 In considering proposed construction, account shall be taken of the possible future development of an instrument runway and consequent requirement for more stringent obstacle limitation surfaces.

***Non-precision approach runways***

D.2.7 The following obstacle limitation surfaces shall be established for a non-precision approach runway:

- (a) conical surface;
- (b) inner horizontal surface;
- (c) approach surface; and
- (d) transitional surfaces.

D.2.8 The heights and slopes of the surfaces shall not be greater than, and their other dimensions not less than, those specified in Table D-1, except in the case of the horizontal section of the approach surface (see D.2.9).

D.2.9 The approach surface shall be horizontal beyond the point at which the 2.5 percent slope intersects:

- (a) a horizontal plane 150m above the threshold elevation; or
- (b) the horizontal plane passing through the top of any object that governs the obstacle clearance altitude/height (OCA/H);

whichever is the higher.



**Table D-1. Dimensions and slopes of obstacle limitation surfaces-Approach runways****APPROACH RUNWAYS**

RUNWAY CLASSIFICATION								Precision approach category		
		Non-instrument Code number			Non-precision approach Code number			I Code number	II or III Code number	
Surface and dimensions <sup>a</sup>	1	2	3	4	1,2	3	4	1,2	3,4	3,4
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)
CONICAL										
Slope	5%	5%	5%			5%	5%			
Height	35m	55m	75m	100m	60m	75m	100m	60m	100m	100m
INNER HORIZONTAL										
Height	45m	45m	45m	45m	45m	45m	45m	45m	45m	45m
Radius	2000m	2500m	4000m	4000m	3500m	4000m	4000m	3500m	4000m	4000m
INNER APPROACH										
Width	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	90m	120m <sup>e</sup>	120m <sup>e</sup>
Distance from threshold	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	60m	60m	60m
Length	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	900m	900m	900m
Slope								2.5%	2%	2%
APPROACH										
Length of inner edge	60m	80m	150m	150m	140m	280m	280m	140m	280m	280m
Distance from threshold	30m	60m	60m	60m	60m	60m	60m	60m	60m	60m
Divergence (each side)	10%	10%	10%	10%	15%	15%	15%	15%	15%	15%
First section										
Length	1600m	2500m	3000m	3000m	2500m	3000m	3000m	3000m	3000m	3000m
Slope	5%	4%	3.33%	2.5%	3.33%	2%	2%	2.5%	2%	2%
Second section										
Length	—	—	—	—	—	3600m <sup>b</sup>	3600m <sup>b</sup>	12000m	3600m <sup>b</sup>	3600m <sup>b</sup>
Slope	—	—	—	—	—	2.5%	2.5%	3%	2.5%	2.5%
Horizontal section										
Length	—	—	—	—	—	8400m <sup>b</sup>	8400m <sup>b</sup>	—	8400m <sup>b</sup>	8400m <sup>b</sup>
Total length	—	—	—	—	—	15000m	15000m	15000m	15000m	15000m
TRANSITIONAL										
Slope	20%	20%	14.3%	14.3%	20%	14.3%	14.3%	14.3%	14.3%	14.3%
INNER TRANSITIONAL										
Slope	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	40%	33.3%	33.3%
BALKED LANDING SURFACE										
Length of inner edge	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	90m	120m <sup>e</sup>	120m <sup>e</sup>
Distance from threshold	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	c	1800m <sup>d</sup>	1800m <sup>d</sup>
Divergence (each side)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10%	10%	10%
Slope	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4%	3.33%	3.33%

a. All dimensions are measured horizontally unless specified otherwise.

b. Variable length (see D.2.9 or D.2.17).

c. Distance to the end of strip.

d. Or end of runway whichever is less.

e. Where the code letter is F (Table A-1), the width is increased to 140m except for those aerodromes that accommodate a code letter F aeroplane equipped with digital avionics that provide steering commands to maintain an established track during the go-around manoeuvre.

- D.2.10 New objects or extensions of existing objects shall not be permitted above an approach surface within 3000m of the inner edge or above a transitional surface except when, in the opinion of the appropriate authority, the new object or extension would be shielded by an existing immovable object.

*Note.— Circumstances in which the shielding principle may reasonably be applied are described in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-4 Obstacle Restriction and Removal*

- D.2.11 New objects or extensions of existing objects shall not be permitted above the approach surface beyond 3000m from the inner edge, the conical surface or inner horizontal surface except when, in the opinion of the appropriate authority, the object would be shielded by an existing immovable object, or after aeronautical study it is determined that the object would not adversely affect the safety or significantly affect the regularity of operations of aeroplanes.
- D.2.12 Existing objects above any of the surfaces required by D.2.7 shall as far as practicable be removed except when, in the opinion of the appropriate authority, the object is shielded by an existing immovable object, or after aeronautical study it is determined that the object would not adversely affect the safety or significantly affect the regularity of operations of aeroplanes.

*Note.— Because of transverse or longitudinal slopes on a strip, in certain cases the inner edge or portions of the inner edge of the approach surface may be below the corresponding elevation of the strip. It is not intended that the strip be graded to conform with the inner edge of the approach surface, nor is it intended that terrain or objects which are above the approach surface beyond the end of the strip, but below the level of the strip, be removed unless it is considered they may endanger aeroplanes.*

**Precision approach runways**

*Note 1.— See I.9 for information regarding siting of equipment and installations on operational areas.*

*Note 2.— Guidance on obstacle limitation surfaces for precision approach runways is given in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-4 Obstacle Restriction and Removal*

- D.2.13 The following obstacle limitation surfaces shall be established for a precision approach runway category I:
- (a) conical surface;
  - (b) inner horizontal surface;
  - (c) approach surface; and
  - (d) transitional surfaces.
- D.2.14 The following obstacle limitation surfaces shall be established for a precision approach runway category I:
- (a) inner approach surface;
  - (b) inner transitional surfaces; and
  - (c) balked landing surface.

- D.2.15 The following obstacle limitation surfaces shall be established for a precision approach runway category II or III:
- (a) conical surface;
  - (b) inner horizontal surface;
  - (c) approach surface and inner approach surface;
  - (d) transitional surfaces;
  - (e) inner transitional surfaces; and
  - (f) balked landing surface.
- D.2.16 The heights and slopes of the surfaces shall not be greater than, and their other dimensions not less than, those specified in Table D-1, except in the case of the horizontal section of the approach surface (see D.2.17).
- D.2.17 The approach surface shall be horizontal beyond the point at which the 2.5 percent slope intersects:
- (a) a horizontal plane 150m above the threshold elevation; or
  - (b) the horizontal plane passing through the top of any object that governs the obstacle clearance limit; whichever is the higher.
- D.2.18 Fixed objects shall not be permitted above the inner approach surface, the inner transitional surface or the balked landing surface, except for frangible objects which because of their function shall be located on the strip. Mobile objects shall not be permitted above these surfaces during the use of the runway for landing.
- D.2.19 New objects or extensions of existing objects shall not be permitted above an approach surface or a transitional surface except when, in the opinion of the appropriate authority, the new object or extension would be shielded by an existing immovable object.
- Note.— Circumstances in which the shielding principle may reasonably be applied are described in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-4 Obstacle Restriction and Removal*
- D.2.20 New objects or extensions of existing objects shall not be permitted above the conical surface and the inner horizontal surface except when, in the opinion of the appropriate authority, an object would be shielded by an existing immovable object, or after aeronautical study it is determined that the object would not adversely affect the safety or significantly affect the regularity of operations of aeroplanes.
- D.2.21 Existing objects above an approach surface, a transitional surface, the conical surface and inner horizontal surface shall as far as practicable be removed except when, in the opinion of the appropriate authority, an object is shielded by an existing immovable object, or after aeronautical study it is determined that the object would not adversely affect the safety or significantly affect the regularity of operations of aeroplanes.

*Note.— Because of transverse or longitudinal slopes on a strip, in certain cases the inner edge or portions of the inner edge of the approach surface may be below the corresponding elevation of the strip. It is not intended that the strip be graded to conform with the inner edge of the approach surface, nor is it intended that terrain or objects which are above the*

*approach surface beyond the end of the strip, but below the level of the strip, be removed unless it is considered they may endanger aeroplanes.*

***Runways meant for take-off***

D.2.22 The following obstacle limitation surface shall be established for a runway meant for take-off:

(a) take-off climb surface.

D.2.23 The dimensions of the surface shall be not less than the dimensions specified in Table D-2, except that a lesser length may be adopted for the take-off climb surface where such lesser length would be consistent with procedural measures adopted to govern the outward flight of aeroplanes.

D.2.24 The operational characteristics of aeroplanes for which the runway is intended shall be examined to see if it is desirable to reduce the slope specified in Table D-2 when critical operating conditions are to be catered to. If the specified slope is reduced, corresponding adjustment in the length of the take-off climb surface shall be made so as to provide protection to a height of 300m.

*Note.— When local conditions differ widely from sea level standard atmospheric conditions, it may be advisable for the slope specified in Table 4-2 to be reduced. The degree of this reduction depends on the divergence between local conditions and sea level standard atmospheric conditions, and on the performance characteristics and operational requirements of the aeroplanes for which the runway is intended.*

D.2.25 New objects or extensions of existing objects shall not be permitted above a take-off climb surface except when, in the opinion of the appropriate authority, the new object or extension would be shielded by an existing immovable object.

*Note.— Circumstances in which the shielding principle may reasonably be applied are described in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-4 Obstacle Restriction and Removal.*

D.2.26 If no object reaches the 2 percent (1:50) take-off climb surface new objects shall be limited to preserve the existing obstacle free surface or a surface down to a slope of 1.6 percent (1:62.5).

**Table D-2. Dimensions and slopes of obstacle limitation surfaces**

RUNWAYS MEANT FOR TAKE-OFF			
Surface and dimensions <sup>a</sup> (1)	1 (2)	Code number 2 (3)	3 or 4 (4)
TAKE-OFF CLIMB			
Length of inner edge	60 m	80 m	180 m
Distance from runway end <sup>b</sup>	30 m	60 m	60 m
Divergence (each side)	10%	10%	12.5%
Final width	380 m	580 m	1 200 m 1 800 m <sup>c</sup>
Length	1 600 m	2 500 m	15 000 m
Slope	5%	4%	2% <sup>d</sup>
a. All dimensions are measured horizontally unless specified otherwise. b. The take-off climb surface starts at the end of the clearway if the clearway length exceeds the specified distance. c. 1 800 m when the intended track includes changes of heading greater than 15° for operations conducted in IMC, VMC by night. d. See D.2.24 and D.2.26.			

- D.2.27 Existing objects that extend above a take-off climb surface shall as far as practicable be removed except when, in the opinion of the appropriate authority, an object is shielded by an existing immovable object, or after aeronautical study it is determined that the object would not adversely affect the safety or significantly affect the regularity of operations of aeroplanes.

*Note.— Because of transverse slopes on a strip or clearway, in certain cases portions of the inner edge of the take-off climb surface may be below the corresponding elevation of the strip or clearway. It is not intended that the strip or clearway be graded to conform with the inner edge of the take-off climb surface, nor is it intended that terrain or objects which are above the take-off climb surface beyond the end of the strip or clearway, but below the level of the strip or clearway, be removed unless it is considered they may endanger aeroplanes. Similar considerations apply at the junction of a clearway and strip where differences in transverse slopes exist.*

### D.3 Objects outside the obstacle limitation surfaces

- D.3.1 Arrangements shall be made to enable the appropriate authority to be consulted concerning proposed construction beyond the limits of the obstacle limitation surfaces that extend above a height established by that authority, in order to permit an aeronautical study of the effect of such construction on the operation of aeroplanes.
- D.3.2 In areas beyond the limits of the obstacle limitation surfaces at least those objects which extend to a height of 150m or more above ground elevation shall be regarded as obstacles, unless a special aeronautical study indicates that they do not constitute a hazard to aeroplanes.

*Note.— This study may have regard to the nature of operations concerned and may distinguish between day and night operations.*

**D.4 Other objects**

- D.4.1 Objects which do not project through the approach surface but which would nevertheless adversely affect the optimum siting or performance of visual or non-visual aids shall, as far as practicable, be removed.
- D.4.2 Anything which may, in the opinion of the appropriate authority after aeronautical study, endanger aeroplanes on the movement area or in the air within the limits of the inner horizontal and conical surfaces shall be regarded as an obstacle and shall be removed in so far as practicable.

*Note.— In certain circumstances, objects that do not project above any of the surfaces enumerated in 4.1 may constitute a hazard to aeroplanes as, for example, where there are one or more isolated objects in the vicinity of an aerodrome.*

## **APPENDIX E. VISUAL AIDS FOR NAVIGATION**

### **E.1 Indicators and signaling devices**

#### **E.1.1 Wind direction indicator**

##### *Application*

- E.1.1.1 An aerodrome shall be equipped with at least one wind direction indicator.

##### *Location*

- E.1.1.2 A wind direction indicator shall be located so as to be visible from aircraft in flight or on the movement area and in such a way as to be free from the effects of air disturbances caused by nearby objects.

##### *Characteristics*

- E.1.1.3 The wind direction indicator shall be in the form of a truncated cone made of fabric and shall have a length of not less than 3.6m and a diameter, at the larger end, of not less than 0.9m. It shall be constructed so that it gives a clear indication of the direction of the surface wind and a general indication of the wind speed. The colour or colours shall be so selected as to make the wind direction indicator clearly visible and understandable from a height of at least 300m, having regard to background. Where practicable, a single colour, preferably white or orange, shall be used. Where a combination of two colours is required to give adequate conspicuity against changing backgrounds, they shall preferably be orange and white, red and white, or black and white, and shall be arranged in five alternate bands, the first and last bands being the darker colour.
- E.1.1.4 The location of at least one wind direction indicator shall be marked by a circular band 15m in diameter and 1.2m wide. The band shall be centred about the wind direction indicator support and shall be in a colour chosen to give adequate conspicuity, preferably white.
- E.1.1.5 Provision shall be made for illuminating at least one wind indicator at an aerodrome intended for use at night.

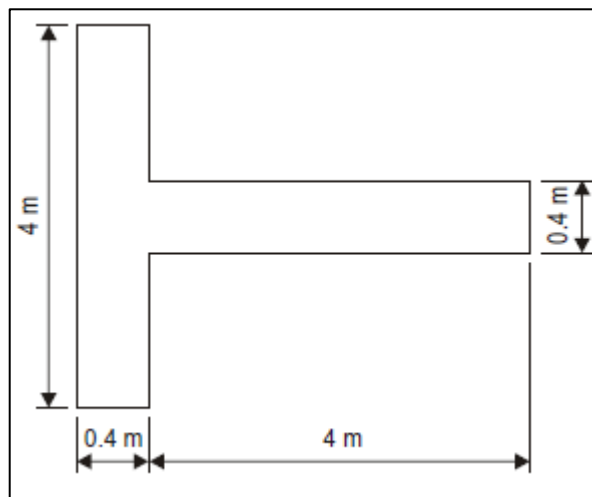
#### **E.1.2 Landing direction indicator**

##### *Location*

- E.1.2.1 Where provided, a landing direction indicator shall be located in a conspicuous place on the aerodrome.

##### *Characteristics*

- E.1.2.2 The landing direction indicator, shall be in the form of a “T”.



**Figure E-1. Landing direction indicator**

- E.1.2.3 The shape and minimum dimensions of a landing “T” shall be as shown in Figure E-1. The colour of the landing “T” shall be either white or orange, the choice being dependent on the colour that contrasts best with the background against which the indicator will be viewed. Where required for use at night the landing “T” shall either be illuminated or outlined by white lights.

### **E.1.3 Signaling lamp**

#### ***Application***

- E.1.3.1 A signaling lamp shall be provided at a controlled aerodrome in the aerodrome control tower.

#### ***Characteristics***

- E.1.3.2 A signaling lamp, shall be capable of producing red, green and white signals, and of:
- (a) being aimed manually at any target as required;
  - (b) giving a signal in any one colour followed by a signal in either of the two other colours; and
  - (c) transmitting a message in any one of the three colours by Morse Code up to a speed of at least four words per minute.

When selecting the green light, use shall be made of the restricted boundary of green.

- E.1.3.3 The beam spread shall be not less than 1° nor greater than 3°, with negligible light beyond 3°. When the signaling lamp is intended for use in the daytime the intensity of the coloured light shall be not less than 6 000 cd.

### **E.1.4 Signal panels and signal area**

*Note.— The inclusion of detailed specifications for a signal area in this section is not intended to imply that one has to be provided. Attachment A, Section 16, provides guidance on the need to provide ground signals. Annex 2, Appendix 1, specifies the shape, colour and use of visual ground signals. The CASA Advisory Circular AC139-5.1 Visual Aids for navigation – Indicators & Signalling Devices, provides guidance on their design.*



***Location of signal area***

- E.1.4.1 The signal area shall be located so as to be visible for all angles of azimuth above an angle of 10° above the horizontal when viewed from a height of 300m.

***Characteristics of signal area***

- E.1.4.2 The signal area shall be an even horizontal surface at least 9m square.
- E.1.4.3 The colour of the signal area shall be chosen to contrast with the colours of the signal panels used, and it shall be surrounded by a white border not less than 0.3m wide.

**E.2 Markings****E.2.1 General*****Interruption of runway markings***

- E.2.1.1 At an intersection of two (or more) runways the markings of the more important runway, except for the runway side stripe marking, shall be displayed and the markings of the other runway(s) shall be interrupted. The runway side stripe marking of the more important runway may be either continued across the intersection or interrupted.
- E.2.1.2 The order of importance of runways for the display of runway markings shall be as follows:
- (a) 1st – precision approach runway;
  - (b) 2nd – non-precision approach runway; and
  - (c) 3rd – non-instrument runway
- E.2.1.3 At an intersection of a runway and taxiway the markings of the runway shall be displayed and the markings of the taxiway interrupted, except that runway side stripe markings may be interrupted.

*Note.— See E.2.8.7 regarding the manner of connecting runway and taxiway centre line markings.*

***Colour and conspicuity***

- E.2.1.4 Runway markings shall be white.

*Note 1.— It has been found that, on runway surfaces of light colour, the conspicuity of white markings can be improved by outlining them in black.*

*Note 2.— It is preferable that the risk of uneven friction characteristics on markings be reduced in so far as practicable by the use of a suitable kind of paint.*

*Note 3.— Markings may consist of solid areas or a series of longitudinal stripes providing an effect equivalent to the solid areas.*

- E.2.1.5 Taxiway markings, runway turn pad markings and aircraft stand markings shall be yellow.
- E.2.1.6 Apron safety lines shall be of a conspicuous colour which shall contrast with that used for aircraft stand markings.

- E.2.1.7 Where operations take place at night, pavement markings may be made with reflective materials designed to enhance the visibility of the markings.

*Note.— Guidance on reflective materials is given in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-5.1 Visual Aids for navigation – Indicators & Signalling Devices.*

***Unpaved taxiways***

- E.2.1.8 An unpaved taxiway shall be provided, so far as practicable, with the markings prescribed for paved taxiways.

**E.2.2 Runway designation marking**

***Application***

- E.2.2.1 A runway designation marking shall be provided at the thresholds of a paved runway.
- E.2.2.2 A runway designation marking may be provided, so far as practicable, at the thresholds of an unpaved runway.

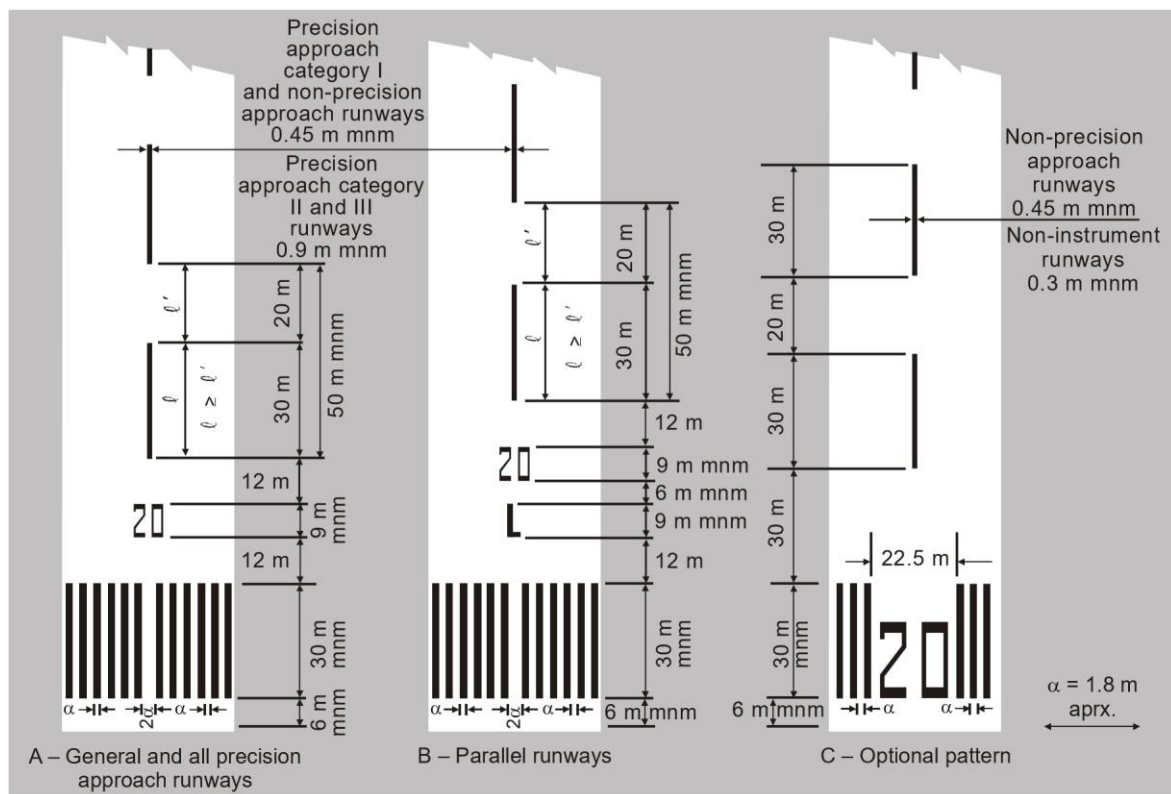
***Location***

- E.2.2.3 A runway designation marking shall be located at a threshold as shown in Figure E-2 as appropriate.

*Note.— If the runway threshold is displaced from the extremity of the runway, a sign showing the designation of the runway may be provided for aeroplanes taking off.*

***Characteristics***

- E.2.2.4 A runway designation marking shall consist of a two-digit number and on parallel runways shall be supplemented with a letter. On a single runway, dual parallel runways and triple parallel runways the two-digit number shall be the whole number nearest the one-tenth of the magnetic North when viewed from the direction of approach. On four or more parallel runways, one set of adjacent runways shall be numbered to the nearest one-tenth magnetic azimuth and the other set of adjacent runways numbered to the next nearest one-tenth of the magnetic azimuth. When the above rule would give a single digit number, it shall be preceded by a zero.



**Figure E-2. Runway designation, centre line and threshold markings**

E.2.2.5 In the case of parallel runways, each runway designation number shall be supplemented by a letter as follows, in the order shown from left to right when viewed from the direction of approach:

- for two parallel runways: “L” “R”;
- for three parallel runways: “L” “C” “R”;
- for four parallel runways: “L” “R” “L” “R”;
- for five parallel runways: “L” “C” “R” “L” “R” or “L” “R” “L” “C” “R”; and
- for six parallel runways: “L” “C” “R” “L” “C” “R”.

E.2.2.6 The numbers and letters shall be in the form and proportion shown in Figure E-3. The dimensions shall be not less than those shown in Figure E-3, but where the numbers are incorporated in the threshold marking, larger dimensions shall be used in order to fill adequately the gap between the stripes of the threshold marking.

### E.2.3 Runway centre line marking

#### *Application*

E.2.3.1 A runway centre line marking shall be provided on a paved runway.

#### *Location*

E.2.3.2 A runway centre line marking shall be located along the centre line of the runway between the runway designation markings as shown in Figure E-2, except when interrupted in compliance with E.2.1.1.

***Characteristics***

- E.2.3.3 A runway centre line marking shall consist of a line of uniformly spaced stripes and gaps. The length of a stripe plus a gap shall be not less than 50m or more than 75m. The length of each stripe shall be at least equal to the length of the gap or 30m, whichever is greater.
- E.2.3.4 The width of the stripes shall be not less than:
- (a) 0.90m on precision approach category II and III runways;
  - (b) 0.45m on non-precision approach runways where the code number is 3 or 4, and precision approach category I runways; and
  - (c) 0.30m on non-precision approach runways where the code number is 1 or 2, and on non-instrument runways.

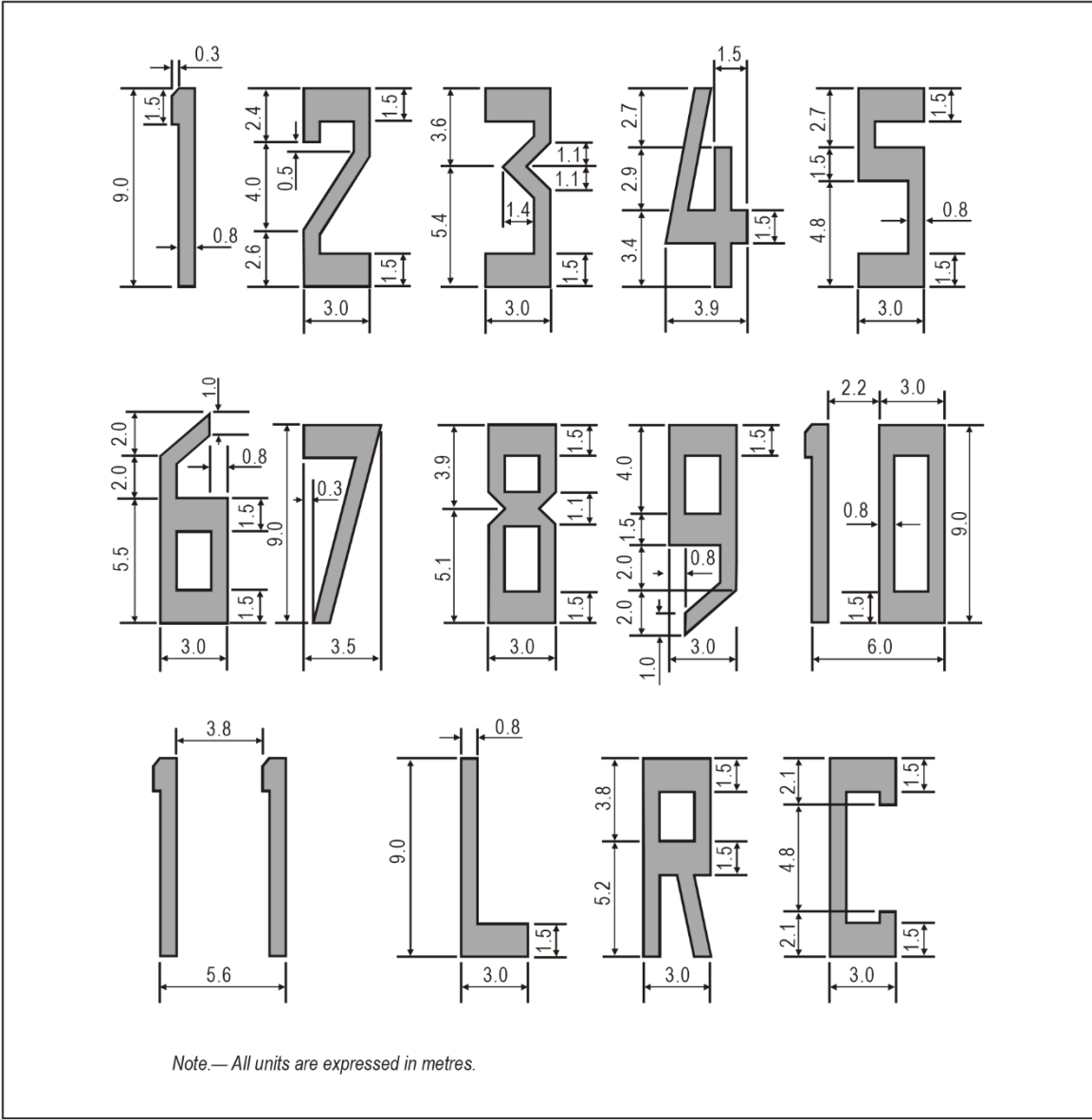
**E.2.4 Threshold marking*****Application***

- E.2.4.1 A threshold marking shall be provided at the threshold of a paved instrument runway, and of a paved non- instrument runway where the code number is 3 or 4 and the runway is intended for use by international commercial air transport.
- E.2.4.2 A threshold marking shall be provided at the threshold of a paved non-instrument runway where the code number is 3 or 4, and the runway is intended for use by other than international commercial air transport.
- E.2.4.3 A threshold marking shall be provided, so far as practicable, at the thresholds of an unpaved runway.

*Note.— The CASA Advisory Circular AC139-5.2 Visual Aids for navigation – Markings, shows a form of marking which has been found satisfactory for the marking of downward slopes immediately before the threshold.*

***Location***

- E.2.4.4 The stripes of the threshold marking shall commence 6m from the threshold.



**Figure E-3. Form and proportions of numbers and letters for runway designation markings**

*Characteristics*

E.2.4.5 A runway threshold marking shall consist of a pattern of longitudinal stripes of uniform dimensions disposed symmetrically about the centre line of a runway as shown in Figure E-2 (A) and (B) for a runway width of 45m. The number of stripes shall be in accordance with the runway width as follows:

<i>Runway width</i>	<i>Number of stripes</i>
18 m	4
23 m	6
30 m	8
45 m	12
60 m	16

except that on non-precision approach and non-instrument runways 45m or greater in width, they may be as shown in Figure E-2 (C).

- E.2.4.6 The stripes shall extend laterally to within 3m of the edge of a runway or to a distance of 27m on either side of a runway centre line, whichever results in the smaller lateral distance. Where a runway designation marking is placed within a threshold marking there shall be a minimum of three stripes on each side of the centre line of the runway. Where a runway designation marking is placed above a threshold marking, the stripes shall be continued across the runway. The stripes shall be at least 30m long and approximately 1.80m wide with spacings of approximately 1.80m between them except that, where the stripes are continued across a runway, a double spacing shall be used to separate the two stripes nearest the centre line of the runway, and in the case where the designation marking is included within the threshold marking this spacing shall be 22.5m.

***Transverse stripe***

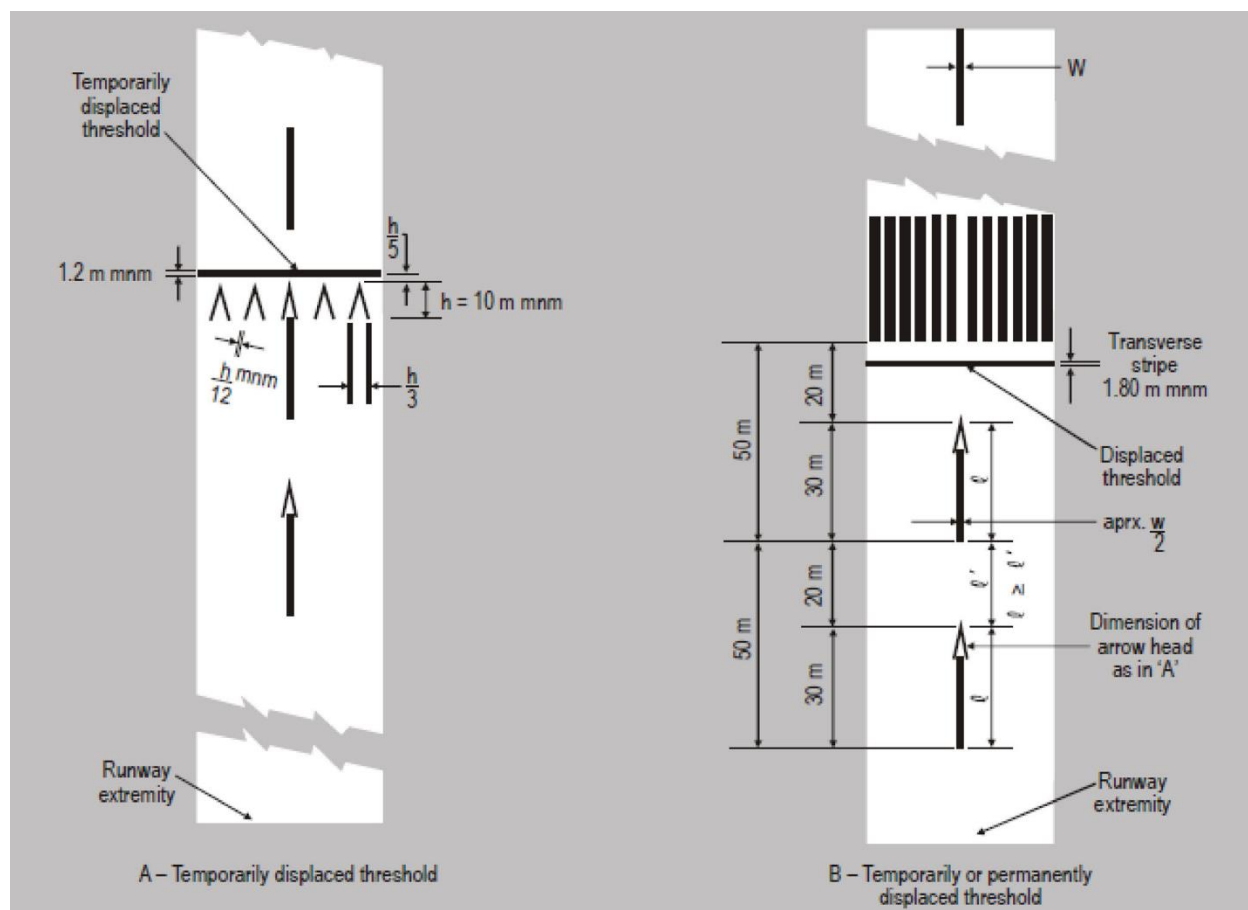
- E.2.4.7 Where a threshold is displaced from the extremity of a runway or where the extremity of a runway is not square with the runway centre line, a transverse stripe as shown in Figure E-4 (B) shall be added to the threshold marking.
- E.2.4.8 A transverse stripe shall be not less than 1.80m wide.

***Arrows***

- E.2.4.9 Where a runway threshold is permanently displaced, arrows conforming to Figure E-4 (B) shall be provided on the portion of the runway before the displaced threshold.
- E.2.4.10 When a runway threshold is temporarily displaced from the normal position, it shall be marked as shown in Figure E-4 (A) or E-4 (B) and all markings prior to the displaced threshold shall be obscured except the runway centre line marking, which shall be converted to arrows.

*Note 1.— In the case where a threshold is temporarily displaced for only a short period of time, it has been found satisfactory to use markers in the form and colour of a displaced threshold marking rather than attempting to paint this marking on the runway.*

*Note 2.— When the runway before a displaced threshold is unfit for the surface movement of aircraft, closed markings, as described in G.1.4, are required to be provided.*



**Figure E-4. Displaced threshold markings**

## E.2.5 Aiming point marking

### *Application*

- E.2.5.1 An aiming point marking shall be provided at each approach end of a paved instrument runway where the code number is 2, 3 or 4.
- E.2.5.2 An aiming point marking shall be provided at each approach end of:
- (a) a paved non-instrument runway where the code number is 3 or 4;
  - (b) a paved instrument runway where the code number is 1;
- when additional conspicuity of the aiming point is desirable.

### *Location*

- E.2.5.3 The aiming point marking shall commence no closer to the threshold than the distance indicated in the appropriate column of Table E-1, except that, on a runway equipped with a visual approach slope indicator system, the beginning of the marking shall be coincident with the visual approach slope origin.
- E.2.5.4 An aiming point marking shall consist of two conspicuous stripes. The dimensions of the stripes and the lateral spacing between their inner sides shall be in accordance with the provisions of the appropriate column of Table E-1. Where a touchdown zone marking is provided, the lateral spacing between the markings shall be the same as that of the touchdown zone marking.

## E.2.6 Touchdown zone marking

### *Application*

- E.2.6.1 A touchdown zone marking shall be provided in the touchdown zone of a paved precision approach runway where the code number is 2, 3 or 4.
- E.2.6.2 A touchdown zone marking shall be provided in the touchdown zone of a paved non-precision approach or non-instrument runway where the code number is 3 or 4 and additional conspicuity of the touchdown zone is desirable.

**Table E-1. Location and dimensions of aiming point marking**

Location and dimensions (1)	Landing distance available			
	Less than 800m (2)	800m up to but not including 1200m (3)	1200m up to but not including 2400m (4)	2400m and above (5)
Distance from threshold to beginning of marking	150m	250m	300m	400m
Length of stripe <sup>a</sup>	30–45m	30–45m	45–60m	45–60m
Width of stripe	4m	6m	6–10m <sup>b</sup>	6–10m <sup>b</sup>
Lateral spacing between inner sides of stripes	6m <sup>c</sup>	9m <sup>c</sup>	18–22.5m	18–22.5m

a. The greater dimensions of the specified ranges are intended to be used where increased conspicuity is required.

b. The lateral spacing may be varied within these limits to minimize the contamination of the marking by rubber deposits.

c. These figures were deduced by reference to the outer main gear wheel span which is element 2 of the aerodrome reference code at Appendix A, Table A-1.

### *Location and characteristics*

- E.2.6.3 A touchdown zone marking shall consist of pairs of rectangular markings symmetrically disposed about the runway centre line with the number of such pairs related to the landing distance available and, where the marking is to be displayed at both the approach directions of a runway, the distance between the thresholds, as follows:

<i>Landing distance available or the distance between thresholds</i>	<i>Pair(s) of markings</i>
less than 900 m	1
900 m up to but not including 1 200 m	2
1 200 m up to but not including 1 500 m	3
1 500 m up to but not including 2 400 m	4
2 400 m or more	6



- E.2.6.4 A touchdown zone marking shall conform to either of the two patterns shown in Figure E-5. For the pattern shown in Figure E-5 (A), the markings shall be not less than 22.5m long and 3m wide. For the pattern shown in Figure E-5 (B), each stripe of each marking shall be not less than 22.5m long and 1.8m wide with a spacing of 1.5m between adjacent stripes. The lateral spacing between the inner sides of the rectangles shall be equal to that of the aiming point marking where provided. Where an aiming point marking is not provided, the lateral spacing between the inner sides of the rectangles shall correspond to the lateral spacing specified for the aiming point marking in Table E-1 (columns 2, 3, 4 or 5, as appropriate). The pairs of markings shall be provided at longitudinal spacings of 150m beginning from the threshold, except that pairs of touchdown zone markings coincident with or located within 50m of an aiming point marking shall be deleted from the pattern.
- E.2.6.5 On a non-precision approach runway where the code number is 2, an additional pair of touchdown zone marking stripes shall be provided 150m beyond the beginning of the aiming point marking.

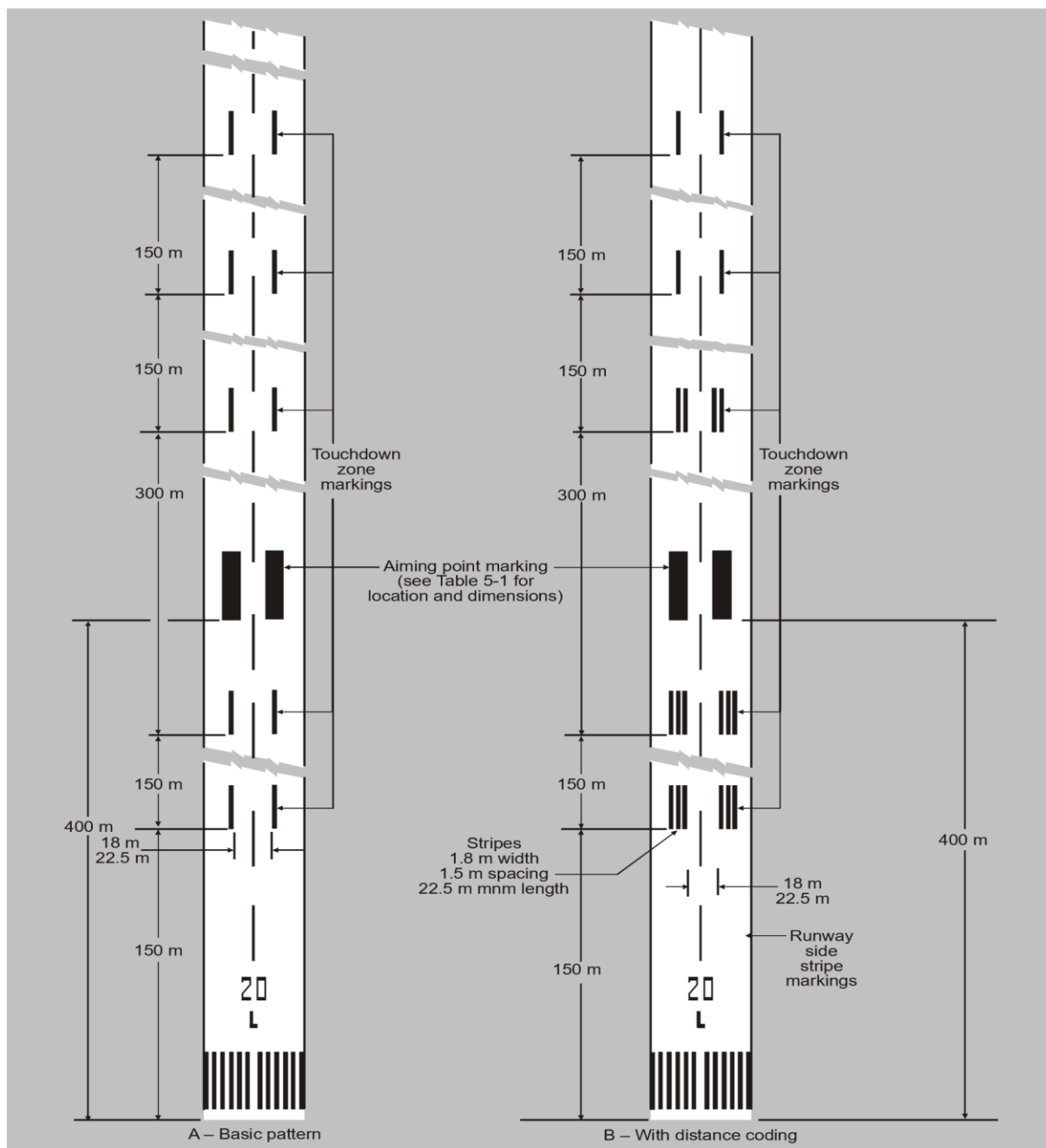
## **E.2.7 Runway side stripe marking**

### ***Application***

- E.2.7.1 A runway side stripe marking shall be provided between the thresholds of a paved runway where there is a lack of contrast between the runway edges and the shoulders or the surrounding terrain.
- E.2.7.2 A runway side stripe marking shall be provided on a precision approach runway irrespective of the contrast between the runway edges and the shoulders or the surrounding terrain.

### ***Location***

- E.2.7.3 A runway side stripe marking shall consist of two stripes, one placed along each edge of the runway with the outer edge of each stripe approximately on the edge of the runway, except that, where the runway is greater than 60m in width, the stripes shall be located 30m from the runway centre line.
- E.2.7.4 Where a runway turn pad is provided the runway side stripe marking shall be continued between the runway and the runway turn pad.



**Figure E-5. Aiming point and touchdown zone markings**  
(illustrated for a runway with a length of 2400m or more)

### *Characteristics*

- E.2.7.5 A runway side stripe shall have an overall width of at least 0.9m on runways 30m or more in width and at least 0.45m on narrower runways.

## **E.2.8 Taxiway centre line marking**

### *Application*

- E.2.8.1 Taxiway centre line marking shall be provided on a paved taxiway and apron where the code number is 3 or 4 in such a way as to provide continuous guidance between the runway centre line and aircraft stands.

E.2.8.2 Taxiway centre line marking shall be provided on a paved taxiway and apron where the code number is 1 or 2 in such a way as to provide continuous guidance between the runway centre line and aircraft stands.

E.2.8.3 Taxiway centre line marking shall be provided on a paved runway when the runway is part of a standard taxi route and:

- (a) there is no runway centre line marking; or
- (b) where the taxiway centre line is not coincident with the runway centre line.

E.2.8.4 Where it is necessary to denote the proximity of a runway-holding position, enhanced taxiway centre line marking shall be provided.

*Note.— The provision of enhanced taxiway centre line marking may form part of runway incursion prevention measures.*

E.2.8.5 Where provided, enhanced taxiway centre line marking shall be installed at each taxiway/runway intersection.

#### **Location**

E.2.8.6 On a straight section of a taxiway, the taxiway centre line marking shall be located along the taxiway centre line. On a taxiway curve, the marking shall continue from the straight portion of the taxiway at a constant distance from the outside edge of the curve.

*Note.— See C.9.5 and Figure C-2.*

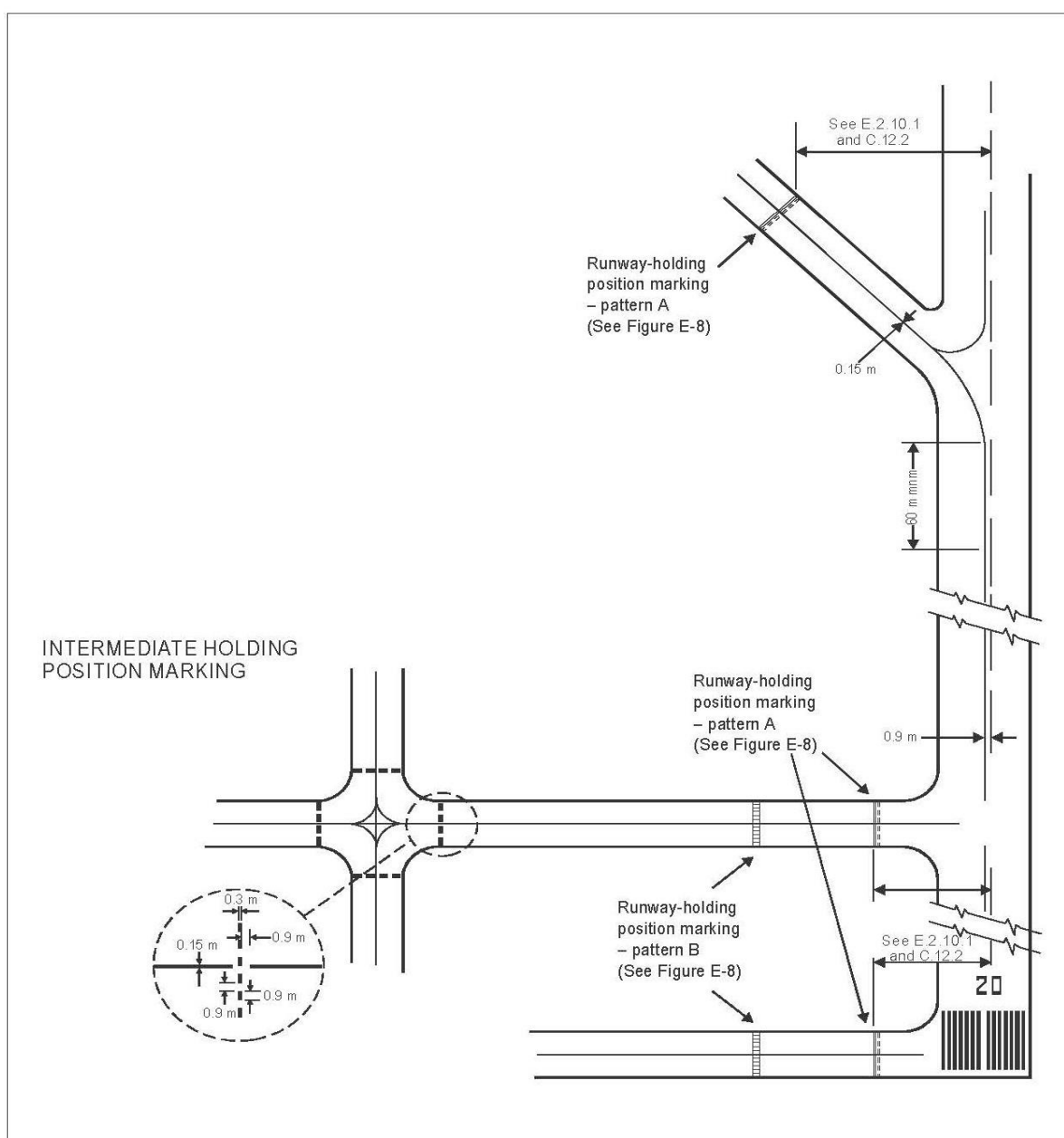
E.2.8.7 At an intersection of a taxiway with a runway where the taxiway serves as an exit from the runway, the taxiway centre line marking shall be curved into the runway centre line marking as shown in Figures E-6 and E-26. The taxiway centre line marking shall be extended parallel to the runway centre line marking for a distance of at least 60m beyond the point of tangency where the code number is 3 or 4, and for a distance of at least 30m where the code number is 1 or 2.

E.2.8.8 Where taxiway centre line marking is provided on a runway in accordance with E.2.8.3, the marking shall be located on the centre line of the designated taxiway.

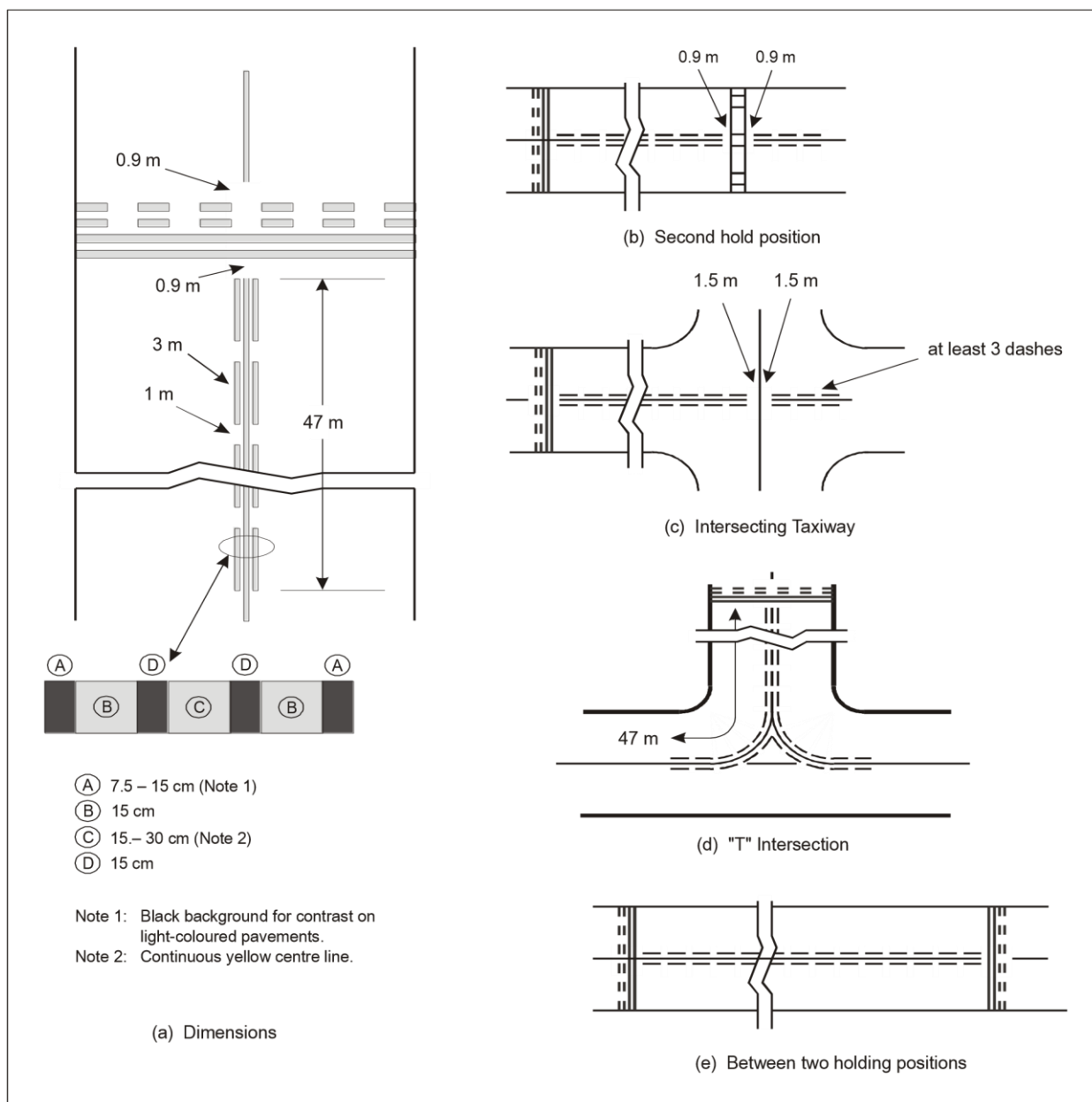
E.2.8.9 Where provided:

- (a) An enhanced taxiway centre line marking shall extend from the runway-holding position Pattern A (as defined in Figure E-6, Taxiway markings) to a distance of up to 47m in the direction of travel away from the runway. See Figure E-7 (a).
- (b) If the enhanced taxiway centre line marking intersects another runway-holding position marking, such as for a precision approach category II or III runway, that is located within 47m of the first runway-holding position marking, the enhanced taxiway centre line marking shall be interrupted 0.9m prior to and after the intersected runway-holding position marking. The enhanced taxiway centre line marking shall continue beyond the intersected runway-holding position marking for at least three dashed line segments or 47m from start to finish, whichever is greater. See Figure E-7 (b).

- (c) If the enhanced taxiway centre line marking continues through a taxiway/taxiway intersection that is located within 47m of the runway-holding position marking, the enhanced taxiway centre line marking shall be interrupted 1.5m prior to and after the point where the intersected taxiway centre line crosses the enhanced taxiway centre line. The enhanced taxiway centre line marking shall continue beyond the taxiway/taxiway intersection for at least three dashed line segments or 47m from start to finish, whichever is greater. See Figure E-7 (c).
- (d) Where two taxiway centre lines converge at or before the runway-holding position marking, the inner dashed line shall not be less than 3m in length. See Figure E-7 (d).
- (e) Where there are two opposing runway-holding position markings and the distance between the markings is less than 94m, the enhanced taxiway centre line markings shall extend over this entire distance. The enhanced taxiway centre line markings shall not extend beyond either runway-holding position marking. See Figure E-7 (e).



**Figure E-6. Taxiway markings (shown with basic runway markings)**



**Figure E-7. Enhanced taxiway centre line marking**

### *Characteristics*

- E.2.8.10 A taxiway centre line marking shall be at least 15 cm in width and continuous in length except where it intersects with a runway-holding position marking or an intermediate holding position marking as shown in Figure E-6.
- E.2.8.11 Enhanced taxiway centre line marking shall be as shown in Figure E-7.

## **E.2.9 Runway turn pad marking**

### *Application*

- E.2.9.1 Where a runway turn pad is provided, a runway turn pad marking shall be provided for continuous guidance to enable an aeroplane to complete a 180-degree turn and align with the runway centre line.

***Location***

- E.2.9.2 The runway turn pad marking shall be curved from the runway centre line into the turn pad. The radius of the curve shall be compatible with the manoeuvring capability and normal taxiing speeds of the aeroplanes for which the runway turn pad is intended. The intersection angle of the runway turn pad marking with the runway centre line shall not be greater than 30 degrees.
- E.2.9.3 The runway turn pad marking shall be extended parallel to the runway centre line marking for a distance of at least 60m beyond the point of tangency where the code number is 3 or 4, and for a distance of at least 30m where the code number is 1 or 2.
- E.2.9.4 A runway turn pad marking shall guide the aeroplane in such a way as to allow a straight portion of taxiing before the point where a 180-degree turn is to be made. The straight portion of the runway turn pad marking shall be parallel to the outer edge of the runway turn pad.
- E.2.9.5 The design of the curve allowing the aeroplane to negotiate a 180-degree turn shall be based on a nose wheel steering angle not exceeding 45 degrees.
- E.2.9.6 The design of the turn pad marking shall be such that, when the cockpit of the aeroplane remains over the runway turn pad marking, the clearance distance between any wheel of the aeroplane landing gear and the edge of the runway turn pad shall be not less than those specified in C.3.6.

*Note.— For ease of manoeuvring, consideration may be given to providing a larger wheel-to-edge clearance for codes E and F aeroplanes.*

***Characteristics***

- E.2.9.7 A runway turn pad marking shall be at least 15 cm in width and continuous in length.

**E.2.10 Runway-holding position marking*****Application and location***

- E.2.10.1 A runway-holding position marking shall be displayed along a runway-holding position.

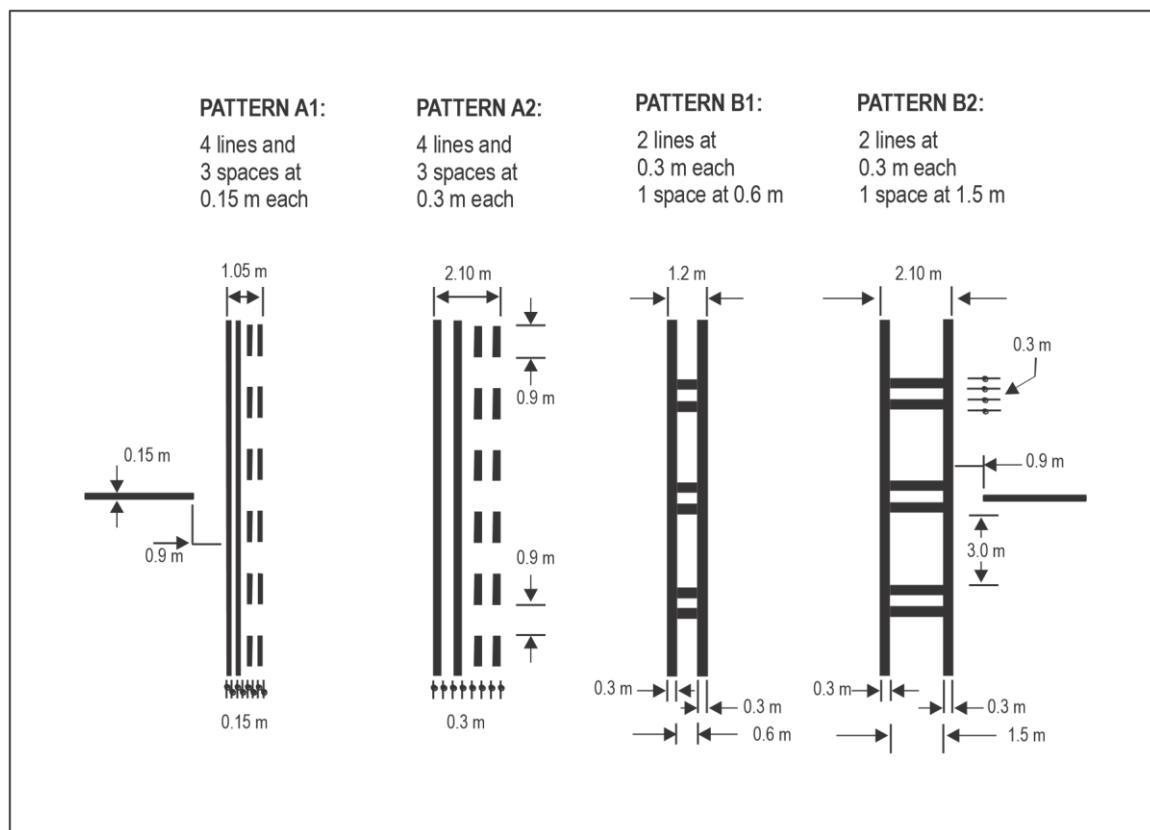
*Note.— See E.4.2 concerning the provision of signs at runway-holding positions.*

***Characteristics***

- E.2.10.2 At an intersection of a taxiway and a non-instrument, non-precision approach or take-off runway, the runway-holding position marking shall be as shown in Figure E-6, pattern A.
- E.2.10.3 Where a single runway-holding position is provided at an intersection of a taxiway and a precision approach category I, II or III runway, the runway-holding position marking shall be as shown in Figure E-6, pattern A. Where two or three runway-holding positions are provided at such an intersection, the runway-holding position marking closer (closest) to the runway shall be as shown in Figure E-6, pattern A and the markings farther from the runway shall be as shown in Figure E-6, pattern B.
- E.2.10.4 The runway-holding position marking displayed at a runway-holding position established in accordance with C.12.3 shall be as shown in Figure 5-6, pattern A.
- E.2.10.5 Until 26 November 2026, the dimensions of runway-holding position markings shall be as shown in Figure E-8, pattern A1 (or A2) or pattern B1 (or B2), as appropriate.

- E.2.10.6 As of 26 November 2026, the dimensions of runway-holding position markings shall be as shown in Figure E-8, pattern A2 or pattern B2, as appropriate.
- E.2.10.7 Where increased conspicuity of the runway-holding position, is required the dimensions of runway-holding position marking shall be as shown in Figure E-8, pattern A2 or pattern B2, as appropriate.

*Note.— An increased conspicuity of the runway-holding position can be required, notably to avoid incursion risks.*



**Figure E-8. Runway-holding position markings**

*Note.— Patterns A1 and B1 are no longer valid after 2026.*

- E.2.10.8 Where a pattern B runway-holding position marking is located on an area where it would exceed 60m in length, the term “CAT II” or “CAT III” as appropriate shall be marked on the surface at the ends of the runway-holding position marking and at equal intervals of 45m maximum between successive marks. The letters shall be not less than 1.8m high and shall be placed not more than 0.9m beyond the holding position marking.
- E.2.10.9 The runway-holding position marking displayed at a runway/runway intersection shall be perpendicular to the centre line of the runway forming part of the standard taxi-route. The pattern of the marking shall be as shown in Figure E-8, pattern A2.

**E.2.11 Intermediate holding position marking*****Application and location***

- E.2.11.1 An intermediate holding position marking shall be displayed along an intermediate holding position.
- E.2.11.3 Where an intermediate holding position marking is displayed at an intersection of two paved taxiways, it shall be located across the taxiway at sufficient distance from the near edge of the intersecting taxiway to ensure safe clearance between taxiing aircraft. It shall be coincident with a stop bar or intermediate holding position lights, where provided.

***Characteristics***

- E.2.11.5 An intermediate holding position marking shall consist of a single broken line as shown in Figure E-6.

**E.2.12 VOR aerodrome checkpoint marking*****Application***

- E.2.12.1 When a VOR aerodrome checkpoint is established, it shall be indicated by a VOR aerodrome checkpoint marking and sign.

*Note.— See E.4.4 for VOR aerodrome checkpoint sign.*

- E.2.12.2 Site selection

*Note.— Guidance on the selection of sites for VOR aerodrome checkpoints is given in Annex 10, Volume I, Attachment E (AC 171-1 Aeronautical Telecommunications Service Organization Certification).*

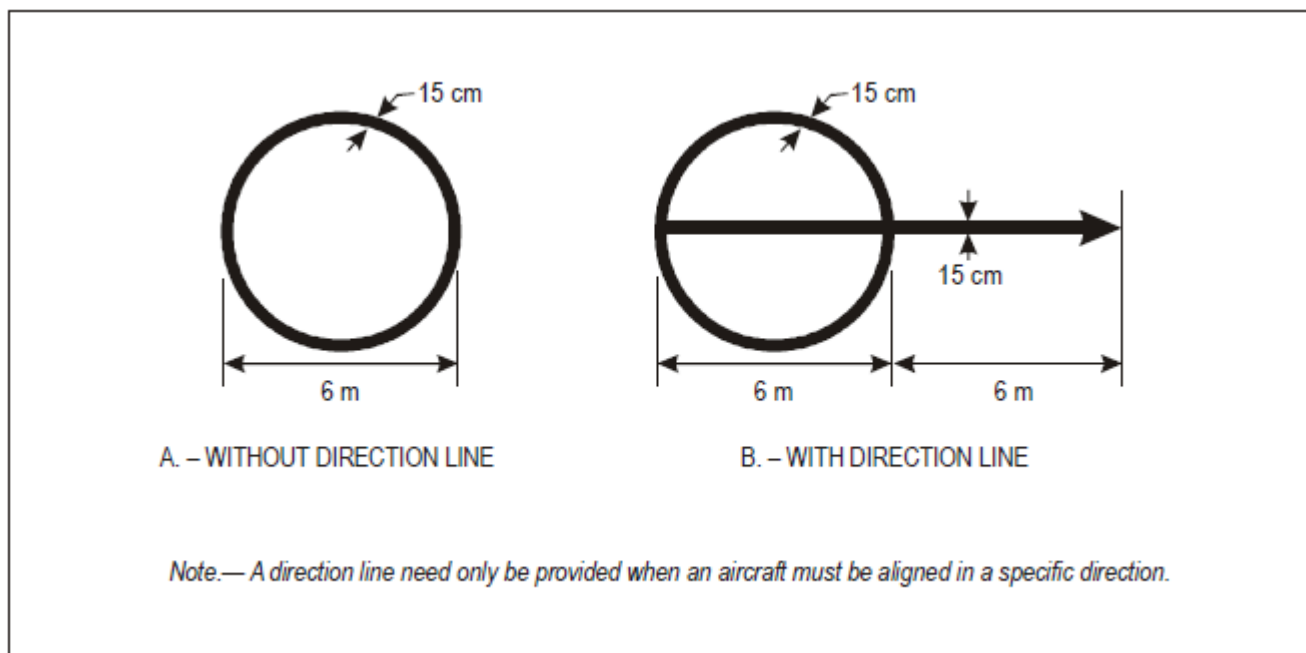
***Location***

- E.2.12.3 A VOR aerodrome checkpoint marking shall be centred on the spot at which an aircraft is to be parked to receive the correct VOR signal.

***Characteristics***

- E.2.12.4 A VOR aerodrome checkpoint marking shall consist of a circle 6m in diameter and have a line width of 15 cm (see Figure E-9 (A)).
- E.2.12.5 When it is preferable for an aircraft to be aligned in a specific direction, a line shall be provided that passes through the centre of the circle on the desired azimuth. The line shall extend 6m outside the circle in the desired direction of heading and terminate in an arrowhead. The width of the line shall be 15cm (see Figure E-9 (B)).





**Figure E-9. VOR aerodrome checkpoint marking**

- E.2.12.6 A VOR aerodrome checkpoint marking shall preferably be white in colour but shall differ from the colour used for the taxiway markings.

*Note.— To provide contrast, markings may be bordered with black.*

### **E.2.13 Aircraft stand marking**

*Note.— Guidance on the layout of aircraft stand markings is contained in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-5.2 Visual Aids for navigation – Markings*

#### **Application**

- E.2.13.1 Aircraft stand markings shall be provided for designated parking positions on a paved apron.

#### **Location**

- E.2.13.2 Aircraft stand markings on a paved apron shall be located so as to provide the clearances specified in C.13.6 and in C.15.9, respectively, when the nose wheel follows the stand marking.

#### **Characteristics**

- E.2.13.3 Aircraft stand markings, shall include such elements as stand identification, lead-in line, turn bar, turning line, alignment bar, stop line and lead-out line, as are required by the parking configuration and to complement other parking aids.
- E.2.13.4 An aircraft stand identification (letter and/or number) shall be included in the lead-in line a short distance after the beginning of the lead-in line. The height of the identification shall be adequate to be readable from the cockpit of aircraft using the stand.

- E.2.13.5 Where two sets of aircraft stand markings, are superimposed on each other in order to permit more flexible use of the apron and it is difficult to identify which stand marking shall be followed, or safety would be impaired if the wrong marking was followed, then identification of the aircraft for which each set of markings is intended shall be added to the stand identification.

*Note.— Example: 2A-B747, 2B-F28.*

- E.2.13.6 Lead-in, turning and lead-out lines shall be continuous in length and have a width of not less than 15 cm. Where one or more sets of stand markings are superimposed on a stand marking, the lines shall be continuous for the most demanding aircraft and broken for other aircraft.
- E.2.13.7 The curved portions of lead-in, turning and lead-out lines, shall have radii appropriate to the most demanding aircraft type for which the markings are intended.
- E.2.13.8 Where it is intended that an aircraft proceed in one direction only arrows pointing in the direction to be followed shall be added as part of the lead-in and lead-out lines.
- E.2.13.9 A turn bar shall be located at right angles to the lead-in line, abeam the left pilot position at the point of initiation of any intended turn. It shall have a length and width of not less than 6m and 15cm, respectively, and include an arrowhead to indicate the direction of turn.

*Note.— The distances to be maintained between the turn bar and the lead-in line may vary according to different aircraft types, taking into account the pilot's field of view.*

- E.2.13.10 If more than one turn bar and/or stop line is required, they shall be coded.
- E.2.13.11 An alignment bar shall be placed so as to be coincident with the extended centre line of the aircraft in the specified parking position and visible to the pilot during the final part of the parking manoeuvre. It shall have a width of not less than 15cm.
- E.2.13.12 A stop line, shall be located at right angles to the alignment bar, abeam the left pilot position at the intended point of stop. It shall have a length and width of not less than 6m and 15cm, respectively.

*Note.— The distances to be maintained between the stop line and the lead-in line may vary according to different aircraft types, taking into account the pilot's field of view.*

#### **E.2.14 Apron safety lines**

*Note.— Guidance on apron safety lines is contained in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-5.2 Visual Aids for navigation – Markings*

##### ***Application***

- E.2.14.1 Apron safety lines shall be provided on a paved apron as required by the parking configurations and ground facilities.

##### ***Location***

- E.2.14.2 Apron safety lines shall be located so as to define the areas intended for use by ground vehicles and other aircraft servicing equipment, etc., to provide safe separation from aircraft.

***Characteristics***

- E.2.14.3 Apron safety lines shall include such elements as wing tip clearance lines and service road boundary lines as required by the parking configurations and ground facilities.
- E.2.14.4 An apron safety line shall be continuous in length and at least 10 cm in width.

**E.2.15 Road-holding position marking*****Application***

- E.2.15.1 A road-holding position marking shall be provided at all road entrances to a runway.

***Location***

- E.2.15.2 The road-holding position marking shall be located across the road at the holding position.

***Characteristics***

- E.2.15.3 The road-holding position marking shall be in accordance with the local road traffic regulations.

**E.2.16 Mandatory instruction marking**

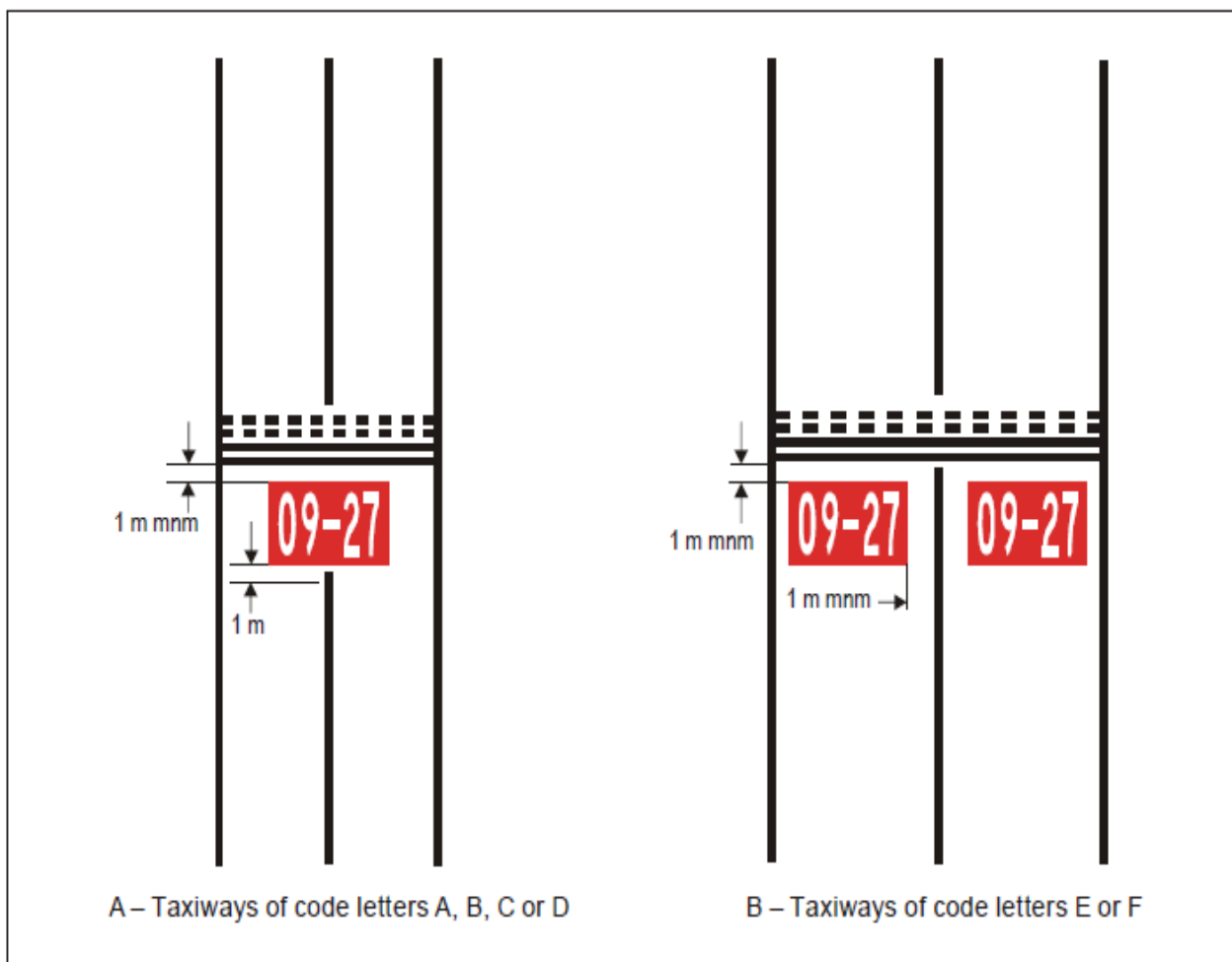
*Note.— Guidance on mandatory instruction marking is given in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-5.2 Visual Aids for navigation – Markings*

***Application***

- E.2.16.1 Where it is impracticable to install a mandatory instruction sign in accordance with E.4.2.1, a mandatory instruction marking shall be provided on the surface of the pavement.
- E.2.16.2 Where operationally required, such as on taxiways exceeding 60m in width, or to assist in the prevention of a runway incursion, a mandatory instruction sign shall be supplemented by a mandatory instruction marking.

***Location***

- E.2.16.3 The mandatory instruction marking on taxiways where the code letter is A, B, C or D shall be located across the taxiway equally placed about the taxiway centre line and on the holding side of the runway-holding position marking as shown in Figure E-10 (A). The distance between the nearest edge of the marking and the runway-holding position marking or the taxiway centre line marking shall be not less than 1m.



**Figure E-10. Mandatory instruction marking**

- E.2.16.4 The mandatory instruction marking on taxiways where the code letter is E or F shall be located on both sides of the taxiway centre line marking and on the holding side of the runway-holding position marking as shown in Figure E-10 (B). The distance between the nearest edge of the marking and the runway-holding position marking or the taxiway centre line marking shall be not less than 1m.

- E.2.16.5 Except where operationally required a mandatory instruction marking may not be located on a runway.

***Characteristics***

- E.2.16.6 A mandatory instruction marking shall consist of an inscription in white on a red background. Except for a NO ENTRY marking, the inscription shall provide information identical to that of the associated mandatory instruction sign.
- E.2.16.7 A NO ENTRY marking shall consist of an inscription in white reading NO ENTRY on a red background.
- E.2.16.8 Where there is insufficient contrast between the marking and the pavement surface, the mandatory instruction marking shall include an appropriate border, preferably white or black.
- E.2.16.9 The character height shall be 4m for inscriptions where the code letter is C, D, E or F, and 2m where the code letter is A or B. The inscriptions shall be in the form and

proportions shown in CASA Advisory Circular AC139-5.2 Visual Aids for navigation – Markings.

- E.2.16.10 The background shall be rectangular and extend a minimum of 0.5m laterally and vertically beyond the extremities of the inscription.

### **E.2.17 Information marking**

*Note.— Guidance on information marking is contained in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-5.2 Visual Aids for navigation – Markings.*

#### ***Application***

- E.2.17.1 Where an information sign would normally be installed and is impractical to install, as determined by the appropriate authority, an information marking shall be displayed on the surface of the pavement.
- E.2.17.2 Where operationally required an information sign may be supplemented by an information marking.
- E.2.17.3 An information (location/direction) marking shall be displayed prior to and following complex taxiway intersections and where operational experience has indicated the addition of a taxiway location marking could assist flight crew ground navigation.
- E.2.17.4 An information (location) marking shall be displayed on the pavement surface at regular intervals along taxiways of great length.

#### ***Location***

- E.2.17.5 The information marking shall be displayed across the surface of the taxiway or apron where necessary and positioned so as to be legible from the cockpit of an approaching aircraft.

#### ***Characteristics***

- E.2.17.6 An information marking shall consist of:
- (a) an inscription in yellow upon a black background, when it replaces or supplements a location sign; and
  - (b) an inscription in black upon a yellow background, when it replaces or supplements a direction or destination sign.
- E.2.17.7 Where there is insufficient contrast between the marking background and the pavement surface, the marking shall include:
- (a) a black border where the inscriptions are in black; and
  - (b) a yellow border where the inscriptions are in yellow.
- E.2.17.8 The character height shall be 4m. The inscriptions shall be in the form and proportions shown in CASA Advisory Circular AC139-5.2 Visual Aids for navigation – Markings.

## **E.3 Lights**

### **E.3.1 General**

#### ***Lights which may endanger the safety of aircraft***

- E.3.1.1 A non-aeronautical ground light near an aerodrome which might endanger the safety of aircraft shall be extinguished, screened or otherwise modified so as to eliminate the source of danger.

#### ***Laser emissions which may endanger the safety of aircraft***

- E.3.1.2 To protect the safety of aircraft against the hazardous effects of laser emitters, the following protected zones shall be established around aerodromes:

- (a) a laser-beam free flight zone (LFFZ)
- (b) a laser-beam critical flight zone (LCFZ)
- (c) a laser-beam sensitive flight zone (LSFZ).

*Note 1.— Figures E-11, E-12 and E-13 may be used to determine the exposure levels and distances that adequately protect flight operations.*

*Note 2.— The restrictions on the use of laser beams in the three protected flight zones, LFFZ, LCFZ and LSFZ, refer to visible laser beams only. Laser emitters operated by the authorities in a manner compatible with flight safety are excluded. In all navigable airspace, the irradiance level of any laser beam, visible or invisible, is expected to be less than or equal to the maximum permissible exposure (MPE) unless such emission has been notified to the authority and permission obtained.*

*Note 3.— The protected flight zones are established in order to mitigate the risk of operating laser emitters in the vicinity of aerodromes.*

*Note 4.— Further guidance on how to protect flight operations from the hazardous effects of laser emitters is contained in the Manual on Laser Emitters and Flight Safety (Doc 9815).*

*Note 5.— See also Annex 11 — Air Traffic Services, Chapter 2 (CAR Part 172).*

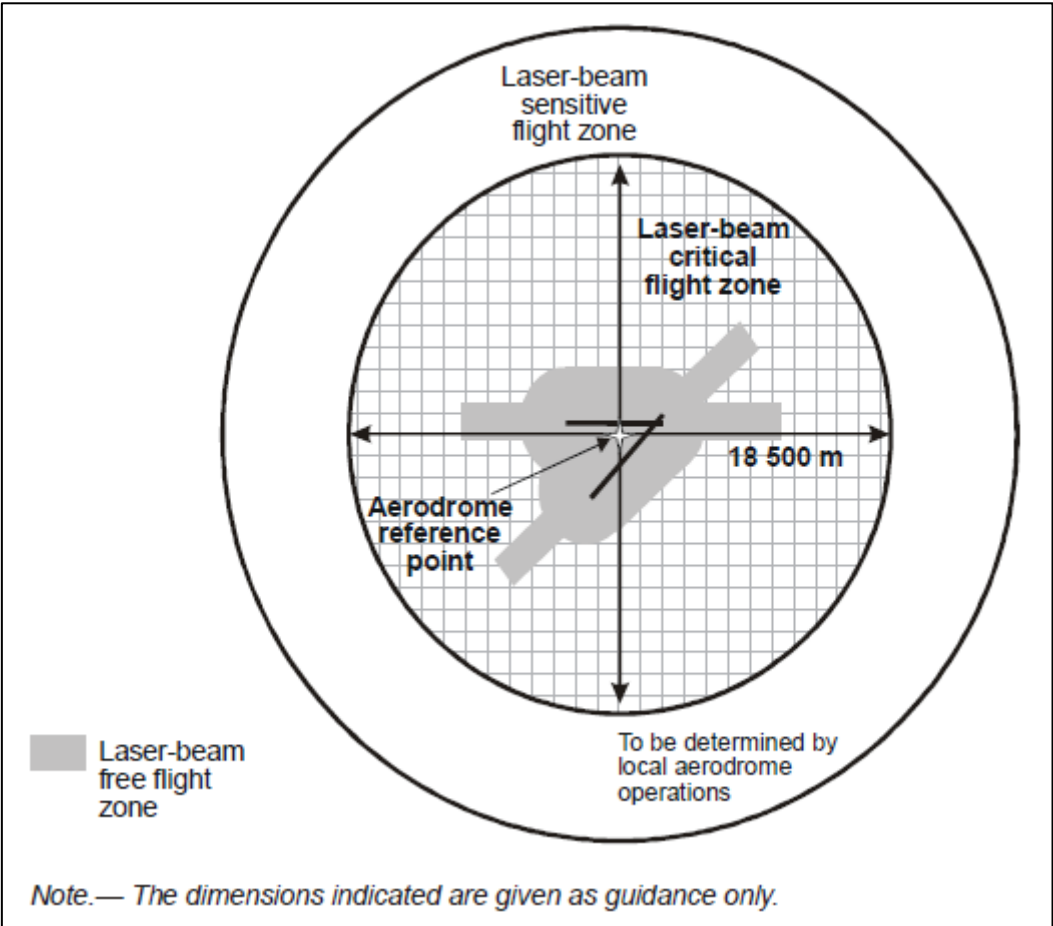


Figure E-11. Protected flight zones

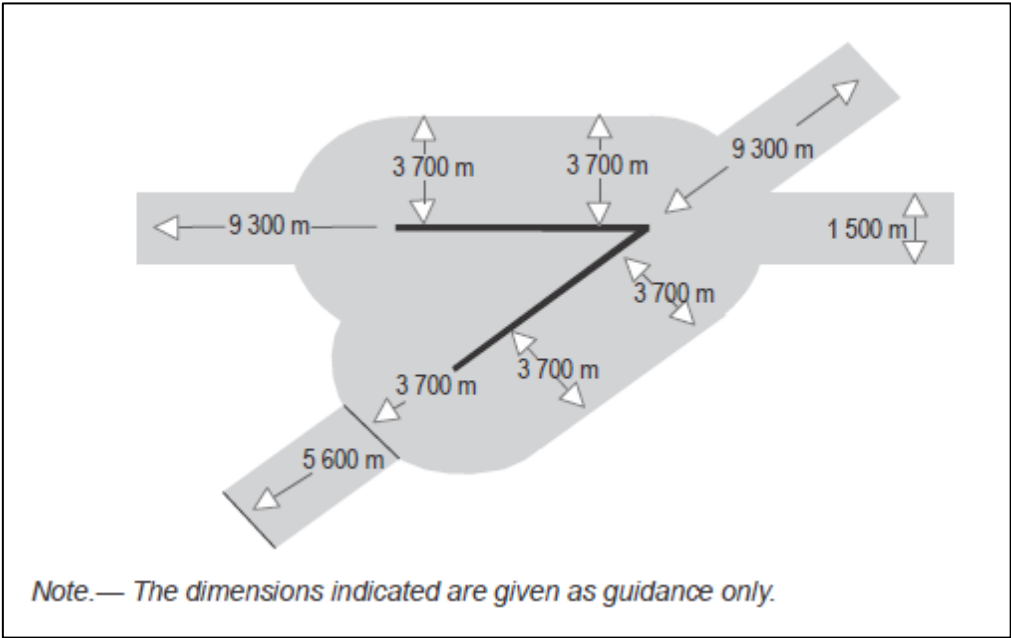
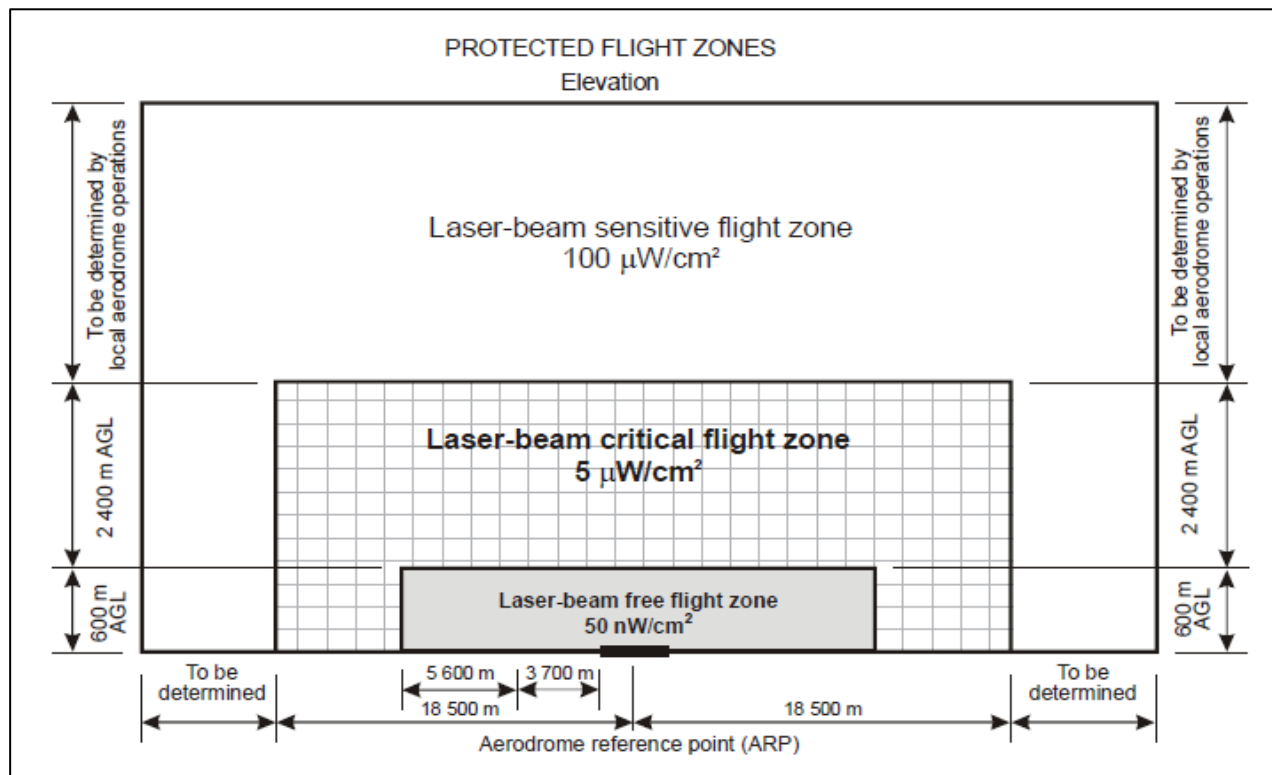


Figure E-12. Multiple runway laser-beam free flight zone



**Figure E-13. Protected flight zones with indication of maximum irradiance levels for visible laser beams**

***Lights which may cause confusion***

E.3.1.3 A non-aeronautical ground light which, by reason of its intensity, configuration or colour, might prevent, or cause confusion in, the clear interpretation of aeronautical ground lights shall be extinguished, screened or otherwise modified so as to eliminate such a possibility. In particular, attention shall be directed to a nonaeronautical ground light visible from the air within the areas described hereunder:

- (a) Instrument runway — code number 4:
  - (1) within the areas before the threshold and beyond the end of the runway extending at least 4500m in length from the threshold and runway end and 750m either side of the extended runway centre line in width.
- (b) Instrument runway — code number 2 or 3:
  - (1) as in (a), except that the length shall be at least 3000m.
- (c) Instrument runway — code number 1;  
and non-instrument runway:  
  
within the approach area.

***Aeronautical ground lights which may cause confusion to mariners***

*Note.— In the case of aeronautical ground lights near navigable waters, consideration needs to be given to ensuring that the lights do not cause confusion to mariners.*



***Light fixtures and supporting structures***

*Note.— See I.9 for information regarding siting of equipment and installations on operational areas, and the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-9.7 Operational Services – Siting of Installations and Frangibility, for guidance on frangibility of light fixtures and supporting structures.*

***Elevated approach lights***

- E.3.1.4 Elevated approach lights and their supporting structures shall be frangible except that, in that portion of the approach lighting system beyond 300m from the threshold:
- (a) where the height of a supporting structure exceeds 12m, the frangibility requirement shall apply to the top 12m only; and
  - (b) where a supporting structure is surrounded by non-frangible objects, only that part of the structure that extends above the surrounding objects shall be frangible.
- E.3.1.5 When an approach light fixture or supporting structure is not in itself sufficiently conspicuous, it shall be suitably marked.

***Elevated lights***

- E.3.1.6 Elevated runway, stopway and taxiway lights shall be frangible. Their height shall be sufficiently low to preserve clearance for propellers and for the engine pods of jet aircraft.

***Surface lights***

- E.3.1.7 Light fixtures inset in the surface of runways, stopways, taxiways and aprons shall be so designed and fitted as to withstand being run over by the wheels of an aircraft without damage either to the aircraft or to the lights themselves.
- E.3.1.8 The temperature produced by conduction or radiation at the interface between an installed inset light and an aircraft tire shall not exceed 160°C during a 10-minute period of exposure.

*Note.— Guidance on measuring the temperature of inset lights is given in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-5.3 Visual Aids for navigation – Lights.*

***Light intensity and control***

*Note.— In dusk or poor visibility conditions by day, lighting can be more effective than marking. For lights to be effective in such conditions or in poor visibility by night, they shall be of adequate intensity. To obtain the required intensity, it will usually be necessary to make the light directional, in which case the arcs over which the light shows will have to be adequate and so orientated as to meet the operational requirements. The runway lighting system will have to be considered as a whole, to ensure that the relative light intensities are suitably matched to the same end. (See CASA Advisory Circular AC139-5.3 Visual Aids for navigation – Lights).*

- E.3.1.9 The intensity of runway lighting shall be adequate for the minimum conditions of visibility and ambient light in which use of the runway is intended, and compatible with that of the nearest section of the approach lighting system when provided.

*Note.— While the lights of an approach lighting system may be of higher intensity than the runway lighting, it is good practice to avoid abrupt changes in intensity as these could give a pilot a false impression that the visibility is changing during approach.*

- E.3.1.10 Where a high-intensity lighting system is provided, a suitable intensity control shall be incorporated to allow for adjustment of the light intensity to meet the prevailing conditions. Separate intensity controls or other suitable methods shall be provided to ensure that the following systems, when installed, can be operated at compatible intensities:
- (a) approach lighting system;
  - (b) runway edge lights;
  - (c) runway threshold lights;
  - (d) runway end lights;
  - (e) runway centre line lights;
  - (f) runway touchdown zone lights; and
  - (g) taxiway centre line lights.
- E.3.1.11 On the perimeter of and within the ellipse defining the main beam, acceptable to the Director, the maximum light intensity value shall not be greater than three times the minimum light intensity value measured is acceptable to the Director.
- E.3.1.12 On the perimeter of and within the rectangle defining the main beam, acceptable to the Director, the maximum light intensity value shall not be greater than three times the minimum light intensity value measured is acceptable to the Director.

### **E.3.2 Emergency lighting**

#### ***Application***

- E.3.2.1 At an aerodrome provided with runway lighting and without a secondary power supply, sufficient emergency lights shall be conveniently available for installation on at least the primary runway in the event of failure of the normal lighting system.

*Note.— Emergency lighting may also be useful to mark obstacles or delineate taxiways and apron areas.*

#### ***Location***

- E.3.2.2 When installed on a runway, the emergency lights shall, as a minimum, conform to the configuration required for a non-instrument runway.

#### ***Characteristics***

- E.3.2.3 The colour of the emergency lights shall conform to the colour requirements for runway lighting, except that, where the provision of coloured lights at the threshold and the runway end is not practicable, all lights may be variable white or as close to variable white as practicable.

**E.3.3 Aeronautical beacons*****Application***

- E.3.3.1 Where operationally necessary an aerodrome beacon or an identification beacon shall be provided at each aerodrome intended for use at night.
- E.3.3.2 The operational requirement shall be determined having regard to the requirements of the air traffic using the aerodrome, the conspicuity of the aerodrome features in relation to its surroundings and the installation of other visual and non-visual aids useful in locating the aerodrome.

***Aerodrome beacon***

- E.3.3.3 An aerodrome beacon shall be provided at an aerodrome intended for use at night if one or more of the following conditions exist:
- (a) aircraft navigate predominantly by visual means;
  - (b) reduced visibilities are frequent; or
  - (c) it is difficult to locate the aerodrome from the air due to surrounding lights or terrain.

***Location***

- E.3.3.4 The aerodrome beacon shall be located on or adjacent to the aerodrome in an area of low ambient background lighting.
- E.3.3.5 The location of the beacon shall be such that the beacon is not shielded by objects in significant directions and does not dazzle a pilot approaching to land.

***Characteristics***

- E.3.3.6 The aerodrome beacon shall show either coloured flashes alternating with white flashes, or white flashes only. The frequency of total flashes shall be from 20 to 30 per minute. Where used, the coloured flashes emitted by beacons at land aerodromes shall be green, and coloured flashes emitted by beacons at water aerodromes shall be yellow. In the case of a combined water and land aerodrome, coloured flashes, if used, shall have the colour characteristics of whichever section of the aerodrome is designated as the principal facility.
- E.3.3.7 The light from the beacon shall show at all angles of azimuth. The vertical light distribution shall extend upwards from an elevation of not more than 1° to an elevation determined by the appropriate authority to be sufficient to provide guidance at the maximum elevation at which the beacon is intended to be used, and the effective intensity of the flash shall be not less than 2 000 cd.

*Note.— At locations where a high ambient background lighting level cannot be avoided, the effective intensity of the flash may be required to be increased by a factor up to a value of 10.*

***Identification beacon******Application***

- E.3.3.8 An identification beacon shall be provided at an aerodrome which is intended for use at night and cannot be easily identified from the air by other means.

***Location***

- E.3.3.9 The identification beacon shall be located on the aerodrome in an area of low ambient background lighting.
- E.3.3.10 The location of the beacon shall be such that the beacon is not shielded by objects in significant directions and does not dazzle a pilot approaching to land.

***Characteristics***

- E.3.3.11 An identification beacon at a land aerodrome shall show at all angles of azimuth. The vertical light distribution shall extend upwards from an elevation of not more than 1° to an elevation determined by the appropriate authority to be sufficient to provide guidance at the maximum elevation at which the beacon is intended to be used, and the effective intensity of the flash shall be not less than 2 000 cd.

*Note.— At locations where a high ambient background lighting level cannot be avoided, the effective intensity of the flash may be required to be increased by a factor up to a value of 10.*

- E.3.3.12 An identification beacon shall show flashing-green at a land aerodrome and flashing-yellow at a water aerodrome.
- E.3.3.13 The identification characters shall be transmitted in the International Morse Code.
- E.3.3.14 The speed of transmission shall be between six and eight words per minute, the corresponding range of duration of the Morse dots being from 0.15 to 0.2 seconds per dot.

**E.3.4 Approach lighting systems*****Application*****E.3.4.1 Application****(a) Non-instrument runway**

Where physically practicable, a simple approach lighting system as specified in E.3.4.2 to E.3.4.9 may be provided to serve a non-instrument runway where the code number is 3 or 4 and intended for use at night, except when the runway is used only in conditions of good visibility and sufficient guidance is provided by other visual aids.

*Note.— A simple approach lighting system can also provide visual guidance by day.*

**(b) Non-precision approach runway**

Where physically practicable, a simple approach lighting system as specified in E.3.4.2 to E.3.4.9 shall be provided to serve a non-precision approach runway, except when the runway is used only in conditions of good visibility or sufficient guidance is provided by other visual aids.

*Note.— It is advisable to give consideration to the installation of a precision approach category I lighting system or to the addition of a runway lead-in lighting system.*

(c) Precision approach runway category I

Where physically practicable, a precision approach category I lighting system as specified in E.3.4.10 to E.3.4.21 shall be provided to serve a precision approach runway category I.

(d) Precision approach runway categories II and III

A precision approach category II and III lighting system as specified in E.3.4.22 to E.3.4.39 shall be provided to serve a precision approach runway category II or III.

***Simple approach lighting system***

***Location***

E.3.4.2 A simple approach lighting system shall consist of a row of lights on the extended centre line of the runway extending, whenever possible, over a distance of not less than 420m from the threshold with a row of lights forming a crossbar 18m or 30m in length at a distance of 300m from the threshold.

E.3.4.3 The lights forming the crossbar shall be as nearly as practicable in a horizontal straight line at right angles to, and bisected by, the line of the centre line lights. The lights of the crossbar shall be spaced so as to produce a linear effect, except that, when a crossbar of 30m is used, gaps may be left on each side of the centre line. These gaps shall be kept to a minimum to meet local requirements and each shall not exceed 6m.

*Note 1.— Spacings for the crossbar lights between 1m and 4m are in use. Gaps on each side of the centre line may improve directional guidance when approaches are made with a lateral error, and facilitate the movement of rescue and firefighting vehicles.*

*Note 2.— See Attachment A, Section 11(CASA Advisory Circular AC139-5.3 Visual Aids for navigation – Lights), for guidance on installation tolerances.*

E.3.4.4 The lights forming the centre line shall be placed at longitudinal intervals of 60m, except that, when it is desired to improve the guidance, an interval of 30m may be used. The innermost light shall be located either 60m or 30m from the threshold, depending on the longitudinal interval selected for the centre line lights.

E.3.4.5 If it is not physically possible to provide a centre line extending for a distance of 420m from the threshold, it may be extended to 300m so as to include the crossbar. If this is not possible, the centre line lights may be extended as far as practicable, and each centre line light shall then consist of a barrette at least 3m in length. Subject to the approach system having a crossbar at 300m from the threshold, an additional crossbar may be provided at 150m from the threshold.

E.3.4.6 The system shall lie as nearly as practicable in the horizontal plane passing through the threshold, provided that:

- (a) no object other than an ILS or MLS azimuth antenna shall protrude through the plane of the approach lights within a distance of 60m from the centre line of the system; and
- (b) no light other than a light located within the central part of a crossbar or a centre line barrette (not their extremities) shall be screened from an approaching aircraft.

Any ILS or MLS azimuth antenna protruding through the plane of the lights shall be treated as an obstacle and marked and lighted accordingly.

### ***Characteristics***

- E.3.4.7 The lights of a simple approach lighting system shall be fixed lights and the colour of the lights shall be such as to ensure that the system is readily distinguishable from other aeronautical ground lights, and from extraneous lighting if present. Each centre line light shall consist of either:

- (a) a single source; or
- (b) a barrette at least 3m in length.

*Note 1.— When the barrette as in (b) is composed of lights approximating to point sources, a spacing of 1.5m between adjacent lights in the barrette has been found satisfactory.*

*Note 2.— It may be advisable to use barrettes 4m in length if it is anticipated that the simple approach lighting system will be developed into a precision approach lighting system.*

*Note 3.— At locations where identification of the simple approach lighting system is difficult at night due to surrounding lights, sequence flashing lights installed in the outer portion of the system may resolve this problem.*

- E.3.4.8 Where provided for a non-instrument runway, the lights shall show at all angles in azimuth necessary to a pilot on base leg and final approach. The intensity of the lights shall be adequate for all conditions of visibility and ambient light for which the system has been provided.
- E.3.4.9 Where provided for a non-precision approach runway, the lights shall show at all angles in azimuth necessary to the pilot of an aircraft which on final approach does not deviate by an abnormal amount from the path defined by the non-visual aid. The lights shall be designed to provide guidance during both day and night in the most adverse conditions of visibility and ambient light for which it is intended that the system shall remain usable.

### ***Precision approach category I lighting system***

#### ***Location***

- E.3.4.10 A precision approach category I lighting system shall consist of a row of lights on the extended centre line of the runway extending, wherever possible, over a distance of 900m from the runway threshold with a row of lights forming a crossbar 30m in length at a distance of 300m from the runway threshold.

*Note.— The installation of an approach lighting system of less than 900m in length may result in operational limitations on the use of the runway. See Attachment A, Section 11.*

- E.3.4.11 The lights forming the crossbar shall be as nearly as practicable in a horizontal straight line at right angles to, and bisected by, the line of the centre line lights. The lights of the crossbar shall be spaced so as to produce a linear effect, except that gaps may be left on each side of the centre line. These gaps shall be kept to a minimum to meet local requirements and each shall not exceed 6m.

*Note 1.— Spacings for the crossbar lights between 1m and 4m are in use. Gaps on each side of the centre line may improve directional guidance when approaches are made with a lateral error, and facilitate the movement of rescue and firefighting vehicles.*

*Note 2.— See Attachment A, Section 11 (CASA Advisory Circular AC139-5.3 Visual Aids for navigation – Lights), for guidance on installation tolerances.*

- E.3.4.12 The lights forming the centre line shall be placed at longitudinal intervals of 30m with the innermost light located 30m from the threshold.
- E.3.4.13 The system shall lie as nearly as practicable in the horizontal plane passing through the threshold, provided that:
- (a) no object other than an ILS or MLS azimuth antenna shall protrude through the plane of the approach lights within a distance of 60m from the centre line of the system; and
  - (b) no light other than a light located within the central part of a crossbar or a centre line barrette (not their extremities) shall be screened from an approaching aircraft.

Any ILS or MLS azimuth antenna protruding through the plane of the lights shall be treated as an obstacle and marked and lighted accordingly.

#### ***Characteristics***

- E.3.4.14 The centre line and crossbar lights of a precision approach category I lighting system shall be fixed lights showing variable white. Each centre line light position shall consist of either:
- (a) a single light source in the innermost 300m of the centre line, two light sources in the central 300m of the centre line and three light sources in the outer 300m of the centre line to provide distance information; or
  - (b) a barrette.
- E.3.4.15 Where the serviceability level of the approach lights specified as a maintenance objective in J.5.10 can be demonstrated, each centre line light position may consist of either:
- (a) a single light source; or
  - (b) a barrette.
- E.3.4.16 The barrettes shall be at least 4m in length. When barrettes are composed of lights approximating to point sources, the lights shall be uniformly spaced at intervals of not more than 1.5m.
- E.3.4.17 If the centre line consists of barrettes as described in E.3.4.14 (b) or E.3.4.15(b), each barrette shall be supplemented by a flashing light, except where such lighting is considered unnecessary taking into account the characteristics of the system and the nature of the meteorological conditions.
- E.3.4.18 Each flashing light as described in E.3.4.17 shall be flashed twice a second in sequence, beginning with the outermost light and progressing toward the threshold to the innermost light of the system. The design of the electrical circuit shall be such that these lights can be operated independently of the other lights of the approach lighting system.

- E.3.4.19 If the centre line consists of lights as described in E.3.4.14(a) or E.3.4.15(a), additional crossbars of lights to the crossbar provided at 300m from the threshold shall be provided at 150m, 450m, 600m and 750m from the threshold. The lights forming each crossbar shall be as nearly as practicable in a horizontal straight line at right angles to, and bisected by, the line of the centre line lights. The lights shall be spaced so as to produce a linear effect, except that gaps may be left on each side of the centre line. These gaps shall be kept to a minimum to meet local requirements and each shall not exceed 6m.

*Note.— See Attachment A, Section 11 (CASA Advisory Circular AC139-5.3 Visual Aids for navigation – Lights), for detailed configuration.*

- E.3.4.20 Where the additional crossbars described in E.3.4.19 are incorporated in the system, the outer ends of the crossbars shall lie on two straight lines that either are parallel to the line of the centre line lights or converge to meet the runway centre line 300m from threshold.
- E.3.4.21 The lights shall be in accordance with the specifications acceptable to the Director.

*Note.— The flight path envelopes used in the design of these lights are given in Attachment A, Figure A-6 (CASA Advisory Circular AC139-5.3 Visual Aids for navigation – Lights).*

**Precision approach category II and III lighting system**

**Location**

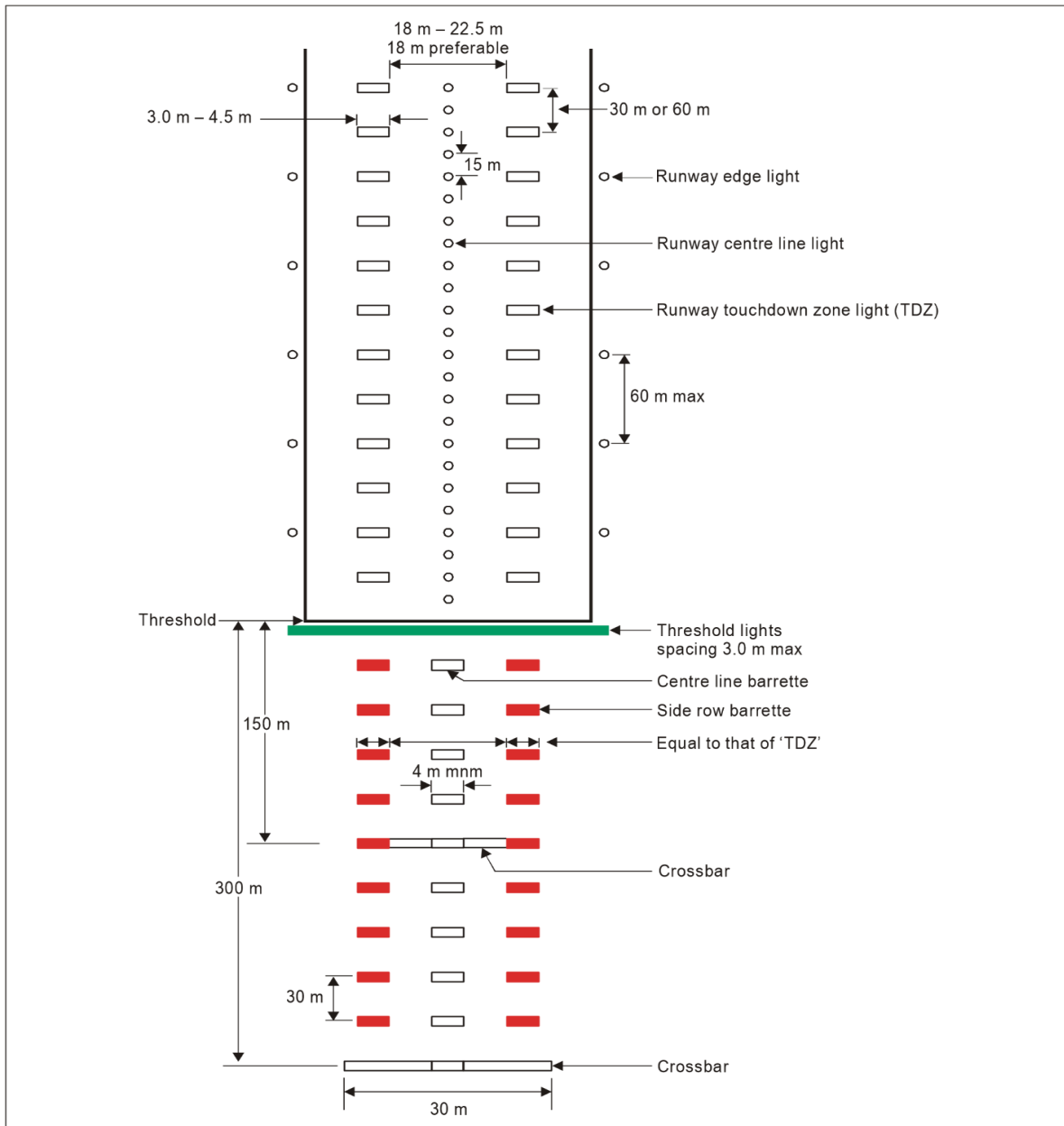
- E.3.4.22 The approach lighting system shall consist of a row of lights on the extended centre line of the runway, extending, wherever possible, over a distance of 900m from the runway threshold. In addition, the system shall have two side rows of lights, extending 270m from the threshold, and two crossbars, one at 150m and one at 300m from the threshold, all as shown in Figure E-14. Where the serviceability level of the approach lights specified as maintenance objectives in J.5.7 can be demonstrated, the system may have two side rows of lights, extending 240m from the threshold, and two crossbars, one at 150m and one at 300m from the threshold, all as shown in Figure E-15.

*Note.— The length of 900m is based on providing guidance for operations under category I, II and III conditions. Reduced lengths may support category II and III operations but may impose limitations on category I operations.*

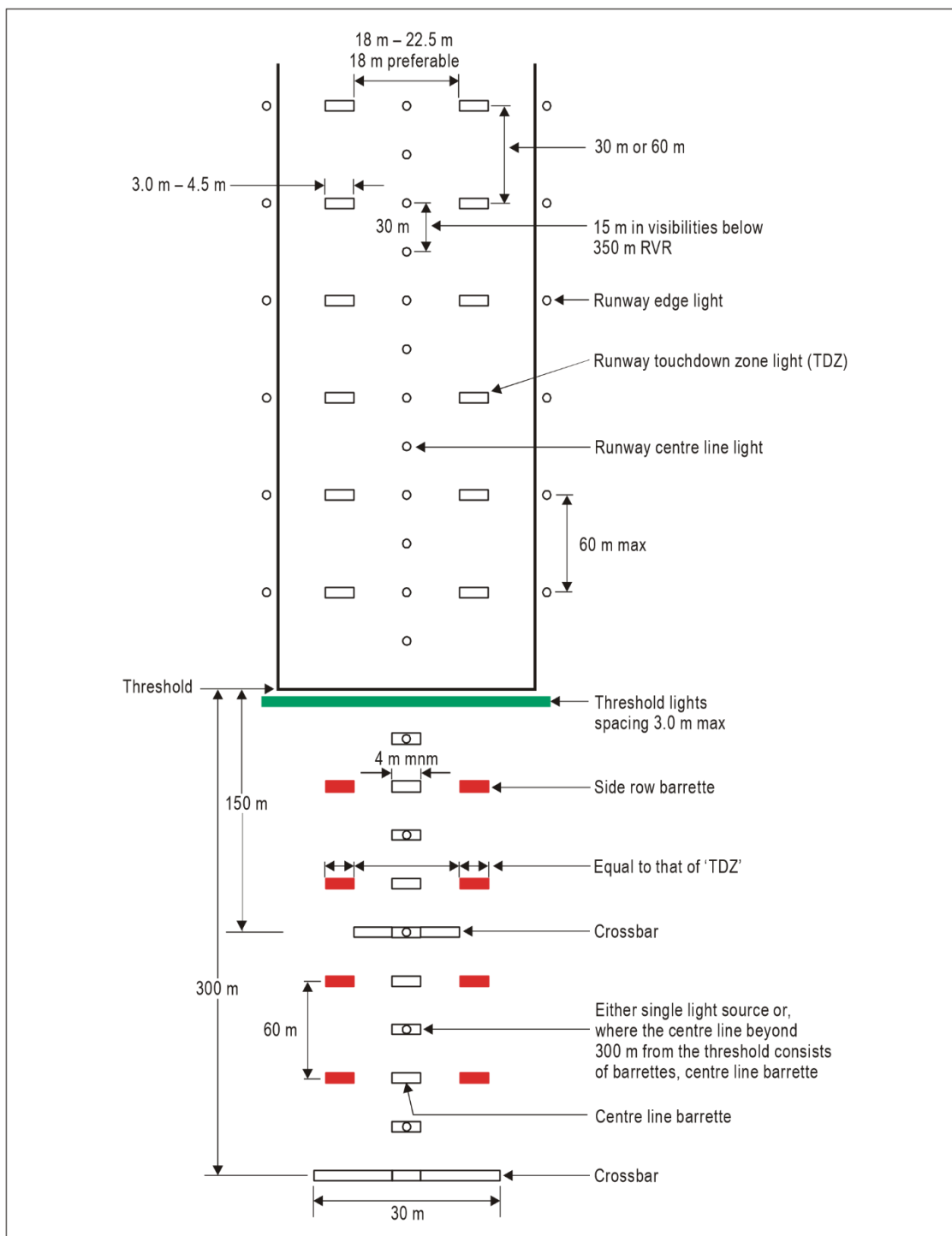
- E.3.4.23 The lights forming the centre line shall be placed at longitudinal intervals of 30m with the innermost lights located 30m from the threshold.
- E.3.4.24 The lights forming the side rows shall be placed on each side of the centre line, at a longitudinal spacing equal to that of the centre line lights and with the first light located 30m from the threshold. Where the serviceability level of the approach lights specified as maintenance objectives in J.5.7 can be demonstrated, lights forming the side rows may be placed on each side of the centre line, at a longitudinal spacing of 60m with the first light located 60m from the threshold. The lateral spacing (or gauge) between the innermost lights of the side rows shall be not less than 18m nor more than 22.5m, and preferably 18m, but in any event shall be equal to that of the touchdown zone lights.
- E.3.4.25 The crossbar provided at 150m from the threshold shall fill in the gaps between the centre line and side row lights.
- E.3.4.26 The crossbar provided at 300m from the threshold shall extend on both sides of the centre line lights to a distance of 15m from the centre line.



- E.3.4.27 If the centre line beyond a distance of 300m from the threshold consists of lights as described in E.3.4.31(b) or E.3.4.32(b), additional crossbars of lights shall be provided at 450m, 600m and 750m from the threshold.



**Figure E-14. Inner 300m approach and runway lighting for precision approach runways, categories II and III**



**Figure E-15. Inner 300m approach and runway lighting for precision approach runways, categories II and III, where the serviceability levels of the lights specified as maintenance objectives in Appendix J can be demonstrated**

- E.3.4.28 Where the additional crossbars described in E.3.4.27 are incorporated in the system, the outer ends of these crossbars shall lie on two straight lines that either are parallel to the centre line or converge to meet the runway centre line 300m from the threshold.
- E.3.4.29 The system shall lie as nearly as practicable in the horizontal plane passing through the threshold, provided that:

- (a) no object other than an ILS or MLS azimuth antenna shall protrude through the plane of the approach lights within a distance of 60m from the centre line of the system; and
- (b) no light other than a light located within the central part of a crossbar or a centre line barrette (not their extremities) shall be screened from an approaching aircraft.

Any ILS or MLS azimuth antenna protruding through the plane of the lights shall be treated as an obstacle and marked and lighted accordingly.

### *Characteristics*

- E.3.4.30 The centre line of a precision approach category II and III lighting system for the first 300m from the threshold shall consist of barrettes showing variable white, except that, where the threshold is displaced 300m or more, the centre line may consist of single light sources showing variable white. Where the serviceability level of the approach lights specified as maintenance objectives in J.5.7 can be demonstrated, the centre line of a precision approach category II and III lighting system for the first 300m from the threshold may consist of either:
- (a) barrettes, where the centre line beyond 300m from the threshold consists of barrettes as described in E.3.4.32(a); or
  - (b) alternate single light sources and barrettes, where the centre line beyond 300m from the threshold consists of single light sources as described in E.3.4.32(b), with the innermost single light source located 30m and the innermost barrette located 60m from the threshold; or
  - (c) single light sources where the threshold is displaced 300m or more;
- all of which shall show variable white.
- E.3.4.31 Beyond 300m from the threshold each centre line light position shall consist of either:
- (a) a barrette as used on the inner 300m; or
  - (b) two light sources in the central 300m of the centre line and three light sources in the outer 300m of the centre line;
- all of which shall show variable white.
- E.3.4.32 Where the serviceability level of the approach lights specified as maintenance objectives in J.5.7 can be demonstrated, beyond 300m from the threshold each centre line light position may consist of either:
- (a) a barrette; or
  - (b) a single light source;
- all of which shall show variable white.
- E.3.4.33 The barrettes shall be at least 4m in length. When barrettes are composed of lights approximating to point sources, the lights shall be uniformly spaced at intervals of not more than 1.5m.
- E.3.4.34 If the centre line beyond 300m from the threshold consists of barrettes as described in E.3.4.31(a) or E.3.4.32(a), each barrette beyond 300m shall be supplemented by a flashing

light, except where such lighting is considered unnecessary taking into account the characteristics of the system and the nature of the meteorological conditions.

- E.3.4.35 Each flashing light as described in E.3.4.34 shall be flashed twice a second in sequence, beginning with the outermost light and progressing toward the threshold to the innermost light of the system. The design of the electrical circuit shall be such that these lights can be operated independently of the other lights of the approach lighting system.
- E.3.4.36 The side row shall consist of barrettes showing red. The length of a side row barrette and the spacing of its lights shall be equal to those of the touchdown zone light barrettes.
- E.3.4.37 The lights forming the crossbars shall be fixed lights showing variable white. The lights shall be uniformly spaced at intervals of not more than 2.7m.
- E.3.4.38 The intensity of the red lights shall be compatible with the intensity of the white lights.
- E.3.4.39 The lights shall be in accordance with the specifications acceptable to the Director.

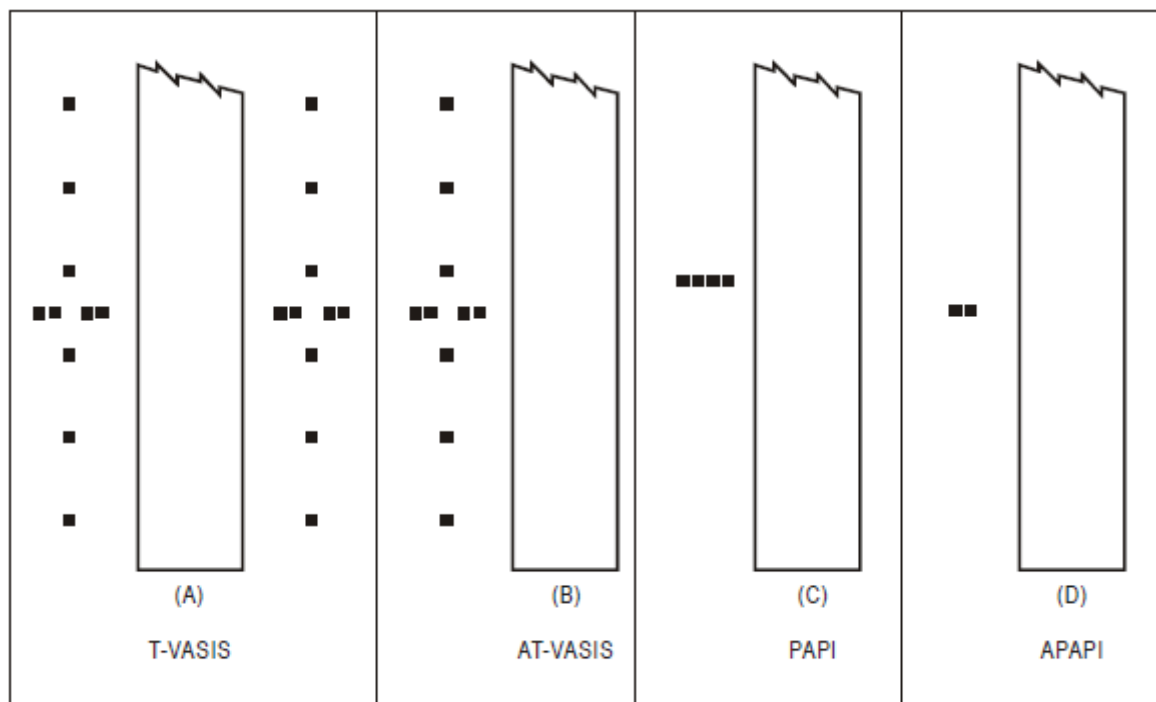
*Note.— The flight path envelopes used in the design of these lights are given in Attachment A, Figure A-6 (CASA Advisory Circular AC139-5.3 Visual Aids for navigation – Lights).*

### **E.3.5 Visual approach slope indicator systems**

#### ***Application***

- E.3.5.1 A visual approach slope indicator system shall be provided to serve the approach to a runway whether or not the runway is served by other visual approach aids or by non-visual aids, where one or more of the following conditions exist:
  - (a) the runway is used by turbojet or other aeroplanes with similar approach guidance requirements;
  - (b) the pilot of any type of aeroplane may have difficulty in judging the approach due to:
    - (1) inadequate visual guidance such as is experienced during an approach over water or featureless terrain by day or in the absence of sufficient extraneous lights in the approach area by night; or
    - (2) misleading information such as is produced by deceptive surrounding terrain or runway slopes;
  - (c) the presence of objects in the approach area may involve serious hazard if an aeroplane descends below the normal approach path, particularly if there are no non-visual or other visual aids to give warning of such objects;
  - (d) physical conditions at either end of the runway present a serious hazard in the event of an aeroplane undershooting or overrunning the runway; and
  - (e) terrain or prevalent meteorological conditions are such that the aeroplane may be subjected to unusual turbulence during approach.

*Note.— Guidance on the priority of installation of visual approach slope indicator systems is contained in Attachment A, Section 12 (CASA Advisory Circular AC139-5.3 Visual Aids for navigation – Lights).*



**Figure E-16. Visual approach slope indicator systems**

- E.3.5.2 The standard visual approach slope indicator systems shall consist of the following:
- T-VASIS and AT-VASIS conforming to the specifications contained in E.3.5.7 to E.3.5.23 inclusive;
  - PAPI and APAPI systems conforming to the specifications contained in E.3.5.24 to E.3.5.41 inclusive;
- as shown in Figure E-16.
- E.3.5.3 PAPI, T-VASIS or AT-VASIS shall be provided where the code number is 3 or 4 when one or more of the conditions specified in E.3.5.1 exist.
- E.3.5.4 As of 1 January 2020, the use of T-VASIS and AT-VASIS as standard visual approach slope indicator systems may be discontinued.
- E.3.5.5 PAPI or APAPI shall be provided where the code number is 1 or 2 when one or more of the conditions specified in E.3.5.1 exist.
- E.3.5.6 Where a runway threshold is temporarily displaced from the normal position and one or more of the conditions specified in E.3.5.1 exist, a PAPI shall be provided except that where the code number is 1 or 2 an APAPI may be provided.

### ***T-VASIS and AT-VASIS***

#### ***Description***

- E.3.5.7 The T-VASIS shall consist of twenty light units symmetrically disposed about the runway centre line in the form of two wing bars of four light units each, with bisecting longitudinal lines of six lights, as shown in Figure E-17.
- E.3.5.8 The AT-VASIS shall consist of ten light units arranged on one side of the runway in the form of a single wing bar of four light units with a bisecting longitudinal line of six lights.

- E.3.5.9 The light units shall be constructed and arranged in such a manner that the pilot of an aeroplane during an approach will:
- (a) when above the approach slope, see the wing bar(s) white, and one, two or three fly-down lights, the more fly-down lights being visible the higher the pilot is above the approach slope;
  - (b) when on the approach slope, see the wing bar(s) white; and
  - (c) when below the approach slope, see the wing bar(s) and one, two or three fly-up lights white, the more fly-up lights being visible the lower the pilot is below the approach slope; and when well below the approach slope, see the wing bar(s) and the three fly-up lights red.

When on or above the approach slope, no light shall be visible from the fly-up light units; when on or below the approach slope, no light shall be visible from the fly-down light units.

### ***Siting***

- E.3.5.10 The light units shall be located as shown in Figure 5-17, subject to the installation tolerances given therein.

*Note.— The siting of T-VASIS will provide, for a 3° slope and a nominal eye height over the threshold of 15m (see E.3.5.7 and E.3.5.20), a pilot's eye height over threshold of 13m to 17m when only the wing bar lights are visible. If increased eye height at the threshold is required (to provide adequate wheel clearance), then the approaches may be flown with one or more fly-down lights visible. The pilot's eye height over the threshold is then of the following order:*

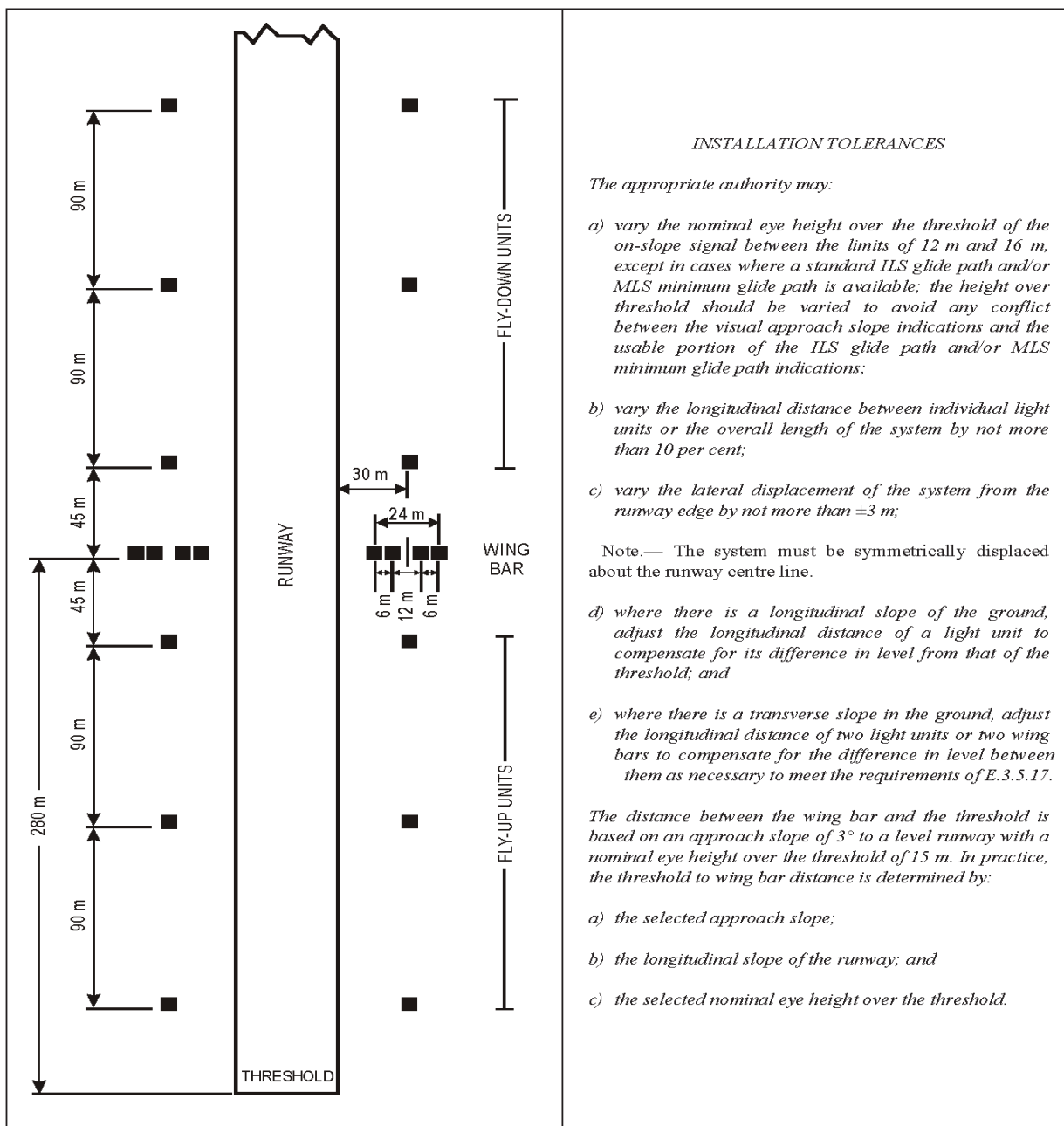
*Wing bar lights and one fly-down light visible      17m to 22m*

*Wing bar lights and two fly-down lights visible      22m to 28m*

*Wing bar lights and three fly-down lights visible      28m to 54m.*

### ***Characteristics of the light units***

- E.3.5.11 The systems shall be suitable for both day and night operations.
- E.3.5.12 The light distribution of the beam of each light unit shall be of fan shape showing over a wide arc in azimuth in the approach direction. The wing bar light units shall produce a beam of white light from 1°54' vertical angle up to 6° vertical angle and a beam of red light from 0° to 1°54' vertical angle. The fly-down light units shall produce a white beam extending from an elevation of 6° down to approximately the approach slope, where it shall have a sharp cut-off. The fly-up light units shall produce a white beam from approximately the approach slope down to 1°54' vertical angle and a red beam below a 1°54' vertical angle. The angle of the top of the red beam in the wing bar units and fly-up units may be increased to comply with E.3.5.22.
- E.3.5.13 The light intensity distribution of the fly-down, wing bar and fly-up light units shall be as acceptable to the Director.



**Figure E-17. Siting of light units for T-VASIS**

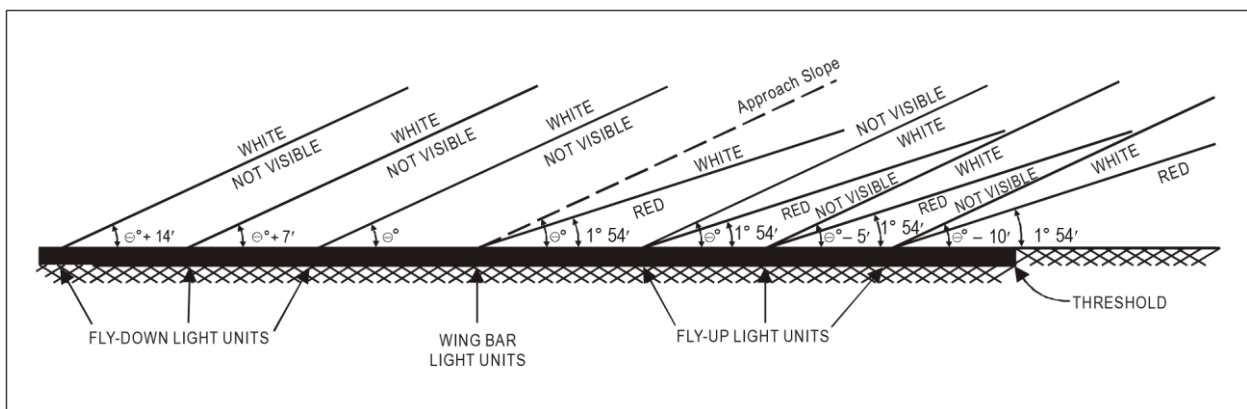
- E.3.5.14 The colour transition from red to white in the vertical plane shall be such as to appear to an observer, at a distance of not less than 300m, to occur over a vertical angle of not more than  $15'$ .
- E.3.5.15 At full intensity the red light shall have a Y coordinate not exceeding 0.320.
- E.3.5.16 A suitable intensity control shall be provided to allow adjustments to meet the prevailing conditions and to avoid dazzling the pilot during approach and landing.
- E.3.5.17 The light units forming the wing bars, or the light units forming a fly-down or a fly-up matched pair, shall be mounted so as to appear to the pilot of an approaching aeroplane to be substantially in a horizontal line. The light units shall be mounted as low as possible and shall be frangible.
- E.3.5.18 The light units shall be so designed that deposits of condensation, dirt, etc., on optically transmitting or reflecting surfaces shall interfere to the least possible extent with the light

signals and shall in no way affect the elevation of the beams or the contrast between the red and white signals.

***Approach slope and elevation setting of light beams***

- E.3.5.19 The approach slope shall be appropriate for use by the aeroplanes using the approach.
- E.3.5.20 When the runway on which a T-VASIS is provided is equipped with an ILS and/or MLS, the siting and elevations of the light units shall be such that the visual approach slope conforms as closely as possible with the glide path of the ILS and/or the minimum glide path of the MLS, as appropriate.
- E.3.5.21 The elevation of the beams of the wing bar light units on both sides of the runway shall be the same. The elevation of the top of the beam of the fly-up light unit nearest to each wing bar, and that of the bottom of the beam of the flydown light unit nearest to each wing bar, shall be equal and shall correspond to the approach slope. The cut-off angle of the top of the beams of successive fly-up light units shall decrease by 5' of arc in angle of elevation at each successive unit away from the wing bar. The cut-in angle of the bottom of the beam of the fly-down light units shall increase by 7' of arc at each successive unit away from the wing bar (see Figure E-18).
- E.3.5.22 The elevation setting of the top of the red light beams of the wing bar and fly-up light units shall be such that, during an approach, the pilot of an aeroplane to whom the wing bar and three fly-up light units are visible would clear all objects in the approach area by a safe margin if any such light did not appear red.
- E.3.5.23 The azimuth spread of the light beam shall be suitably restricted where an object located outside the obstacle protection surface of the system, but within the lateral limits of its light beam, is found to extend above the plane of the obstacle protection surface and an aeronautical study indicates that the object could adversely affect the safety of operations. The extent of the restriction shall be such that the object remains outside the confines of the light beam.

*Note.— See E.3.5.42 to E.3.5.46 concerning the related obstacle protection surface.*



**Figure E-18. Light beams and elevation settings of T-VASIS and AT-VASIS**



**PAPI and APAPI****Description**

- E.3.5.24 The PAPI system shall consist of a wing bar of four sharp transition multi-lamp (or paired single lamp) units equally spaced. The system shall be located on the left side of the runway unless it is physically impracticable to do so.

*Note.— Where a runway is used by aircraft requiring visual roll guidance which is not provided by other external means, then a second wing bar may be provided on the opposite side of the runway.*

- E.3.5.25 The APAPI system shall consist of a wing bar of two sharp transition multi-lamp (or paired single lamp) units. The system shall be located on the left side of the runway unless it is physically impracticable to do so.

*Note.— Where a runway is used by aircraft requiring visual roll guidance which is not provided by other external means, then a second wing bar may be provided on the opposite side of the runway.*

- E.3.5.26 The wing bar of a PAPI shall be constructed and arranged in such a manner that a pilot making an approach will:

- (a) when on or close to the approach slope, see the two units nearest the runway as red and the two units farthest from the runway as white;
- (b) when above the approach slope, see the one unit nearest the runway as red and the three units farthest from the runway as white; and when further above the approach slope, see all the units as white; and
- (c) when below the approach slope, see the three units nearest the runway as red and the unit farthest from the runway as white; and when further below the approach slope, see all the units as red.

- E.3.5.27 The wing bar of an APAPI shall be constructed and arranged in such a manner that a pilot making an approach will:

- (a) when on or close to the approach slope, see the unit nearer the runway as red and the unit farther from the runway as white;
- (b) when above the approach slope, see both the units as white; and
- (c) when below the approach slope, see both the units as red.

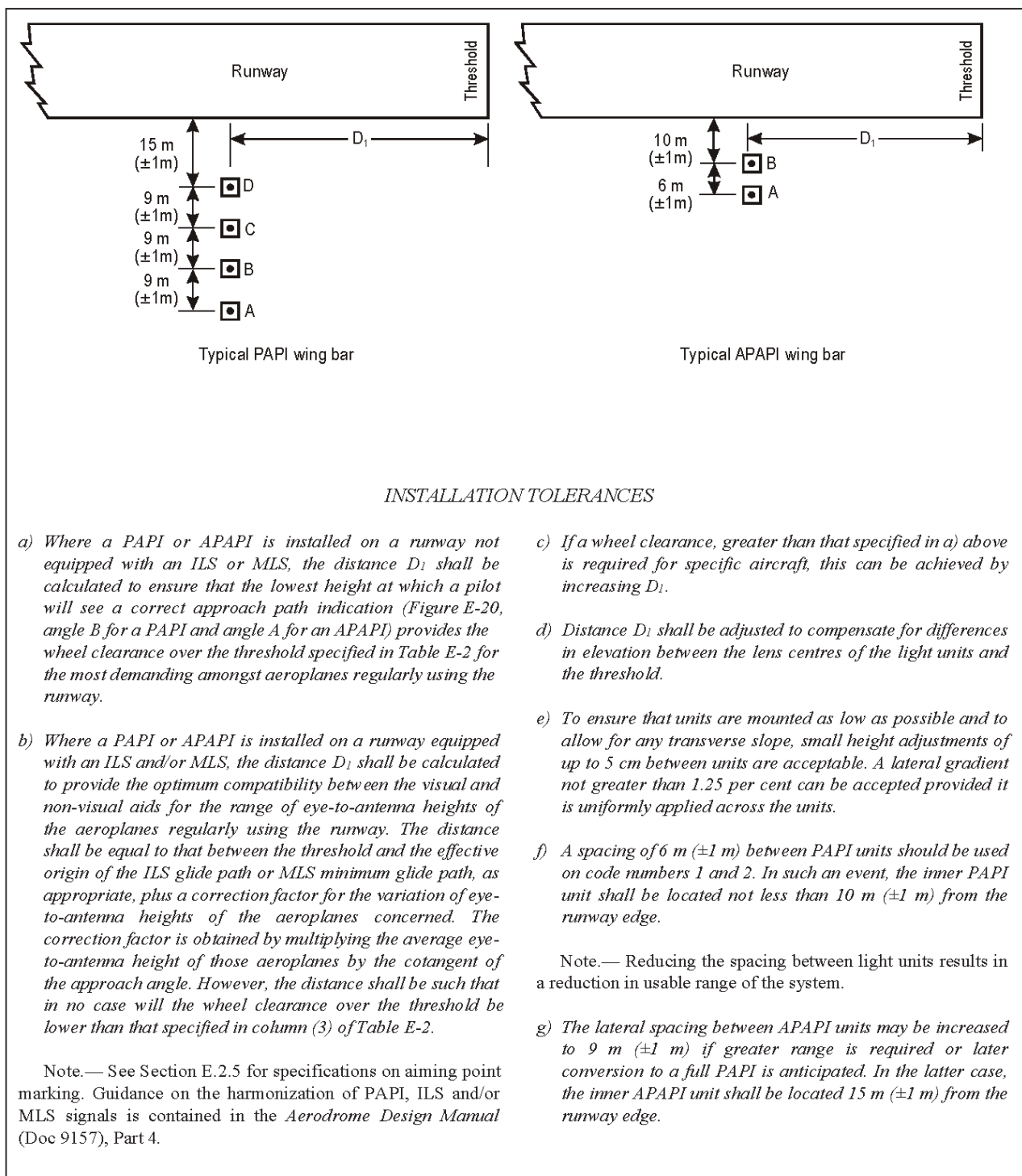
**Siting**

- E.3.5.28 The light units shall be located as in the basic configuration illustrated in Figure E-19, subject to the installation tolerances given therein. The units forming a wing bar shall be mounted so as to appear to the pilot of an approaching aeroplane to be substantially in a horizontal line. The light units shall be mounted as low as possible and shall be frangible.

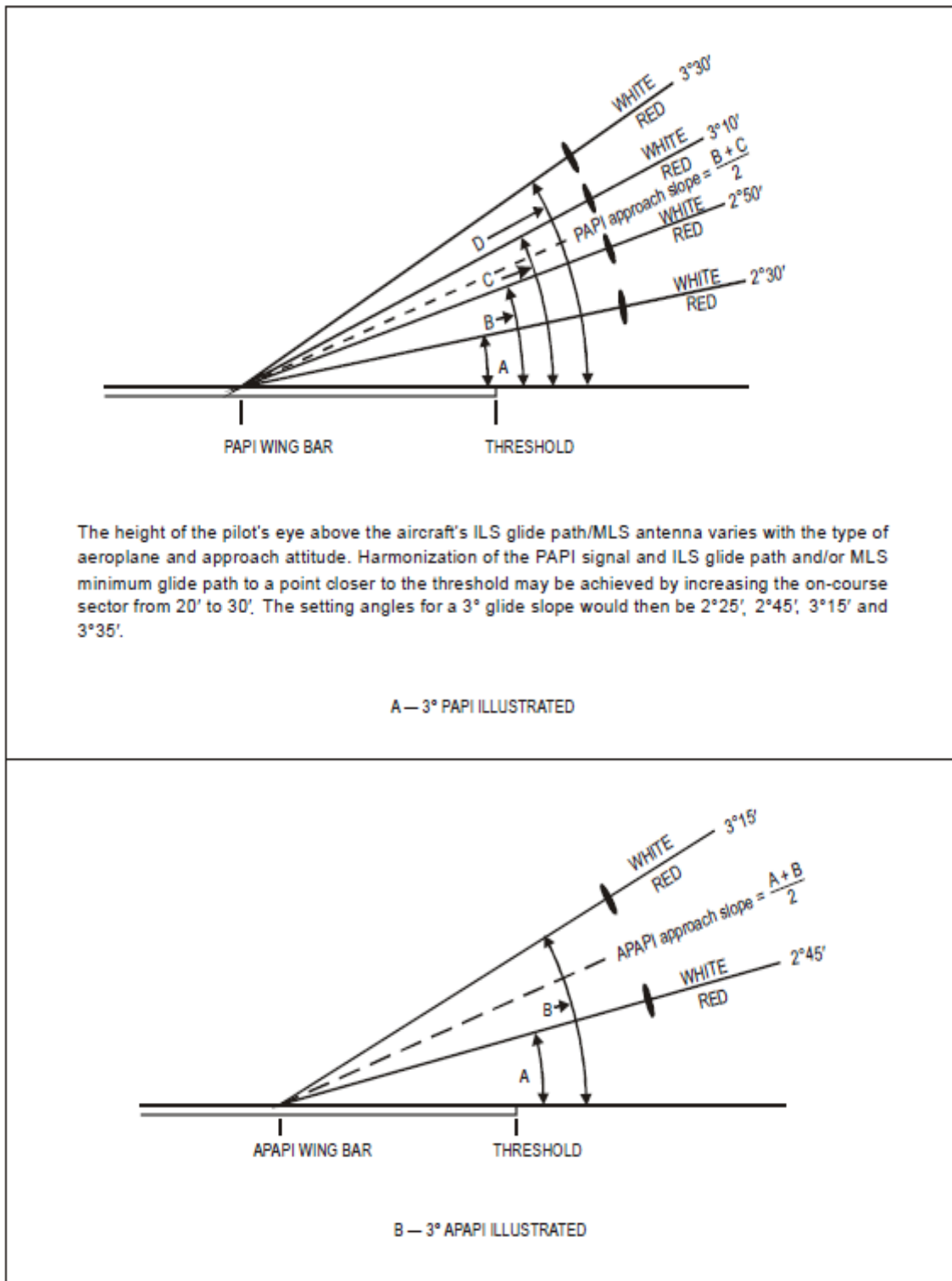
**Characteristics of the light units**

- E.3.5.29 The system shall be suitable for both day and night operations.

- E.3.5.30 The colour transition from red to white in the vertical plane shall be such as to appear to an observer, at a distance of not less than 300m, to occur within a vertical angle of not more than 3'.
- E.3.5.31 At full intensity the red light shall have a Y coordinate not exceeding 0.320.
- E.3.5.32 The light intensity distribution of the light units shall be as acceptable to the Director.
- Note.— See the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-5.3 Visual Aids for navigation – Lights, for additional guidance on the characteristics of light units.*
- E.3.5.33 Suitable intensity control shall be provided so as to allow adjustment to meet the prevailing conditions and to avoid dazzling the pilot during approach and landing.
- E.3.5.34 Each light unit shall be capable of adjustment in elevation so that the lower limit of the white part of the beam may be fixed at any desired angle of elevation between 1°30' and at least 4°30' above the horizontal.
- E.3.5.35 The light units shall be so designed that deposits of condensation, dirt, etc., on optically transmitting or reflecting surfaces shall interfere to the least possible extent with the light signals and shall not affect the contrast between the red and white signals and the elevation of the transition sector.



### E-19. Siting of PAPI and APAPI



**Figure E-20. Light beams and angle of elevation setting of PAPI and APAPI**

**Table E-2. Wheel clearance over threshold for PAPI and APAPI**

Eye-to-wheel height of aeroplane in the approach configuration <sup>a</sup>	Desired wheel clearance (metres) <sup>b,c</sup>	Minimum wheel clearance (metres) <sup>d</sup>
(1)	(2)	(3)
up to but not including 3 m	6	3 <sup>e</sup>
3 m up to but not including 5 m	9	4
5 m up to but not including 8 m	9	5
8 m up to but not including 14 m	9	6
<p>a. In selecting the eye-to-wheel height group, only aeroplanes meant to use the system on a regular basis shall be considered. The most demanding amongst such aeroplanes shall determine the eye-to-wheel height group.</p> <p>b. Where practicable the desired wheel clearances shown in column (2) shall be provided.</p> <p>c. The wheel clearances in column (2) may be reduced to no less than those in column (3) where an aeronautical study indicates that such reduced wheel clearances are acceptable.</p> <p>d. When a reduced wheel clearance is provided at a displaced threshold it shall be ensured that the corresponding desired wheel clearance specified in column (2) will be available when an aeroplane at the top end of the eye-to-wheel height group chosen overflies the extremity of the runway.</p> <p>e. This wheel clearance may be reduced to 1.5 m on runways used mainly by light-weight non-turbojet aeroplanes.</p>		

***Approach slope and elevation setting of light units***

- E.3.5.36 The approach slope as defined in Figure E-20 shall be appropriate for use by the aeroplanes using the approach.
- E.3.5.37 When the runway is equipped with an ILS and/or MLS, the siting and the angle of elevation of the light units shall be such that the visual approach slope conforms as closely as possible with the glide path of the ILS and/or the minimum glide path of the MLS, as appropriate.
- E.3.5.38 The angle of elevation settings of the light units in a PAPI wing bar shall be such that, during an approach, the pilot of an aeroplane observing a signal of one white and three reds will clear all objects in the approach area by a safe margin (see Table E-2).
- E.3.5.39 The angle of elevation settings of the light units in an APAPI wing bar shall be such that, during an approach, the pilot of an aeroplane observing the lowest onslope signal, i.e. one white and one red, will clear all objects in the approach area by a safe margin (see Table E-2).
- E.3.5.40 The azimuth spread of the light beam shall be suitably restricted where an object located outside the obstacle protection surface of the PAPI or APAPI system, but within the lateral limits of its light beam, is found to extend above the plane of the obstacle protection surface and an aeronautical study indicates that the object could adversely affect the safety of operations. The extent of the restriction shall be such that the object remains outside the confines of the light beam.

*Note.— See E.3.5.42 to E.3.5.46 concerning the related obstacle protection surface.*

- E.3.5.41 Where wing bars are installed on each side of the runway to provide roll guidance, corresponding units shall be set at the same angle so that the signals of each wing bar change symmetrically at the same time.

### ***Obstacle protection surface***

*Note.— The following specifications apply to T-VASIS, AT-VASIS, PAPI and APAPI.*

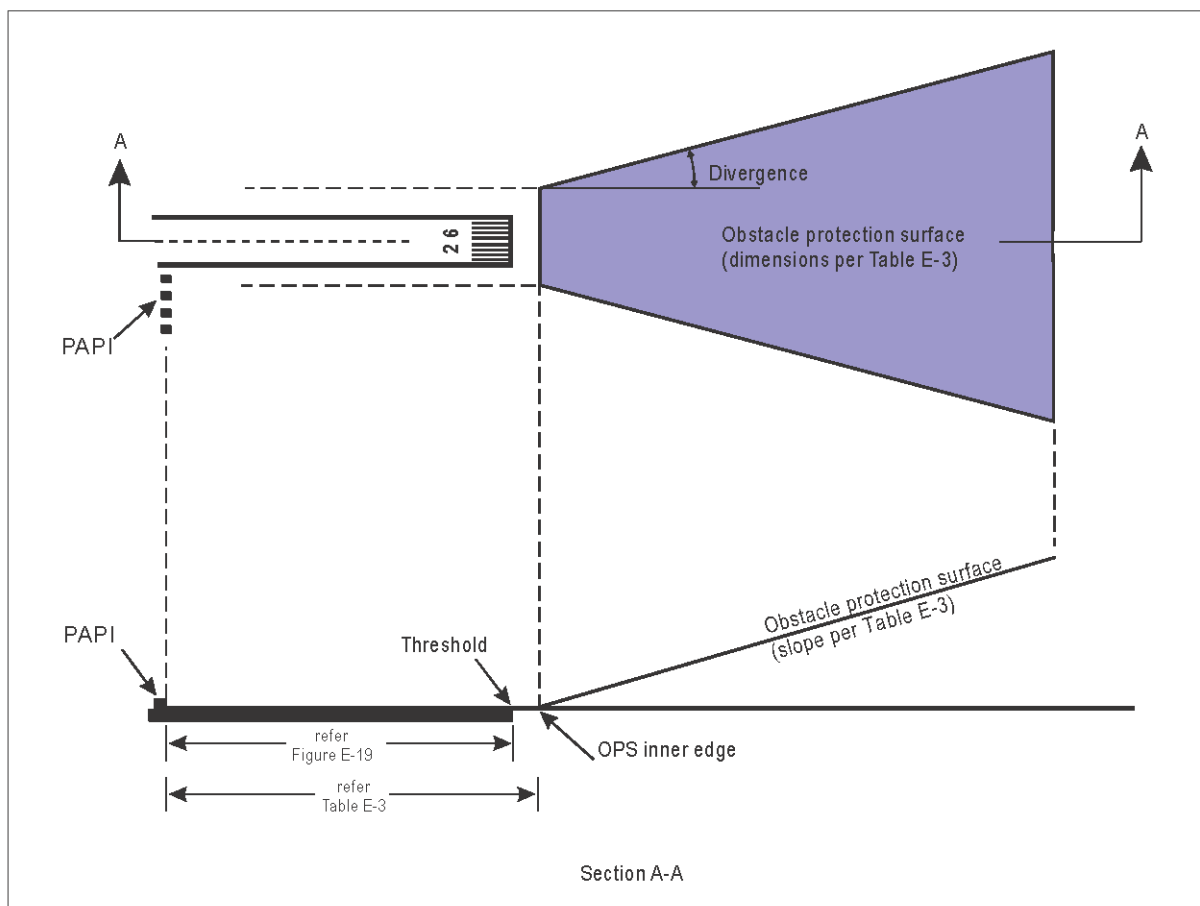
- E.3.5.42 An obstacle protection surface shall be established when it is intended to provide a visual approach slope indicator system.
- E.3.5.43 The characteristics of the obstacle protection surface, i.e. origin, divergence, length and slope, shall correspond to those specified in the relevant column of Table E-3 and in Figure E-21.
- E.3.5.44 New objects or extensions of existing objects shall not be permitted above an obstacle protection surface except when, in the opinion of the appropriate authority, the new object or extension would be shielded by an existing immovable object.

*Note.— Circumstances in which the shielding principle may reasonably be applied are described in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-4 Obstacle Restriction and Removal.*

- E.3.5.45 Existing objects above an obstacle protection surface shall be removed except when, in the opinion of the appropriate authority, the object is shielded by an existing immovable object, or after aeronautical study it is determined that the object would not adversely affect the safety of operations of aeroplanes.

**Table E-3 Dimensions and slopes of the obstacle protection surface**

Surface dimensions	Runway type/code number							
	Non-instrument Code number				Instrument Code number			
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
Length of inner edge	60 m	80 m <sup>a</sup>	150 m	150 m	150 m	150 m	300 m	300 m
Distance from the visual approach slope indicator system <sup>e</sup>	D <sub>1</sub> +30 m	D <sub>1</sub> +60 m	D <sub>1</sub> +60 m	D <sub>1</sub> +60 m	D <sub>1</sub> +60 m	D <sub>1</sub> +60 m	D <sub>1</sub> +60 m	D <sub>1</sub> +60 m
Divergence (each side)	10%	10%	10%	10%	15%	15%	15%	15%
Total length	7 500 m	7 500 m <sup>b</sup>	15 000 m	15 000 m	7 500 m	7 500 m <sup>b</sup>	15 000 m	15 000 m
<i>Slope</i>								
a) T-VASIS and AT-VASIS	— <sup>c</sup>	1.9°	1.9°	1.9°	—	1.9°	1.9°	1.9°
b) PAPI <sup>d</sup>	—	A–0.57°	A–0.57°	A–0.57°	A–0.57°	A–0.57°	A–0.57°	A–0.57°
c) APAPI <sup>d</sup>	A–0.9°	A–0.9°	—	—	A–0.9°	A–0.9°	—	—
a. This length is to be increased to 150 m for a T-VASIS or AT-VASIS. b. This length is to be increased to 15 000 m for a T-VASIS or AT-VASIS. c. No slope has been specified if a system is unlikely to be used on runway type/code number indicated. d. Angles as indicated in Figure E-20. e. D <sub>1</sub> is the distance of the visual approach slope indicator system from threshold prior to any displacement to remedy object penetration of the OPS (refer Figure E-19). The start of the OPS is fixed to the visual approach slope indicator system location, such that displacement of the PAPI results in an equal displacement of the start of the OPS. See E.3.5.46(e).								



**Figure E-21 Obstacle protection surface for visual approach slope indicator systems**

E.3.5.46 Where an aeronautical study indicates that an existing object extending above an obstacle protection surface (OPS) could adversely affect the safety of operations of aeroplanes, one or more of the following measures shall be taken:

- (a) remove the object;
- (b) suitably raise the approach slope of the system;
- (c) reduce the azimuth spread of the system so that the object is outside the confines of the beam;
- (d) displace the axis of the system and its associated obstacle protection surface by no more than 5°; and
- (e) suitably displace the system upwind of the threshold such that the object no longer penetrates the OPS.

*Note 1.— Guidance on this issue is contained in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-5.3 Visual Aids for navigation – Lights*

*Note 2.— The displacement of the system upwind of the threshold reduces the operational landing distance.*

### **E.3.6 Circling guidance lights**

#### ***Application***

- E.3.6.1 Circling guidance lights may be provided when existing approach and runway lighting systems do not satisfactorily permit identification of the runway and/or approach area to a circling aircraft in the conditions for which it is intended the runway be used for circling approaches.

#### ***Location***

- E.3.6.2 The location and number of circling guidance lights shall be adequate to enable a pilot, as appropriate, to:
- (a) join the downwind leg or align and adjust the aircraft's track to the runway at a required distance from it and to distinguish the threshold in passing; and
  - (b) keep in sight the runway threshold and/or other features which will make it possible to judge the turn on to base leg and final approach, taking into account the guidance provided by other visual aids.

- E.3.6.3 Circling guidance lights shall consist of:

- (a) lights indicating the extended centre line of the runway and/or parts of any approach lighting system; or
  - (b) lights indicating the position of the runway threshold; or
  - (c) lights indicating the direction or location of the runway;
- or a combination of such lights as is appropriate to the runway under consideration.

*Note.— Guidance on installation of circling guidance lights is given in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-5.3 Visual Aids for navigation – Lights*

#### ***Characteristics***

- E.3.6.4 Circling guidance lights shall be fixed or flashing lights of an intensity and beam spread adequate for the conditions of visibility and ambient light in which it is intended to make visual circling approaches. The flashing lights shall be white, and the steady lights either white or gaseous discharge lights.
- E.3.6.5 The lights shall be designed and be installed in such a manner that they will not dazzle or confuse a pilot when approaching to land, taking off or taxiing.

### **E.3.7 Runway lead-in lighting systems**

#### ***Application***

- E.3.7.1 A runway lead-in lighting system may be provided where it is desired to provide visual guidance along a specific approach path, for reasons such as avoiding hazardous terrain or for purposes of noise abatement.

*Note.— Guidance on providing lead-in lighting systems is given in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-5.3 Visual Aids for navigation – Lights*



***Location***

- E.3.7.2 A runway lead-in lighting system shall consist of groups of lights positioned so as to define the desired approach path and so that one group may be sighted from the preceding group. The interval between adjacent groups shall not exceed approximately 1600m.

*Note.— Runway lead-in lighting systems may be curved, straight or a combination thereof.*

- E.3.7.3 A runway lead-in lighting system shall extend from a point as determined by the appropriate authority, up to a point where the approach lighting system, if provided, or the runway or the runway lighting system is in view.

***Characteristics***

- E.3.7.4 Each group of lights of a runway lead-in lighting system shall consist of at least three flashing lights in a linear or cluster configuration. The system may be augmented by steady burning lights where such lights would assist in identifying the system.
- E.3.7.5 The flashing lights and the steady burning lights shall be white.
- E.3.7.6 Where practicable, the flashing lights in each group shall flash in sequence towards the runway.

**E.3.8 Runway threshold identification lights*****Application***

- E.3.8.1 Runway threshold identification lights shall be installed:
- (a) at the threshold of a non-precision approach runway when additional threshold conspicuity is necessary or where it is not practicable to provide other approach lighting aids; and
  - (b) where a runway threshold is permanently displaced from the runway extremity or temporarily displaced from the normal position and additional threshold conspicuity is necessary.

***Location***

- E.3.8.2 Runway threshold identification lights shall be located symmetrically about the runway centre line, in line with the threshold and approximately 10m outside each line of runway edge lights.

***Characteristics***

- E.3.8.3 Runway threshold identification lights, shall be flashing white lights with a flash frequency between 60 and 120 per minute.
- E.3.8.4 The lights shall be visible only in the direction of approach to the runway.

**E.3.9 Runway edge lights*****Application***

- E.3.9.1 Runway edge lights shall be provided for a runway intended for use at night or for a precision approach runway intended for use by day or night.
- E.3.9.2 Runway edge lights shall be provided on a runway intended for take-off with an operating minimum below an RVR of the order of 800m by day.

***Location***

- E.3.9.3 Runway edge lights shall be placed along the full length of the runway and shall be in two parallel rows equidistant from the centre line.
- E.3.9.4 Runway edge lights shall be placed along the edges of the area declared for use as the runway or outside the edges of the area at a distance of not more than 3m.
- E.3.9.5 Where the width of the area which could be declared as runway exceeds 60m, the distance between the rows of lights shall be determined taking into account the nature of the operations, the light distribution characteristics of the runway edge lights, and other visual aids serving the runway.
- E.3.9.6 The lights shall be uniformly spaced in rows at intervals of not more than 60m for an instrument runway, and at intervals of not more than 100m for a non-instrument runway. The lights on opposite sides of the runway axis shall be on lines at right angles to that axis. At intersections of runways, lights may be spaced irregularly or omitted, provided that adequate guidance remains available to the pilot.

***Characteristics***

- E.3.9.7 Runway edge lights shall be fixed lights showing variable white, except that:
- (a) in the case of a displaced threshold, the lights between the beginning of the runway and the displaced threshold shall show red in the approach direction; and
  - (b) a section of the lights 600m or one-third of the runway length, whichever is the less, at the remote end of the runway from the end at which the take-off run is started, may show yellow.
- E.3.9.8 The runway edge lights shall show at all angles in azimuth necessary to provide guidance to a pilot landing or taking off in either direction. When the runway edge lights are intended to provide circling guidance, they shall show at all angles in azimuth (see E.3.6.1).
- E.3.9.9 In all angles of azimuth required in E.3.9.8, runway edge lights shall show at angles up to 15° above the horizontal with an intensity adequate for the conditions of visibility and ambient light in which use of the runway for take-off or landing is intended. In any case, the intensity shall be at least 50 cd except that at an aerodrome without extraneous lighting, the intensity of the lights may be reduced to not less than 25 cd to avoid dazzling the pilot.
- E.3.9.10 Runway edge lights on a precision approach runway shall be in accordance with the specifications acceptable to the Director.

**E.3.10 Runway threshold and wing bar lights**

(see Figure E-22)

***Application of runway threshold lights***

- E.3.10.1 Runway threshold lights shall be provided for a runway equipped with runway edge lights, except on a noninstrument or non-precision approach runway where the threshold is displaced and wing bar lights are provided.

***Location of runway threshold lights***

- E.3.10.2 When a threshold is at the extremity of a runway, the threshold lights shall be placed in a row at right angles to the runway axis as near to the extremity of the runway as possible and, in any case, not more than 3m outside the extremity.
- E.3.10.3 When a threshold is displaced from the extremity of a runway, threshold lights shall be placed in a row at right angles to the runway axis at the displaced threshold.
- E.3.10.4 Threshold lighting shall consist of:
- (a) on a non-instrument or non-precision approach runway, at least six lights;
  - (b) on a precision approach runway category I, at least the number of lights that would be required if the lights were uniformly spaced at intervals of 3m between the rows of runway edge lights; and
  - (c) on a precision approach runway category II or III, lights uniformly spaced between the rows of runway edge lights at intervals of not more than 3m.
- E.3.10.5 The lights prescribed in E.3.10.4(a) and (b) shall be either:
- (a) equally spaced between the rows of runway edge lights; or
  - (b) symmetrically disposed about the runway centre line in two groups, with the lights uniformly spaced in each group and with a gap between the groups equal to the gauge of the touchdown zone marking or lighting, where such is provided, or otherwise not more than half the distance between the rows of runway edge lights.

***Application of wing bar lights***

- E.3.10.6 Wing bar lights may be provided on a precision approach runway when additional conspicuity is considered desirable.
- E.3.10.7 Wing bar lights shall be provided on a non-instrument or non-precision approach runway where the threshold is displaced and runway threshold lights are required, but are not provided.

***Location of wing bar lights***

- E.3.10.8 Wing bar lights shall be symmetrically disposed about the runway centre line at the threshold in two groups, i.e. wing bars. Each wing bar shall be formed by at least five lights extending at least 10m outward from, and at right angles to, the line of the runway edge lights, with the innermost light of each wing bar in the line of the runway edge lights.

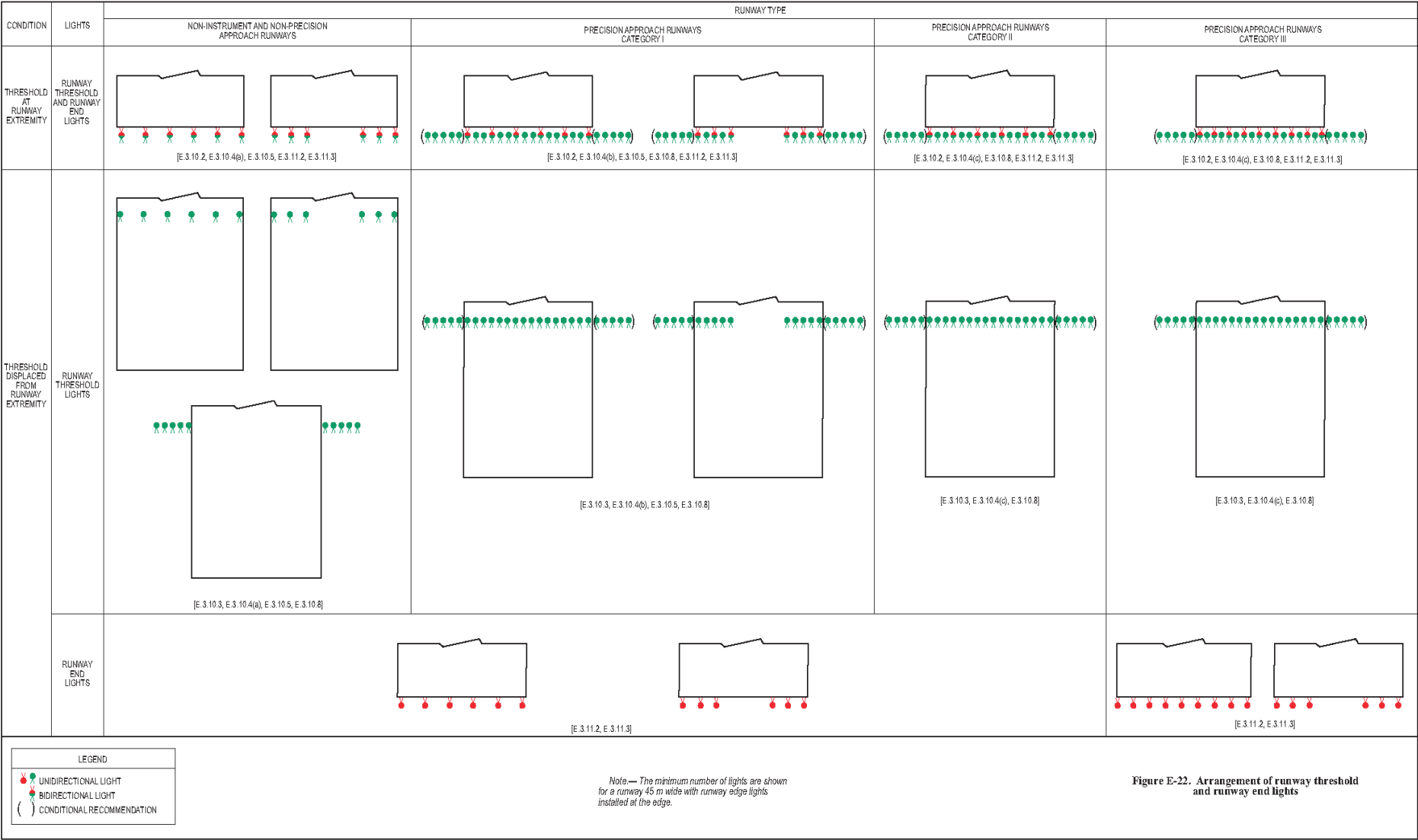


Figure E-22 Arrangement of runway threshold and runway end lights

***Characteristics of runway threshold and wing bar lights***

- E.3.10.9 Runway threshold and wing bar lights shall be fixed unidirectional lights showing green in the direction of approach to the runway. The intensity and beam spread of the lights shall be adequate for the conditions of visibility and ambient light in which use of the runway is intended.
- E.3.10.10 Runway threshold lights on a precision approach runway shall be in accordance with the specifications acceptable to the Director.
- E.3.10.11 Threshold wing bar lights on a precision approach runway shall be in accordance with the specifications acceptable to the Director.

**E.3.11 Runway end lights**

(see Figure E-22)

***Application***

- E.3.11.1 Runway end lights shall be provided for a runway equipped with runway edge lights.

*Note.— When the threshold is at the runway extremity, fittings serving as threshold lights may be used as runway end lights.*

***Location***

- E.3.11.2 Runway end lights shall be placed on a line at right angles to the runway axis as near to the end of the runway as possible and, in any case, not more than 3m outside the end.
- E.3.11.3 Runway end lighting, shall consist of at least six lights. The lights shall be either:
- (a) equally spaced between the rows of runway edge lights; or
  - (b) symmetrically disposed about the runway centre line in two groups with the lights uniformly spaced in each group and with a gap between the groups of not more than half the distance between the rows of runway edge lights.

For a precision approach runway category III, the spacing between runway end lights, except between the two innermost lights if a gap is used, shall not exceed 6m.

***Characteristics***

- E.3.11.4 Runway end lights shall be fixed unidirectional lights showing red in the direction of the runway. The intensity and beam spread of the lights shall be adequate for the conditions of visibility and ambient light in which use of the runway is intended.
- E.3.11.5 Runway end lights on a precision approach runway shall be in accordance with the specifications acceptable to the Director.

**E.3.12 Runway centre line lights*****Application***

- E.3.12.1 Runway centre line lights shall be provided on a precision approach runway category II or III.

- E.3.12.2 Runway centre line lights shall be provided on a precision approach runway category I, particularly when the runway is used by aircraft with high landing speeds or where the width between the runway edge lights is greater than 50m.
- E.3.12.3 Runway centre line lights shall be provided on a runway intended to be used for take-off with an operating minimum below an RVR of the order of 400m.
- E.3.12.4 Runway centre line lights shall be provided on a runway intended to be used for takeoff with an operating minimum of an RVR of the order of 400m or higher when used by aeroplanes with a very high take-off speed, particularly where the width between the runway edge lights is greater than 50m.

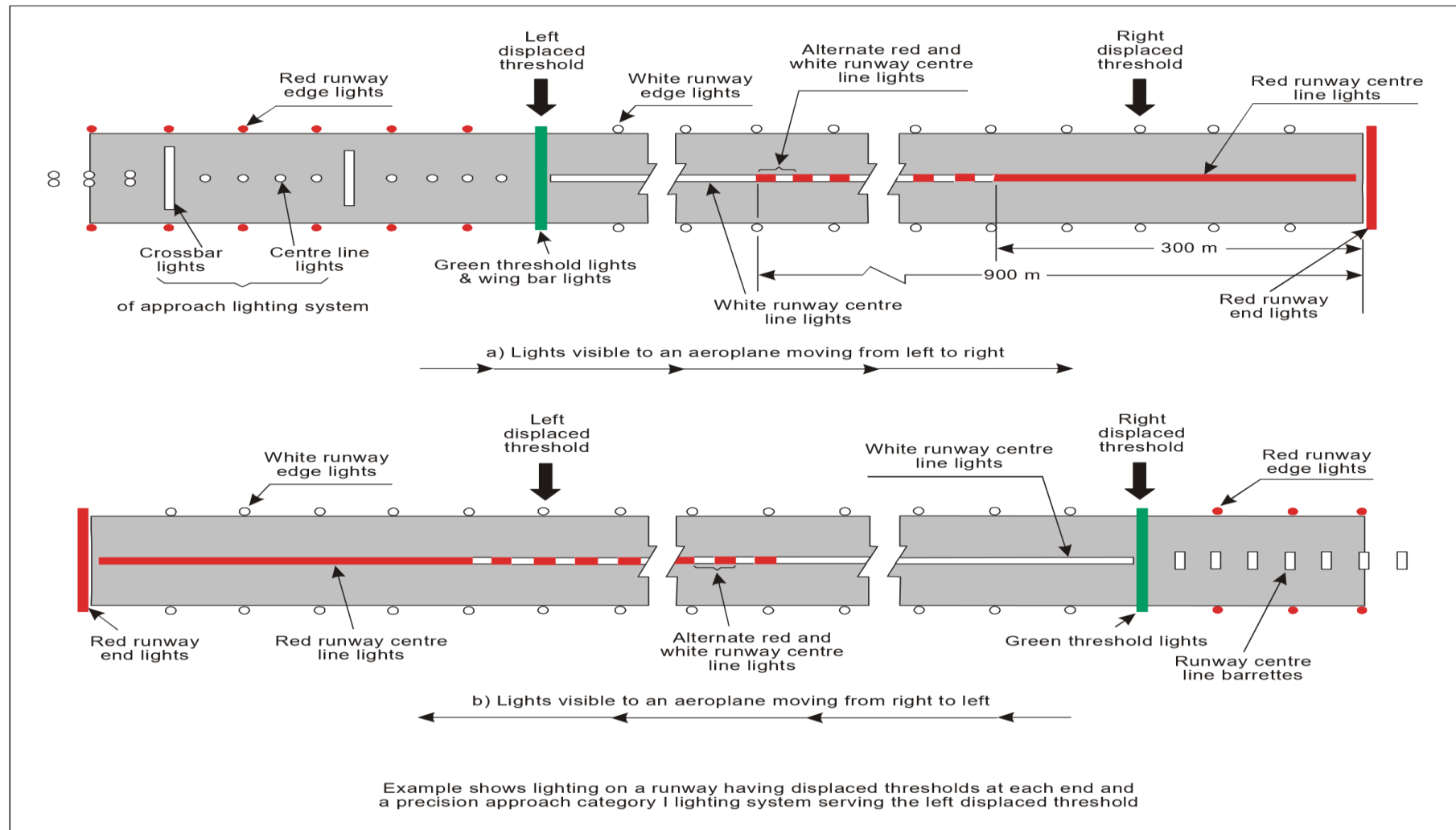
***Location***

- E.3.12.5 Runway centre line lights shall be located along the centre line of the runway, except that the lights may be uniformly offset to the same side of the runway centre line by not more than 60cm where it is not practicable to locate them along the centre line. The lights shall be located from the threshold to the end at longitudinal spacing of approximately 15m. Where the serviceability level of the runway centre line lights specified as maintenance objectives in J.5.7 or J.5.11, as appropriate, can be demonstrated and the runway is intended for use in runway visual range conditions of 350m or greater, the longitudinal spacing may be approximately 30m.

*Note.— Existing centre line lighting where lights are spaced at 7.5m need not be replaced.*

- E.3.12.6 Centre line guidance for take-off from the beginning of a runway to a displaced threshold shall be provided by:
- (a) an approach lighting system if its characteristics and intensity settings afford the guidance required during take-off and it does not dazzle the pilot of an aircraft taking off; or
  - (b) runway centre line lights; or
  - (c) barrettes of at least 3m in length and spaced at uniform intervals of 30m, as shown in Figure E-23, designed so that their photometric characteristics and intensity setting afford the guidance required during take-off without dazzling the pilot of an aircraft taking off.

Where necessary, provision shall be made to extinguish those centre line lights specified in (b) or reset the intensity of the approach lighting system or barrettes when the runway is being used for landing. In no case shall only the single source runway centre line lights show from the beginning of the runway to a displaced threshold when the runway is being used for landing.



**Figure E-23. Example of approach and runway lighting for runway with displaced thresholds**

**Characteristics**

- E.3.12.7 Runway centre line lights shall be fixed lights showing variable white from the threshold to the point 900m from the runway end; alternate red and variable white from 900m to 300m from the runway end; and red from 300m to the runway end, except that for runways less than 1800m in length, the alternate red and variable white lights shall extend from the midpoint of the runway usable for landing to 300m from the runway end.

*Note.— Care is required in the design of the electrical system to ensure that failure of part of the electrical system will not result in a false indication of the runway distance remaining.*

- E.3.12.8 Runway centre line lights shall be in accordance with the specifications acceptable to the Director.

**E.3.13 Runway touchdown zone lights****Application**

- E.3.13.1 Touchdown zone (TDZ) lights shall be provided in the touchdown zone of a precision approach runway category II or III.

**Location**

- E.3.13.2 Touchdown zone lights shall extend from the threshold for a longitudinal distance of 900m, except that, on runways less than 1800m in length, the system shall be shortened so that it does not extend beyond the midpoint of the runway. The pattern shall be formed by pairs of barrettes symmetrically located about the runway centre line. The lateral spacing between the innermost lights of a pair of barrettes shall be equal to the lateral spacing selected for the touchdown zone marking. The longitudinal spacing between pairs of barrettes shall be either 30m or 60m.

*Note.— To allow for operations at lower visibility minima, it may be advisable to use a 30m longitudinal spacing between barrettes.*

**Characteristics**

- E.3.13.3 A barrette shall be composed of at least three lights with a spacing between the lights of not more than 1.5m.
- E.3.13.4 A barrette shall be not less than 3m nor more than 4.5m in length.
- E.3.13.5 Touchdown zone lights shall be fixed unidirectional lights showing variable white.
- E.3.13.6 Touchdown zone lights shall be in accordance with the specifications acceptable to the Director.

**E.3.14 Simple touchdown zone lights**

*Note.— The purpose of simple touchdown zone lights is to provide pilots with enhanced situational awareness in all visibility conditions and to help enable pilots to decide whether to commence a go-around if the aircraft has not landed by a certain point on the runway. It is essential that pilots operating at aerodromes with simple touchdown zone lights be familiar with the purpose of these lights.*



### Application

- E.3.14.1 Except where TDZ lights are provided in accordance with paragraph E.3.13 where the approach angle is greater than 3.5 degrees and/or the Landing Distance Available combined with other factors increases the risk of an overrun, simple touchdown zone lights shall be provided.

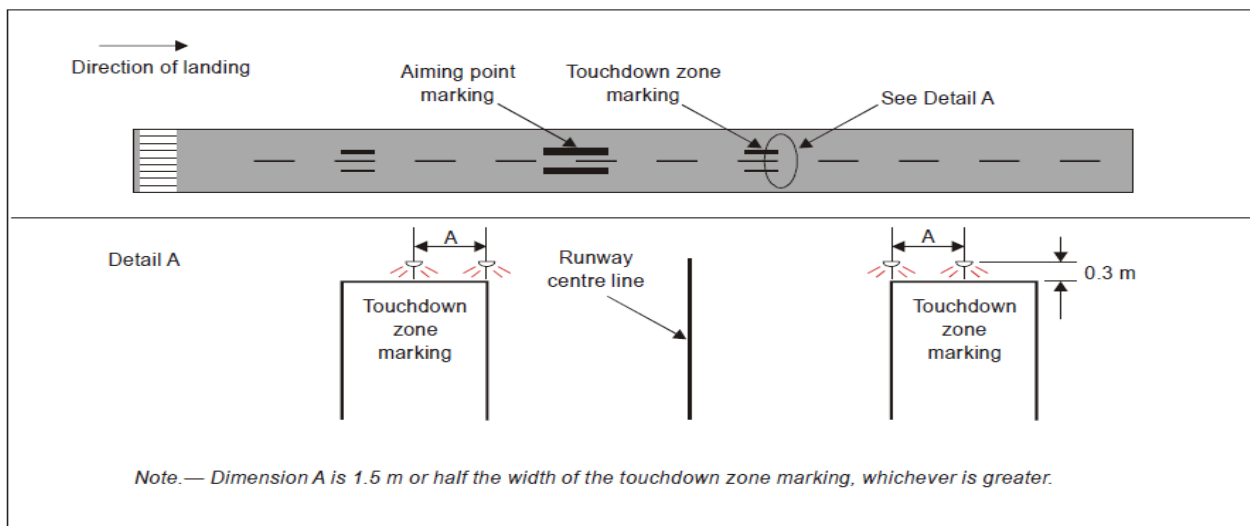
### Location

- E.3.14.2 Simple touchdown zone lights shall be a pair of lights located on each side of the runway centre line 0.3m beyond the upwind edge of the final touchdown zone marking. The lateral spacing between the inner lights of the two pairs of lights shall be equal to the lateral spacing selected for the touchdown zone marking. The spacing between the lights of the same pair shall not be more than 1.5m or half the width of the touchdown zone marking, whichever is greater. (See Figure E-24.)
- E.3.14.3 Where provided on a runway without TDZ markings, simple touchdown zone lights shall be installed in such a position that provides the equivalent TDZ information.

### Characteristics

- E.3.14.4 Simple touchdown zone lights shall be fixed unidirectional lights showing variable white, aligned so as to be visible to the pilot of a landing aeroplane in the direction of approach to the runway.
- E.3.14.5 Simple touchdown zone lights shall be in accordance with the specifications acceptable to the Director.

*Note.— As a good operating practice, simple touchdown zone lights are supplied with power on a separate circuit to other runway lighting so that they may be used when other lighting is switched off.*



**Figure E-24. Simple touchdown zone lighting**

### E.3.15 Rapid exit taxiway indicator lights

*Note.— The purpose of rapid exit taxiway indicator lights (RETILs) is to provide pilots with distance-to-go information to the nearest rapid exit taxiway on the runway, to enhance situational awareness in low visibility conditions and enable pilots to apply braking action for more efficient roll-out and runway exit speeds. It is essential that pilots*

*operating at aerodromes with runway(s) displaying rapid exit taxiway indicator lights be familiar with the purpose of these lights.*

### **Application**

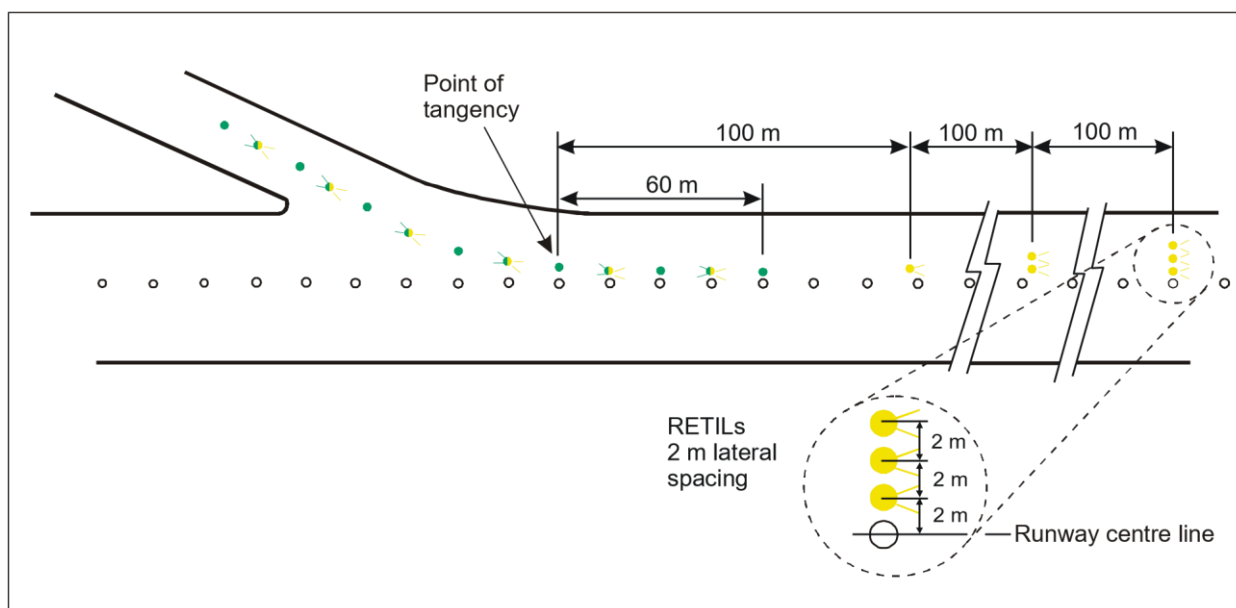
- E.3.15.1 Rapid exit taxiway indicator lights shall be provided on a runway intended for use in runway visual range conditions less than a value of 350m and/or where the traffic density is heavy.

*Note.— See Attachment A, Section 14 (CASA Advisory Circular AC139-5.3 Visual Aids for navigation – Lights).*

- E.3.15.2 Rapid exit taxiway indicator lights shall not be displayed in the event of any lamp failure or other failure that prevents the display of the light pattern depicted in Figure E-25, in full.

### **Location**

- E.3.15.3 A set of rapid exit taxiway indicator lights shall be located on the runway on the same side of the runway centre line as the associated rapid exit taxiway, in the configuration shown in Figure E-25. In each set, the lights shall be located 2m apart and the light nearest to the runway centre line shall be displaced 2m from the runway centre line.
- E.3.15.4 Where more than one rapid exit taxiway exists on a runway, the set of rapid exit taxiway indicator lights for each exit shall not overlap when displayed.



**Figure E-25. Rapid exit taxiway indicator lights (RETILs)**

### **Characteristics**

- E.3.15.5 Rapid exit taxiway indicator lights shall be fixed unidirectional yellow lights, aligned so as to be visible to the pilot of a landing aeroplane in the direction of approach to the runway.
- E.3.15.6 Rapid exit taxiway indicator lights shall be in accordance with the specifications acceptable to the Director, as appropriate.
- E.3.15.7 Rapid exit taxiway indicator lights shall be supplied with power on a separate circuit to other runway lighting so that they may be used when other lighting is switched off.

**E.3.16 Stopway lights*****Application***

- E.3.16.1 Stopway lights shall be provided for a stopway intended for use at night.

***Location***

- E.3.16.2 Stopway lights shall be placed along the full length of the stopway and shall be in two parallel rows that are equidistant from the centre line and coincident with the rows of the runway edge lights. Stopway lights shall also be provided across the end of a stopway on a line at right angles to the stopway axis as near to the end of the stopway as possible and, in any case, not more than 3m outside the end.

***Characteristics***

- E.3.16.3 Stopway lights shall be fixed unidirectional lights showing red in the direction of the runway.

**E.3.17 Taxiway centre line lights*****Application***

- E.3.17.1 Taxiway centre line lights shall be provided on an exit taxiway, taxiway and apron intended for use in runway visual range conditions less than a value of 350m in such a manner as to provide continuous guidance between the runway centre line and aircraft stands, except that these lights need not be provided where the traffic density is light and taxiway edge lights and centre line marking provide adequate guidance.
- E.3.17.2 Taxiway centre line lights may be provided on a taxiway intended for use at night in runway visual range conditions of 350m or greater, and particularly on complex taxiway intersections and exit taxiways, except that these lights need not be provided where the traffic density is light and taxiway edge lights and centre line marking provide adequate guidance.

*Note.— Where there may be a need to delineate the edges of a taxiway, e.g. on a rapid exit taxiway, or narrow taxiway, this may be done with taxiway edge lights or markers.*

- E.3.17.3 Taxiway centre line lights may be provided on an exit taxiway, taxiway and apron in all visibility conditions where specified as components of an advanced surface movement guidance and control system in such a manner as to provide continuous guidance between the runway centre line and aircraft stands.
- E.3.17.4 Taxiway centre line lights shall be provided on a runway forming part of a standard taxi-route and intended for taxiing in runway visual range conditions less than a value of 350m, except that these lights need not be provided where the traffic density is light and taxiway edge lights and centre line marking provide adequate guidance.

*Note.— See H.2.3 for provisions concerning the interlocking of runway and taxiway lighting systems.*

- E.3.17.5 Taxiway centre line lights may be provided in all visibility conditions on a runway forming part of a standard taxi-route where specified as components of an advanced surface movement guidance and control system.

### *Characteristics*

- E.3.17.6 Except as provided for in E.3.17.8, taxiway centre line lights on a taxiway other than an exit taxiway and on a runway forming part of a standard taxi-route shall be fixed lights showing green with beam dimensions such that the light is visible only from aeroplanes on or in the vicinity of the taxiway.
- E.3.17.7 Taxiway centre line lights on an exit taxiway shall be fixed lights. Alternate taxiway centre line lights shall show green and yellow from their beginning near the runway centre line to the perimeter of the ILS/MLS critical/sensitive area or the lower edge of the inner transitional surface, whichever is farthest from the runway; and thereafter all lights shall show green (Figure E-26). The first light in the exit centre line shall always show green, and the light nearest to the perimeter shall always show yellow.

*Note 1.— Care is necessary to limit the light distribution of green lights on or near a runway so as to avoid possible confusion with threshold lights.*

*Note 2.— For yellow filter characteristics see Appendix 1, 2.2.*

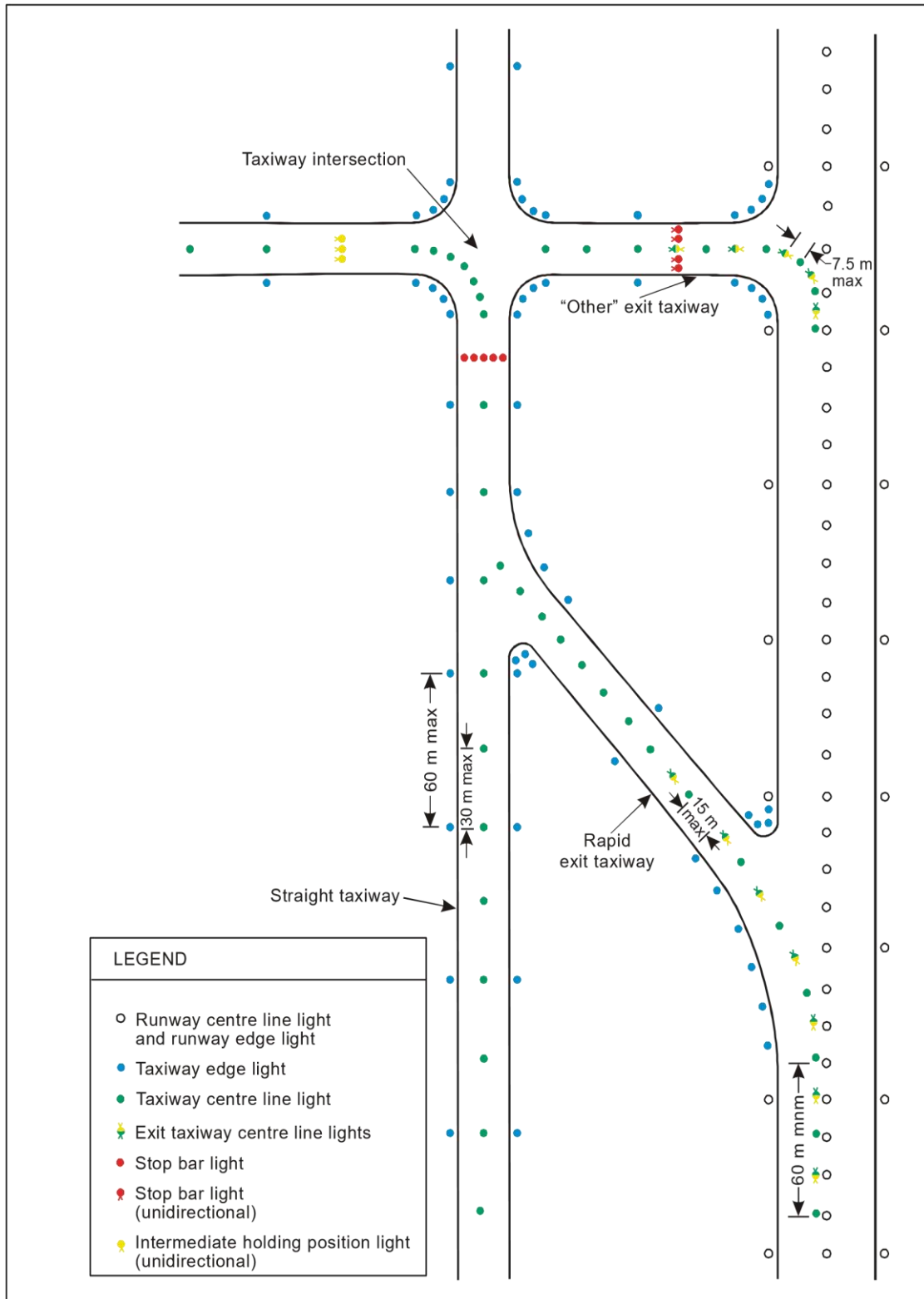
*Note 3.— The size of the ILS/MLS critical/sensitive area depends on the characteristics of the associated ILS/MLS and other factors. Guidance is provided in Annex 10, Volume I, Attachments C and G.*

*Note 4.— See E.4.3 for specifications on runway vacated signs.*

- E.3.17.8 Where it is necessary to denote the proximity to a runway, taxiway centre line lights shall be fixed lights showing alternating green and yellow from the perimeter of the ILS/MLS critical/sensitive area or the lower edge of the inner transitional surface, whichever is farthest from the runway, to the runway and continue alternating green and yellow until:
- (a) their end point near the runway centre line; or
  - (b) in the case of the taxiway centre line lights crossing the runway, to the opposite perimeter of the ILS/MLS critical/sensitive area or the lower edge of the inner transitional surface, whichever is farthest from the runway.

*Note 1.— Care is necessary to limit the light distribution of green lights on or near a runway so as to avoid possible confusion with threshold lights.*

*Note 2.— The provisions of E.3.17.8 can form part of effective runway incursion prevention measures.*



**Figure E-26. Taxiway lighting**

E.3.17.9 Taxiway centre line lights shall be in accordance with the specifications acceptable to the Director:

- for taxiways intended for use in runway visual range conditions of less than a value of 350m; and
- for other taxiways.

E.3.17.10 Where higher intensities are required from an operational point of view, taxiway centre line lights on rapid exit taxiways intended for use in runway visual range conditions less

than a value of 350m shall be in accordance with the specifications acceptable to the Director. The number of levels of brilliancy settings for these lights shall be the same as that for the runway centre line lights.

- E.3.17.11 Where taxiway centre line lights are specified as components of an advanced surface movement guidance and control system and where, from an operational point of view, higher intensities are required to maintain ground movements at a certain speed in very low visibilities or in bright daytime conditions, taxiway centre line lights shall be in accordance with the specifications acceptable to the Director.

*Note.— High-intensity centre line lights shall only be used in case of an absolute necessity and following a specific study.*

***Location***

- E.3.17.12 Taxiway centre line lights shall be located on the taxiway centre line marking, except that they may be offset by not more than 30 cm where it is not practicable to locate them on the marking.

***Taxiway centre line lights on taxiways***

***Location***

- E.3.17.13 Taxiway centre line lights on a straight section of a taxiway shall be spaced at longitudinal intervals of not more than 30m, except that:
- (a) larger intervals not exceeding 60m shall be used where, because of the prevailing meteorological conditions, adequate guidance is provided by such spacing;
  - (b) intervals less than 30m shall be provided on short straight sections; and
  - (c) on a taxiway intended for use in RVR conditions of less than a value of 350m, the longitudinal spacing shall not exceed 15m.
- E.3.17.14 Taxiway centre line lights on a taxiway curve shall continue from the straight portion of the taxiway at a constant distance from the outside edge of the taxiway curve. The lights shall be spaced at intervals such that a clear indication of the curve is provided.
- E.3.17.15 On a taxiway intended for use in RVR conditions of less than a value of 350m, the lights on a curve shall not exceed a spacing of 15m, and on a curve of less than 400m radius the lights shall be spaced at intervals of not greater than 7.5m. This spacing shall extend for 60m before and after the curve.

*Note 1.— Spacings on curves that have been found suitable for a taxiway intended for use in RVR conditions of 350m or greater are:*

Curve radius	Light spacing
<i>up to 400 m</i>	<i>7.5 m</i>
<i>401 m to 899 m</i>	<i>15 m</i>
<i>900 m or greater</i>	<i>30 m.</i>

*Note 2.— See C.9.5 and Figure C-2.*

***Taxiway centre line lights on rapid exit taxiways******Location***

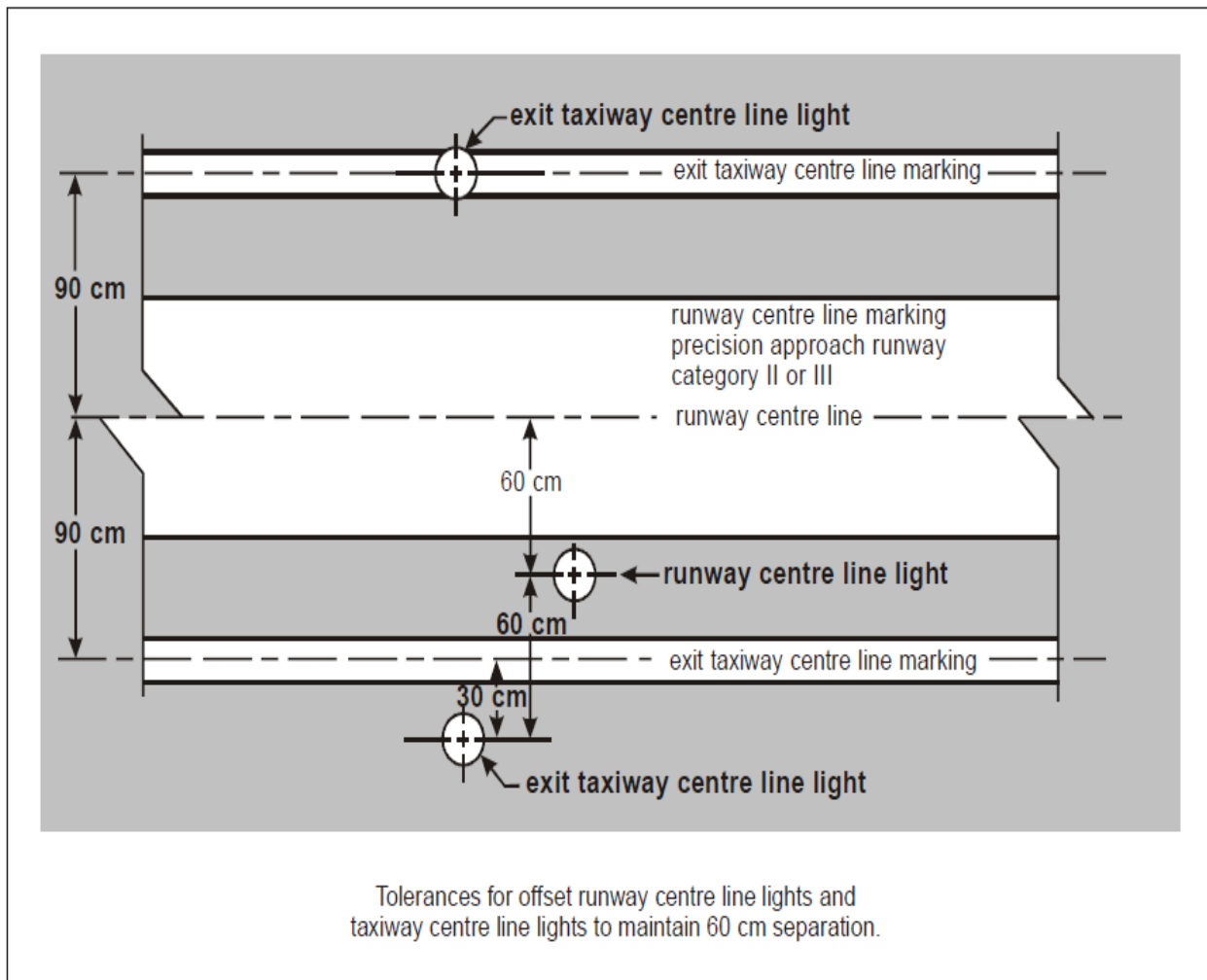
- E.3.17.16 Taxiway centre line lights on a rapid exit taxiway, shall commence at a point at least 60m before the beginning of the taxiway centre line curve and continue beyond the end of the curve to a point on the centre line of the taxiway where an aeroplane can be expected to reach normal taxiing speed. The lights on that portion parallel to the runway centre line shall always be at least 60cm from any row of runway centre line lights, as shown in Figure E-27.
- E.3.17.17 The lights shall be spaced at longitudinal intervals of not more than 15m, except that, where runway centre line lights are not provided, a greater interval not exceeding 30m may be used.

***Taxiway centre line lights on other exit taxiways******Location***

- E.3.17.18 Taxiway centre line lights on exit taxiways other than rapid exit taxiways shall commence at the point where the taxiway centre line marking begins to curve from the runway centre line, and follow the curved taxiway centre line marking at least to the point where the marking leaves the runway. The first light shall be at least 60cm from any row of runway centre line lights, as shown in Figure E-27.
- E.3.17.19 The lights, shall be spaced at longitudinal intervals of not more than 7.5m.

***Taxiway centre line lights on runways******Location***

- E.3.17.20 Taxiway centre line lights on a runway forming part of a standard taxi-route and intended for taxiing in runway visual range conditions less than a value of 350m shall be spaced at longitudinal intervals not exceeding 15m.



**Figure E-27. Offset runway and taxiway centre line lights**

### **E.3.18 Taxiway edge lights**

#### ***Application***

- E.3.18.1 Taxiway edge lights shall be provided at the edges of a runway turn pad, holding bay, apron, etc., intended for use at night and on a taxiway not provided with taxiway centre line lights and intended for use at night, except that taxiway edge lights need not be provided where, considering the nature of the operations, adequate guidance can be achieved by surface illumination or other means.

*Note.*— See E.5.5 for taxiway edge markers.

- E.3.18.2 Taxiway edge lights shall be provided on a runway forming part of a standard taxi-route and intended for taxiing at night where the runway is not provided with taxiway centre line lights.

*Note.*— See H.2.3 for provisions concerning the interlocking of runway and taxiway lighting systems.

#### ***Location***

- E.3.18.3 Taxiway edge lights on a straight section of a taxiway and on a runway forming part of a standard taxi-route, shall be spaced at uniform longitudinal intervals of not more than 60m. The lights on a curve shall be spaced at intervals less than 60m so that a clear indication of the curve is provided.



*Note.— Guidance on the spacing of taxiway edge lights on curves is given in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-5.3 Visual Aids for navigation – Lights.*

- E.3.18.4 Taxiway edge lights on a holding bay, apron, etc., shall be spaced at uniform longitudinal intervals of not more than 60m.
- E.3.18.5 Taxiway edge lights on a runway turn pad shall be spaced at uniform longitudinal intervals of not more than 30m.
- E.3.18.6 The lights shall be located as near as practicable to the edges of the taxiway, runway turn pad, holding bay, apron or runway, etc., or outside the edges at a distance of not more than 3m.

***Characteristics***

- E.3.18.7 Taxiway edge lights shall be fixed lights showing blue. The lights shall show up to at least 75° above the horizontal and at all angles in azimuth necessary to provide guidance to a pilot taxiing in either direction. At an intersection, exit or curve the lights shall be shielded as far as practicable so that they cannot be seen in angles of azimuth in which they may be confused with other lights.
- E.3.18.8 The intensity of taxiway edge lights shall be at least 2 cd from 0° to 6° vertical, and 0.2 cd at any vertical angles between 6° and 75°.

**E.3.19 Runway turn pad lights**

***Application***

- E.3.19.1 Runway turn pad lights shall be provided for continuous guidance on a runway turn pad intended for use in runway visual range conditions less than a value of 350m, to enable an aeroplane to complete a 180-degree turn and align with the runway centre line.
- E.3.19.2 Runway turn pad lights, shall be provided on a runway turn pad intended for use at night.

***Location***

- E.3.19.3 Runway turn pad lights, shall be located on the runway turn pad marking, except that they may be offset by not more than 30cm where it is not practicable to locate them on the marking.
- E.3.19.4 Runway turn pad lights on a straight section of the runway turn pad marking, shall be spaced at longitudinal intervals of not more than 15m.
- E.3.19.5 Runway turn pad lights on a curved section of the runway turn pad marking shall not exceed a spacing of 7.5m.

***Characteristics***

- E.3.19.6 Runway turn pad lights shall be unidirectional fixed lights showing green with beam dimensions such that the light is visible only from aeroplanes on or approaching the runway turn pad.
- E.3.19.7 Runway turn pad lights shall be in accordance with the specifications acceptable to the Director, as appropriate.

**E.3.20 Stop bars*****Application***

*Note 1.— A stop bar is intended to be controlled either manually or automatically by air traffic services.*

*Note 2.— Runway incursions may take place in all visibility or weather conditions. The provision of stop bars at runwayholding positions and their use at night and in visibility conditions greater than 550m runway visual range can form part of effective runway incursion prevention measures.*

- E.3.20.1 A stop bar shall be provided at every runway-holding position serving a runway when it is intended that the runway will be used in runway visual range conditions less than a value of 550m, except where:
- (a) appropriate aids and procedures are available to assist in preventing inadvertent incursions of traffic onto the runway; or
  - (b) operational procedures exist to limit, in runway visual range conditions less than a value of 550m, the number of:
    - (1) aircraft on the manoeuvring area to one at a time; and
    - (2) vehicles on the manoeuvring area to the essential minimum.
- E.3.20.2 Where there is more than one stop bar associated with a taxiway/runway intersection, only one shall be illuminated at any given time.
- E.3.20.3 A stop bar may be provided at an intermediate holding position when it is desired to supplement markings with lights and to provide traffic control by visual means.

***Location***

- E.3.20.4 Stop bars shall be located across the taxiway at the point where it is desired that traffic stop. Where the additional lights specified in E.3.20.6 are provided, these lights shall be located not less than 3m from the taxiway edge.

***Characteristics***

- E.3.20.5 Stop bars shall consist of lights spaced at uniform intervals of no more than 3m across the taxiway, showing red in the intended direction(s) of approach to the intersection or runway-holding position.

*Note.— Where necessary to enhance conspicuity of an existing stop bar, extra lights are installed uniformly.*

- E.3.20.6 A pair of elevated lights shall be added to each end of the stop bar where the in-pavement stop bar lights might be obscured from a pilot's view, for example, by rain, or where a pilot may be required to stop the aircraft in a position so close to the lights that they are blocked from view by the structure of the aircraft.
- E.3.20.7 Stop bars installed at a runway-holding position shall be unidirectional and shall show red in the direction of approach to the runway.

- E.3.20.8 Where the additional lights specified in E.3.20.6 are provided, these lights shall have the same characteristics as the lights in the stop bar, but shall be visible to approaching aircraft up to the stop bar position.
- E.3.20.9 The intensity in red light and beam spreads of stop bar lights shall be in accordance with the specifications acceptable to the Director, as appropriate.
- E.3.20.10 Where stop bars are specified as components of an advanced surface movement guidance and control system and where, from an operational point of view, higher intensities are required to maintain ground movements at a certain speed in very low visibilities or in bright daytime conditions, the intensity in red light and beam spreads of stop bar lights shall be in accordance with the specifications acceptable to the Director.

*Note.— High-intensity stop bars shall only be used in case of an absolute necessity and following a specific study.*

- E.3.20.11 Where a wide beam fixture is required, the intensity in red light and beam spreads of stop bar lights shall be in accordance with the specifications acceptable to the Director.
- E.3.20.12 The lighting circuit shall be designed so that:
- (a) stop bars located across entrance taxiways are selectively switchable;
  - (b) stop bars located across taxiways intended to be used only as exit taxiways are switchable selectively or in groups;
  - (c) when a stop bar is illuminated, any taxiway centre line lights installed beyond the stop bar shall be extinguished for a distance of at least 90m; and
  - (d) stop bars are interlocked with the taxiway centre line lights so that when the centre line lights beyond the stop bar are illuminated the stop bar is extinguished and vice versa.

*Note.— Care is required in the design of the electrical system to ensure that all of the lights of a stop bar will not fail at the same time. Guidance on this issue is given in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-8 Electrical Systems.*

### **E.3.21 Intermediate holding position lights**

*Note.— See E.2.11 for specifications on intermediate holding position marking.*

#### ***Application***

- E.3.21.1 Except where a stop bar has been installed, intermediate holding position lights shall be provided at an intermediate holding position intended for use in runway visual range conditions less than a value of 350m.
- E.3.21.2 Intermediate holding position lights shall be provided at an intermediate holding position where there is no need for stop-and-go signals as provided by a stop bar.

#### ***Location***

- E.3.21.3 Intermediate holding position lights shall be located along the intermediate holding position marking at a distance of 0.3m prior to the marking.

**Characteristics**

- E.3.21.4 Intermediate holding position lights shall consist of three fixed unidirectional lights showing yellow in the direction of approach to the intermediate holding position with a light distribution similar to taxiway centre line lights if provided. The lights shall be disposed symmetrically about and at right angle to the taxiway centre line, with individual lights spaced 1.5m apart.

**E.3.23 Runway guard lights**

*Note.— Runway incursions may take place in all visibility or weather conditions. The use of runway guard lights at runway-holding positions can form part of effective runway incursion prevention measures. Runway guard lights warn pilots and drivers of vehicles, when operating on taxiways, that they are about to enter a runway. There are two standard configurations of runway guard lights as illustrated in Figure E-29.*

**Application**

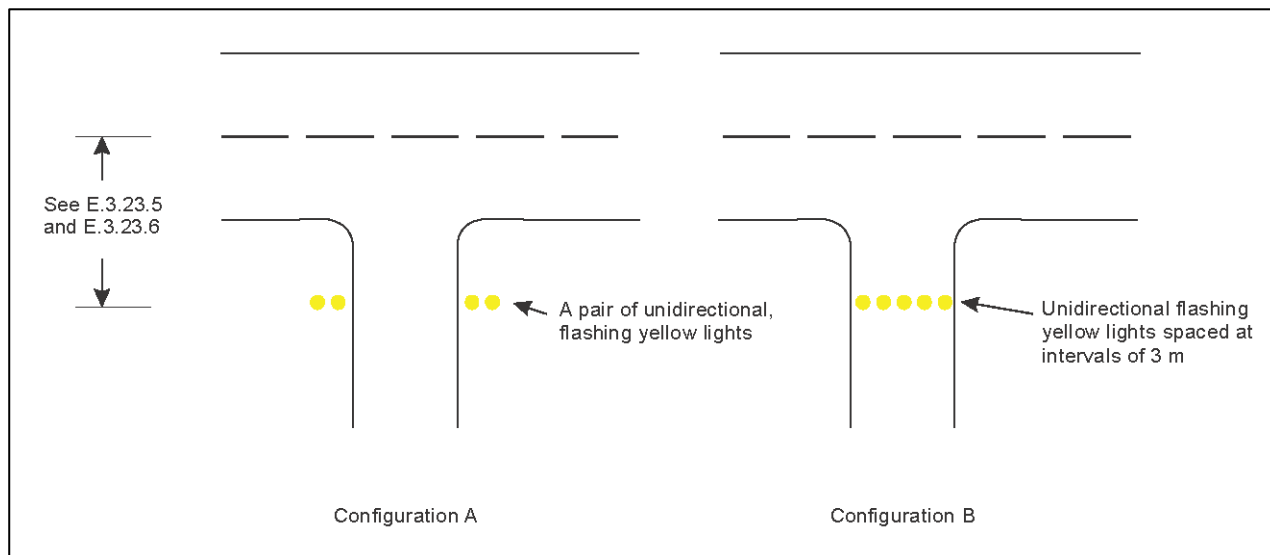
- E.3.23.1 Runway guard lights, Configuration A, shall be provided at each taxiway/runway intersection associated with a runway intended for use in:

- (a) runway visual range conditions less than a value of 550m where a stop bar is not installed; and
- (b) runway visual range conditions of values between 550m and 1200m where the traffic density is heavy.

*Note 1.— Runway guard lights, Configuration B, may supplement runway guard lights, Configuration A, when deemed necessary.*

*Note 2.— Guidance on the design, operation and location of runway guard lights, Configuration B, is given in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-5.3 Visual Aids for navigation – Lights.*

- E.3.23.2 As part of runway incursion prevention measures, runway guard lights, Configuration A or B shall be provided at each taxiway/runway intersection where runway incursion hot spots have been identified and used under all weather conditions during day and night.
- E.3.23.3 Configuration B runway guard lights shall not be collocated with a stop bar.
- E.3.23.4 Where more than one runway-holding positions exist at a runway/taxiway intersection, only the set of runway guard lights associated with the operational runway-holding position shall be illuminated.



**Figure E-29. Runway guard lights**

***Location***

- E.3.23.5 Runway guard lights, Configuration A, shall be located at each side of the taxiway on the holding side of the runway-holding position marking.
- E.3.23.6 Runway guard lights, Configuration B, shall be located across the taxiway on the holding side of the runwayholding position marking.

***Characteristics***

- E.3.23.7 Runway guard lights, Configuration A, shall consist of two pairs of yellow lights.
- E.3.23.8 Where there is a need to enhance the contrast between the on and off state of runway guard lights, Configuration A, intended for use during the day, a visor of sufficient size to prevent sunlight from entering the lens without interfering with the function of the fixture shall be located above each lamp.

*Note.— Some other device or design, e.g. specially designed optics, may be used in lieu of the visor.*

- E.3.23.9 Runway guard lights, Configuration B, shall consist of yellow lights spaced at intervals of 3m across the taxiway.
- E.3.23.10 The light beam shall be unidirectional and shall show yellow in the direction of approach to the runwayholding position.

*Note.— For guidance on orientation and aiming of runway guard lights, see the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-5.3 Visual Aids for navigation – Lights.*

- E.3.23.11 The intensity in yellow light and beam spreads of lights of Configuration A shall be in accordance with the acceptable to the Director.
- E.3.23.12 Where runway guard lights are intended for use during the day, the intensity in yellow light and beam spreads of lights of Configuration A shall be in accordance with the specifications acceptable to the Director.
- E.3.23.13 Where runway guard lights are specified as components of an advanced surface movement guidance and control system where higher light intensities are required, the

intensity in yellow light and beam spreads of lights of Configuration A shall be in accordance with the specifications acceptable to the Director.

*Note.— Higher light intensities may be required to maintain ground movement at a certain speed in low visibilities.*

- E.3.23.14 The intensity in yellow light and beam spreads of lights of Configuration B shall be in accordance with the specifications acceptable to the Director.
- E.3.23.15 Where runway guard lights are intended for use during the day, the intensity in yellow light and beam spreads of lights of Configuration B shall be in accordance with the specifications acceptable to the Director.
- E.3.23.16 Where runway guard lights are specified as components of an advanced surface movement guidance and control system where higher light intensities are required, the intensity in yellow light and beam spreads of lights of Configuration B shall be in accordance with the specifications acceptable to the Director.
- E.3.23.17 The lights in each unit of Configuration A shall be illuminated alternately.
- E.3.23.18 For Configuration B, adjacent lights shall be alternately illuminated and alternative lights shall be illuminated in unison.
- E.3.23.19 The lights shall be illuminated between 30 and 60 cycles per minute and the light suppression and illumination periods shall be equal and opposite in each light.

*Note.— The optimum flash rate is dependent on the rise and fall times of the lamps used. Runway guard lights, Configuration A, installed on 6.6 ampere series circuits have been found to look best when operated at 45 to 50 flashes per minute per lamp. Runway guard lights, Configuration B, installed on 6.6 ampere series circuits have been found to look best when operated at 30 to 32 flashes per minute per lamp.*

#### **E.3.24 Apron floodlighting**

*(see also E.3.17.1 and E.3.18.1)*

##### ***Application***

- E.3.24.1 Apron floodlighting shall be provided on an apron and on a designated isolated aircraft parking position intended to be used at night.

*Note 1.— The designation of an isolated aircraft parking position is specified in C.14.*

*Note 2.— Guidance on apron floodlighting is given in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-5.3 Visual Aids for navigation – Lights.*

##### ***Location***

- E.3.24.2 Apron floodlights shall be located so as to provide adequate illumination on all apron service areas, with a minimum of glare to pilots of aircraft in flight and on the ground, aerodrome and apron controllers, and personnel on the apron. The arrangement and aiming of floodlights shall be such that an aircraft stand receives light from two or more directions to minimize shadows.

**Characteristics**

- E.3.24.3 The spectral distribution of apron floodlights shall be such that the colours used for aircraft marking connected with routine servicing, and for surface and obstacle marking, can be correctly identified.
- E.3.24.4 The average illuminance shall be at least the following:
- (a) Aircraft stand:
    - (1) horizontal illuminance — 20 lux with a uniformity ratio (average to minimum) of not more than 4 to 1; and
    - (2) vertical illuminance — 20 lux at a height of 2m above the apron in relevant directions.
  - (b) Other apron areas:
    - (1) horizontal illuminance — 50 percent of the average illuminance on the aircraft stands with a uniformity ratio (average to minimum) of not more than 4 to 1.

**E.3.25 Visual docking guidance system****Application**

- E.3.25.1 A visual docking guidance system shall be provided when it is intended to indicate, by a visual aid, the precise positioning of an aircraft on an aircraft stand and other alternative means, such as marshallers, are not practicable.

*Note.— The factors to be considered in evaluating the need for a visual docking guidance system are in particular: the number and type(s) of aircraft using the aircraft stand, weather conditions, space available on the apron and the precision required for manoeuvring into the parking position due to aircraft servicing installation, passenger loading bridges, etc. See the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-5 Series (Visual Aids for navigation) — Visual Aids for guidance on the selection of suitable systems.*

**Characteristics**

- E.3.25.2 The system shall provide both azimuth and stopping guidance.
- E.3.25.3 The azimuth guidance unit and the stopping position indicator shall be adequate for use in all weather, visibility, background lighting and pavement conditions for which the system is intended, both by day and night, but shall not dazzle the pilot.
- Note.— Care is required in both the design and on-site installation of the system to ensure that reflection of sunlight, or other light in the vicinity, does not degrade the clarity and conspicuity of the visual cues provided by the system.*
- E.3.25.4 The azimuth guidance unit and the stopping position indicator shall be of a design such that:
- (a) a clear indication of malfunction of either or both is available to the pilot; and
  - (b) they can be turned off.
- E.3.25.5 The azimuth guidance unit and the stopping position indicator shall be located in such a way that there is continuity of guidance between the aircraft stand markings, the aircraft stand manoeuvring guidance lights, if present, and the visual docking guidance system.

- E.3.25.6 The accuracy of the system shall be adequate for the type of loading bridge and fixed aircraft servicing installations with which it is to be used.
- E.3.25.7 The system shall be usable by all types of aircraft for which the aircraft stand is intended, preferably without selective operation.
- E.3.25.8 If selective operation is required to prepare the system for use by a particular type of aircraft, then the system shall provide an identification of the selected aircraft type to both the pilot and the system operator as a means of ensuring that the system has been set properly.

### ***Azimuth guidance unit***

#### ***Location***

- E.3.25.9 The azimuth guidance unit shall be located on or close to the extension of the stand centre line ahead of the aircraft so that its signals are visible from the cockpit of an aircraft throughout the docking manoeuvre and aligned for use at least by the pilot occupying the left seat.
- E.3.25.10 The azimuth guidance unit may be aligned for use by the pilots occupying both the left and right seats.

#### ***Characteristics***

- E.3.25.11 The azimuth guidance unit shall provide unambiguous left/right guidance which enables the pilot to acquire and maintain the lead-in line without over-controlling.
- E.3.25.12 When azimuth guidance is indicated by colour change, green shall be used to identify the centre line and red for deviations from the centre line.

### ***Stopping position indicator***

#### ***Location***

- E.3.25.13 The stopping position indicator shall be located in conjunction with, or sufficiently close to, the azimuth guidance unit so that a pilot can observe both the azimuth and stop signals without turning the head.
- E.3.25.14 The stopping position indicator shall be usable at least by the pilot occupying the left seat.
- E.3.25.15 The stopping position indicator shall be usable by the pilots occupying both the left and right seats.

#### ***Characteristics***

- E.3.25.16 The stopping position information provided by the indicator for a particular aircraft type shall account for the anticipated range of variations in pilot eye height and/or viewing angle.
- E.3.25.17 The stopping position indicator shall show the stopping position for the aircraft for which guidance is being provided and shall provide closing rate information to enable the pilot to gradually decelerate the aircraft to a full stop at the intended stopping position.
- E.3.25.18 The stopping position indicator shall provide closing rate information over a distance of at least 10m.



- E.3.25.19 When stopping guidance is indicated by colour change, green shall be used to show that the aircraft can proceed and red to show that the stop point has been reached, except that for a short distance prior to the stop point a third colour may be used to warn that the stopping point is close.

### **E.3.26 Advanced visual docking guidance system**

#### ***Application***

*Note 1.— Advanced visual docking guidance systems (A-VDGS) include those systems that, in addition to basic and passive azimuth and stop position information, provide pilots with active (usually sensor-based) guidance information, such as aircraft type indication (in accordance with Doc 8643 — Aircraft Type Designators), distance-to-go information and closing speed. Docking guidance information is usually provided on a single display unit.*

*Note 2.— An A-VDGS may provide docking guidance information in three stages: the acquisition of the aircraft by the system, the azimuth alignment of the aircraft, and the stopping position information.*

- E.3.26.1 An A-VDGS shall be provided where it is operationally desirable to confirm the correct aircraft type for which guidance is being provided and/or to indicate the stand centre line in use, where more than one is provided for.
- E.3.26.2 The A-VDGS shall be suitable for use by all types of aircraft for which the aircraft stand is intended.
- E.3.26.3 The A-VDGS shall be used only in conditions in which its operational performance is specified.

*Note 1.— The use of the A-VDGS in conditions such as weather, visibility and background lighting, both by day and night, would need to be specified.*

*Note 2.— Care is required in both the design and on-site installation of the system to ensure that glare, reflection of sunlight, or other light in the vicinity, does not degrade the clarity and conspicuity of the visual cues provided by the system.*

- E.3.26.4 The docking guidance information provided by an A-VDGS shall not conflict with that provided by a conventional visual docking guidance system on an aircraft stand if both types are provided and are in operational use. A method of indicating that the A-VDGS is not in operational use or is unserviceable shall be provided.

#### ***Location***

- E.3.26.5 The A-VDGS shall be located such that unobstructed and unambiguous guidance is provided to the person responsible for, and persons assisting, the docking of the aircraft throughout the docking manoeuvre.

*Note.— Usually the pilot-in-command is responsible for the docking of the aircraft. However, in some circumstances, another person could be responsible and this person may be the driver of a vehicle that is towing the aircraft.*

**Characteristics**

- E.3.26.6 The A-VDGS shall provide, at minimum, the following guidance information at the appropriate stage of the docking manoeuvre:
- (a) an emergency stop indication;
  - (b) the aircraft type and model for which the guidance is provided;
  - (c) an indication of the lateral displacement of the aircraft relative to the stand centre line;
  - (d) the direction of azimuth correction needed to correct a displacement from the stand centre line;
  - (e) an indication of the distance to the stop position;
  - (f) an indication when the aircraft has reached the correct stopping position; and
  - (g) a warning indication if the aircraft goes beyond the appropriate stop position.

- E.3.26.7 The A-VDGS shall be capable of providing docking guidance information for all aircraft taxi speeds encountered during the docking manoeuvre.

*Note.— See the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-5.3 Visual Aids for navigation – Lights, for an indication of the maximum aircraft speeds relative to distance to the stopping position.*

- E.3.26.8 The time taken from the determination of the lateral displacement to its display shall not result in a deviation of the aircraft, when operated in normal conditions, from the stand centre line greater than 1m.

- E.3.26.9 The information on displacement of the aircraft relative to the stand centre line and distance to the stopping position when displayed shall be provided with the accuracy specified in Table E-4.

- E.3.26.10 Symbols and graphics used to depict guidance information shall be intuitively representative of the type of information provided.

*Note.— The use of colour would need to be appropriate and need to follow signal convention, i.e. red, yellow and green mean hazard, caution and normal/correct conditions, respectively. The effects of colour contrasts would also need to be considered.*

- E.3.26.11 Information on the lateral displacement of the aircraft relative to the stand centre line shall be provided at least 25m prior to the stop position.

*Note.— The indication of the distance of the aircraft from the stop position may be colour-coded and presented at a rate and distance proportional to the actual closure rate and distance of the aircraft approaching the stop point.*

- E.3.26.12 Continuous closure distance and closure rate shall be provided from at least 15m prior to the stop position.

- E.3.26.13 Where provided, closure distance displayed in numerals shall be provided in metre integers to the stop position and displayed to 1 decimal place at least 3m prior to the stop position.

**Table E-4. A-VDGS recommended displacement accuracy**

Guidance information	Maximum deviation at stop position (stop area)	Maximum deviation at 9m from stop position	Maximum deviation at 15m from stop position	Maximum deviation at 25m from stop position
Azimuth	±250mm	±340mm	±400mm	±500mm
Distance	±500mm	±1 000mm	±1 300mm	Not specified

E.3.26.14 Throughout the docking manoeuvre, an appropriate means shall be provided on the A-VDGS to indicate the need to bring the aircraft to an immediate halt. In such an event, which includes a failure of the A-VDGS, no other information shall be displayed.

E.3.26.15 Provision to initiate an immediate halt to the docking procedure shall be made available to personnel responsible for the operational safety of the stand.

E.3.26.16 The word “stop” in red characters shall be displayed when an immediate cessation of the docking manoeuvre is required.

### **E.3.27 Aircraft stand manoeuvring guidance lights**

#### ***Application***

E.3.27.1 Aircraft stand manoeuvring guidance lights shall be provided to facilitate the positioning of an aircraft on an aircraft stand on a paved apron intended for use in poor visibility conditions, unless adequate guidance is provided by other means.

#### ***Location***

E.3.27.2 Aircraft stand manoeuvring guidance lights shall be collocated with the aircraft stand markings.

#### ***Characteristics***

E.3.27.3 Aircraft stand manoeuvring guidance lights, other than those indicating a stop position, shall be fixed yellow lights, visible throughout the segments within which they are intended to provide guidance.

E.3.27.4 The lights used to delineate lead-in, turning and lead-out lines shall be spaced at intervals of not more than 7.5m on curves and 15m on straight sections.

E.3.27.5 The lights indicating a stop position shall be fixed unidirectional lights showing red.

E.3.27.6 The intensity of the lights shall be adequate for the condition of visibility and ambient light in which the use of the aircraft stand is intended.

E.3.27.7 The lighting circuit, shall be designed so that the lights may be switched on to indicate that an aircraft stand is to be used and switched off to indicate that it is not to be used.

**E.3.28 Road-holding position light*****Application***

- E.3.28.1 A road-holding position light shall be provided at each road-holding position serving a runway when it is intended that the runway will be used in runway visual range conditions less than a value of 350m.
- E.3.28.2 A road-holding position light may be provided at each road-holding position serving a runway when it is intended that the runway will be used in runway visual range conditions of values between 350m and 550m.

***Location***

- E.3.28.3 A road-holding position light shall be located adjacent to the holding position marking 1.5m ( $\pm 0.5$ m) from one edge of the road, i.e. left or right as appropriate to the local traffic regulations.

*Note.*— See I.9 for the mass and height limitations and frangibility requirements of navigation aids located on runway strips.

***Characteristics***

- E.3.28.4 The road-holding position light shall comprise:
- (a) a controllable red (stop)/green (go) traffic light; or
  - (b) a flashing-red light.

*Note.*— It is intended that the lights specified in sub-paragraph a) be controlled by the air traffic services.

- E.3.28.5 The road-holding position light beam shall be unidirectional and aligned so as to be visible to the driver of a vehicle approaching the holding position.
- E.3.28.6 The intensity of the light beam shall be adequate for the conditions of visibility and ambient light in which the use of the holding position is intended, but shall not dazzle the driver.

*Note.*— The commonly used traffic lights are likely to meet the requirements in E.3.28.5 and E.3.28.6.

- E.3.28.7 The flash frequency of the flashing-red light shall be between 30 and 60 flashes per minute.

**E.3.29 No-entry bar**

*Note.*— Runway incursions may take place in all visibility or weather conditions. The use of no-entry bars can form part of effective runway incursion prevention measures.

***Application***

- E.3.29.1 A no-entry bar shall be provided across a taxiway which is intended to be used as an exit only taxiway to assist in preventing inadvertent access of traffic to that taxiway.

**Location**

- E.3.29.2 A no-entry bar shall be located across the taxiway at the end of an exit only taxiway where it is desired to prevent traffic from entering the taxiway in the wrong direction.
- E.3.29.3 A no-entry bar shall be collocated with a no-entry sign and/or a no-entry marking.

**Characteristics**

- E.3.29.4 A no-entry bar shall consist of unidirectional lights spaced at uniform intervals of no more than 3m showing red in the intended direction(s) of approach to the runway.

*Note.— Where necessary to enhance conspicuity, extra lights are installed uniformly.*

- E.3.29.5 A pair of elevated lights shall be added to each end of the no-entry bar where the inpavement no entry bar lights might be obscured from a pilot's view, for example, by rain, or where a pilot may be required to stop the aircraft in a position so close to the lights that they are blocked from view by the structure of the aircraft.
- E.3.29.6 The intensity in red light and beam spreads of no-entry bar lights shall be in accordance with the specifications acceptable to the Director, as appropriate.
- E.3.29.7 Where no-entry bars are specified as components of an advanced surface movement guidance and control system and where, from an operational point of view, higher intensities are required to maintain ground movements at a certain speed in very low visibilities or in bright daytime conditions, the intensity in red light and beam spreads of no-entry bar lights shall be in accordance with the specifications acceptable to the Director.

*Note.— High-intensity no-entry bars are typically used only in case of an absolute necessity and following a specific study.*

- E.3.29.8 Where a wide beam fixture is required, the intensity in red light and beam spreads of no-entry bar lights shall be in accordance with the specifications acceptable to the Director.
- E.3.29.9 Taxiway centre line lights installed beyond the no-entry bar, looking in the direction of the runway, shall not be visible when viewed from the taxiway.

**E.3.30 Runway status lights****Location**

- E.3.30.1 Where provided, RELs shall be offset 0.6m from the taxiway centre line on the opposite side to the taxiway centre line lights and begin 0.6m before the runway-holding position extending to the edge of the runway. An additional single light shall be placed on the runway 0.6m from the runway centre line and aligned with the last two taxiway RELs.

*Note.— Where two or more runway-holding positions are provided, the runway-holding position referred is that closest to the runway.*

- E.3.30.2 RELs shall consist of at least five light units and shall be spaced at a minimum of 3.8m and a maximum of 15.2m longitudinally, depending upon the taxiway length involved, except for a single light installed near the runway centre line.

- E.3.30.3 Where provided, THLs shall be offset 1.8m on each side of the runway centre line lights and extend, in pairs, starting at a point 115m from the beginning of the runway and, thereafter, every 30m for at least 450m.

*Note.— Additional THLs may be similarly provided at the starting point of the take-off roll.*

#### **Characteristics**

- E.3.30.4 Where provided, RELs shall consist of a single line of fixed in pavement lights showing red in the direction of aircraft approaching the runway.
- E.3.30.5 RELs shall illuminate as an array at each taxiway/runway intersection where they are installed less than two seconds after the system determines a warning is needed.
- E.3.30.6 Intensity and beam spread of RELs shall be in accordance with the specifications acceptable to the Director.
- Note.— Consideration for reduced beam width may be required for some REL lights at acute angled runway/taxiway intersections to ensure the RELs are not visible to aircraft on the runway.*
- E.3.30.7 Where provided, THLs shall consist of two rows of fixed in pavement lights showing red facing the aircraft taking off.
- E.3.30.8 THLs shall illuminate as an array on the runway less than two seconds after the system determines a warning is needed.
- E.3.30.9 Intensity and beam spread of THLs shall be in accordance with the specifications acceptable to the Director.
- E.3.30.10 RELs and THLs may be automated to the extent that the only control over each system will be to disable one or both systems.

## **E.4 Signs**

### **E.4.1 General**

*Note.— Signs shall be either fixed message signs or variable message signs. Guidance on signs is contained in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-5.4 Visual Aids for navigation – Signs.*

#### **Application**

- E.4.1.1 Signs shall be provided to convey a mandatory instruction, information on a specific location or destination on a movement area or to provide other information to meet the requirements of I.8.1.

*Note.— See E.2.17 for specifications on information marking.*

- E.4.1.2 A variable message sign may be provided where:
- (a) the instruction or information displayed on the sign is relevant only during a certain period of time; and/or

- (b) there is a need for variable predetermined information to be displayed on the sign to meet the requirements of I.8.1.


### *Characteristics*

- E.4.1.3 Signs shall be frangible. Those located near a runway or taxiway shall be sufficiently low to preserve clearance for propellers and the engine pods of jet aircraft. The installed height of the sign shall not exceed the dimension shown in the appropriate column of Table E-5.

**Table E-5. Location distances for taxiing guidance signs including runway exit signs**

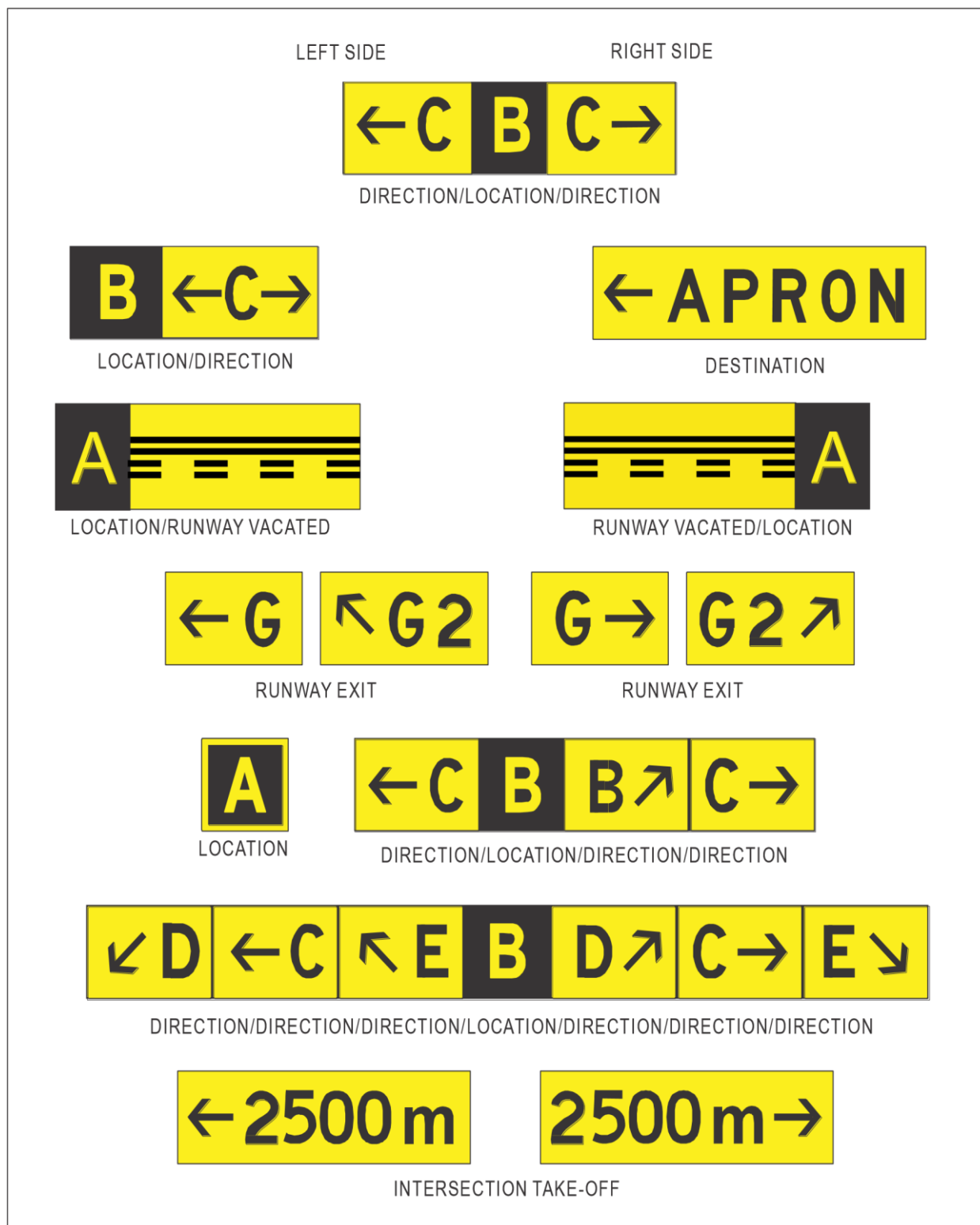
Sign height (mm)				Perpendicular	Perpendicular
Code number	Legend	Face (min.)	Installed (max.)	distance from defined taxiway	distance from defined runway
				pavement edge to near side of sign	pavement edge to near side of sign
1 or 2	200	300	700	5–11m	3–10m
1 or 2	300	450	900	5–11m	3–10m
3 or 4	300	450	900	11–21m	8–15m
3 or 4	400	600	1 100	11–21m	8–15m

- E.4.1.4 Signs shall be rectangular, as shown in Figures E-30 and E-31 with the longer side horizontal.
- E.4.1.5 The only signs on the movement area utilizing red shall be mandatory instruction signs.
- E.4.1.6 The inscriptions on a sign shall be in accordance with the provisions of CASA Advisory Circular AC139-5.4 Visual Aids for navigation – Signs.

Runway designation of a runway extremity (Example)	<b>25</b>	Indicates a runway-holding position at a runway extremity
Runway designation of both extremities of a runway (Example)	<b>25-07</b>	Indicates a runway-holding position located at taxiway/runway intersection other than runway extremity
Category I hold position (Example)	<b>25 CAT I</b>	Indicates a category I runway-holding position at the threshold of runway 25
Category II hold position (Example)	<b>25 CAT II</b>	Indicates a category II runway-holding position at the threshold of runway 25
Category III hold position (Example)	<b>25 CAT III</b>	Indicates a category III runway-holding position at the threshold of runway 25
Category II and III hold position (Example)	<b>25 CAT II/III</b>	Indicates a joint category II and III runway-holding position at the threshold of runway 25
Category I, II and III hold position (Example)	<b>25 CAT I/II/III</b>	Indicates a joint category I, II and III runway-holding position at the threshold of runway 25
NO ENTRY		Indicates that entry to an area is prohibited
Runway-holding position (Example)	<b>B2</b>	Indicates a runway-holding position (in accordance with C.12.3)

**Figure E-30. Mandatory instruction signs**





**Figure E-31. Information signs**

E.4.1.7 Signs shall be illuminated in accordance with the provisions of CASA Advisory Circular AC139-5.4 Visual Aids for navigation – Signs when intended for use:

- (a) in runway visual range conditions less than a value of 800m; or
- (b) at night in association with instrument runways; or
- (c) at night in association with non-instrument runways where the code number is 3 or 4.

- E.4.1.8 Signs shall be retroreflective and/or illuminated in accordance with the provisions of CASA Advisory Circular AC139-5.4 Visual Aids for navigation – Signs when intended for use at night in association with non-instrument runways where the code number is 1 or 2.
- E.4.1.9 A variable message sign shall show a blank face when not in use.
- E.4.1.10 In case of failure, a variable message sign shall not provide information that could lead to unsafe action from a pilot or a vehicle driver.
- E.4.1.11 The time interval to change from one message to another on a variable message sign shall be as short as practicable and shall not exceed 5 seconds.

#### **E.4.2 Mandatory instruction signs**

*Note.— See Figure E-30 for pictorial representation of mandatory instruction signs and Figure E-32 for examples of locating signs at taxiway/runway intersections.*

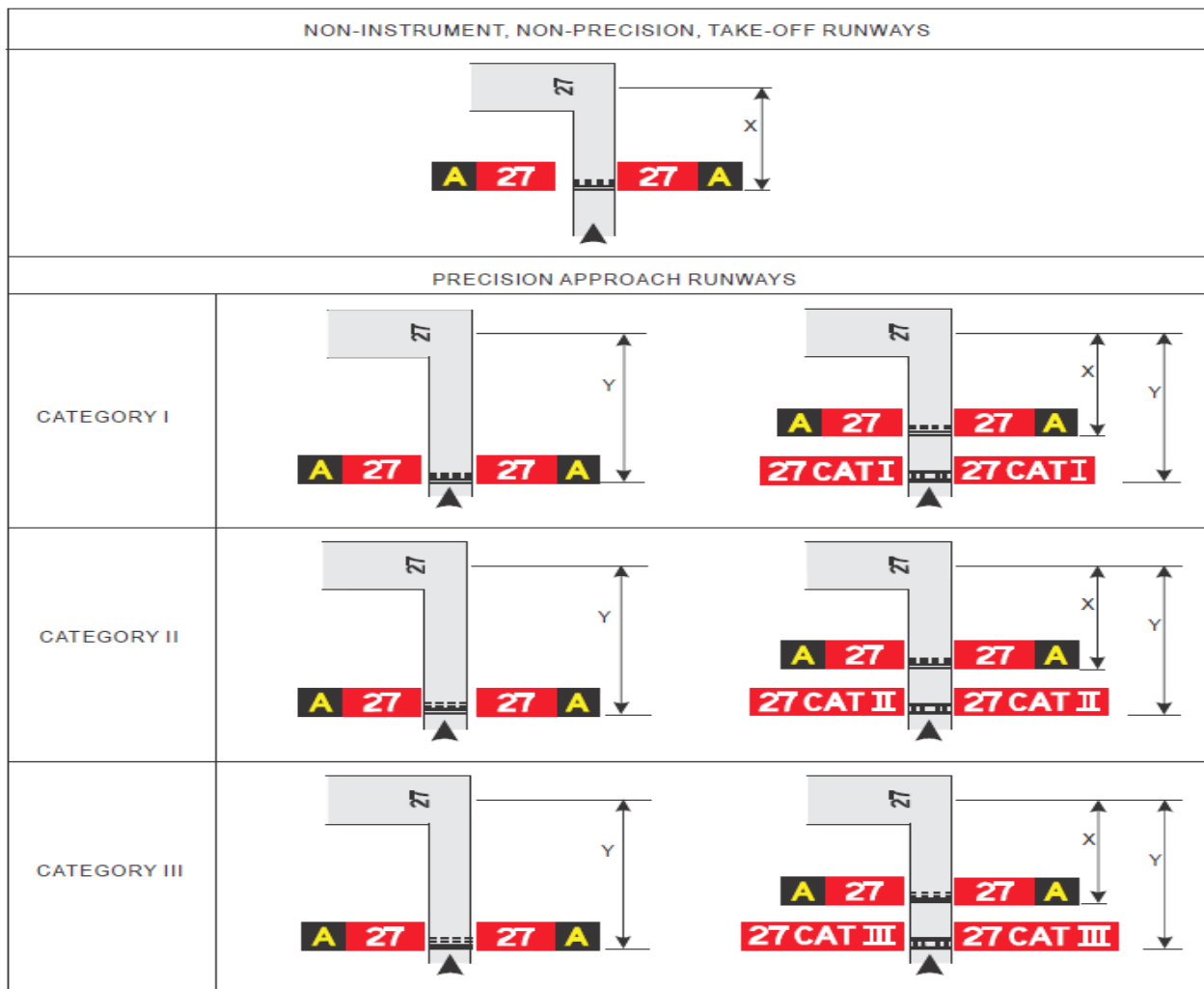
##### ***Application***

- E.4.2.1 A mandatory instruction sign shall be provided to identify a location beyond which an aircraft taxiing or vehicle shall not proceed unless authorized by the aerodrome control tower.
- E.4.2.2 Mandatory instruction signs shall include runway designation signs, category I, II or III holding position signs, runway-holding position signs, road-holding position signs and NO ENTRY signs.

*Note.— See E.4.7 for specifications on road-holding position signs.*
- E.4.2.3 A pattern “A” runway-holding position marking shall be supplemented at a taxiway/runway intersection or a runway/runway intersection with a runway designation sign.
- E.4.2.4 A pattern “B” runway-holding position marking shall be supplemented with a category I, II or III holding position sign.
- E.4.2.5 A pattern “A” runway-holding position marking at a runway-holding position established in accordance with C.12.3 shall be supplemented with a runway-holding position sign.

*Note.— See E.2.10 for specifications on runway-holding position marking.*
- E.4.2.6 A runway designation sign at a taxiway/runway intersection may be supplemented with a location sign in the outboard (farthest from the taxiway) position, as appropriate.

*Note.— See E.4.3 for characteristics of location signs.*
- E.4.2.7 A NO ENTRY sign shall be provided when entry into an area is prohibited.



*Note.*— Distance X is established in accordance with Table C-2. Distance Y is established at the edge of the ILS/MLS critical/sensitive area.

**Figure E-32. Examples of sign positions at taxiway/runway intersections**

### **Location**

- E.4.2.8 A runway designation sign at a taxiway/runway intersection or a runway/runway intersection shall be located on each side of the runway-holding position marking facing the direction of approach to the runway.
- E.4.2.9 A category I, II or III holding position sign shall be located on each side of the runway-holding position marking facing the direction of the approach to the critical area.
- E.4.2.10 A NO ENTRY sign shall be located at the beginning of the area to which entrance is prohibited on each side of the taxiway as viewed by the pilot.
- E.4.2.11 A runway-holding position sign shall be located on each side of the runway-holding position established in accordance with C.12.3, facing the approach to the obstacle limitation surface or ILS/MLS critical/sensitive area, as appropriate.

### **Characteristics**

- E.4.2.12 A mandatory instruction sign shall consist of an inscription in white on a red background.
- E.4.2.13 Where, owing to environmental or other factors, the conspicuity of the inscription on a mandatory instruction sign needs to be enhanced, the outside edge of the white inscription

shall be supplemented by a black outline measuring 10mm in width for runway code numbers 1 and 2, and 20mm in width for runway code numbers 3 and 4.

- E.4.2.14 The inscription on a runway designation sign shall consist of the runway designations of the intersecting runway properly oriented with respect to the viewing position of the sign, except that a runway designation sign installed in the vicinity of a runway extremity may show the runway designation of the concerned runway extremity only.
- E.4.2.15 The inscription on a category I, II, III, joint II/III or joint I/II/III holding position sign shall consist of the runway designator followed by CAT I, CAT II, CAT III, CAT II/III or CAT I/II/III, as appropriate.
- E.4.2.16 The inscription on a NO ENTRY sign shall be in accordance with Figure E-30.
- E.4.2.17 The inscription on a runway-holding position sign at a runway-holding position established in accordance with C.12.3 shall consist of the taxiway designation and a number.
- E.4.2.18 Where installed, the inscriptions/symbol of Figure E-30 shall be used.

### **E.4.3 Information signs**

*Note.— See Figure E-31 for pictorial representations of information signs.*

#### ***Application***

- E.4.3.1 An information sign shall be provided where there is an operational need to identify by a sign, a specific location, or routing (direction or destination) information.
- E.4.3.2 Information signs shall include: direction signs, location signs, destination signs, runway exit signs, runway vacated signs and intersection take-off signs.
- E.4.3.3 A runway exit sign shall be provided where there is an operational need to identify a runway exit.
- E.4.3.4 A runway vacated sign shall be provided where the exit taxiway is not provided with taxiway centre line lights and there is a need to indicate to a pilot leaving a runway the perimeter of the ILS/MLS critical/sensitive area or the lower edge of the inner transitional surface, whichever is farther from the runway centre line.

*Note.— See E.3.17 for specifications on colour coding taxiway centre line lights.*

- E.4.3.5 An intersection take-off sign shall be provided when there is an operational need to indicate the remaining take-off run available (TORA) for intersection take-offs.
- E.4.3.6 Where necessary, a destination sign shall be provided to indicate the direction to a specific destination on the aerodrome, such as cargo area, general aviation, etc.
- E.4.3.7 A combined location and direction sign shall be provided when it is intended to indicate routing information prior to a taxiway intersection.
- E.4.3.8 A direction sign shall be provided when there is an operational need to identify the designation and direction of taxiways at an intersection.
- E.4.3.9 A location sign shall be provided at an intermediate holding position.

- E.4.3.10 A location sign shall be provided in conjunction with a runway designation sign except at a runway/runway intersection.
- E.4.3.11 A location sign shall be provided in conjunction with a direction sign, except that it may be omitted where an aeronautical study indicates that it is not needed.
- E.4.3.12 Where necessary, a location sign shall be provided to identify taxiways exiting an apron or taxiways beyond an intersection.
- E.4.3.13 Where a taxiway ends at an intersection such as a “T” and it is necessary to identify this, a barricade, direction sign and/or other appropriate visual aid shall be used.

***Location***

- E.4.3.14 Except as specified in E.4.3.16 and E.4.3.24 information signs shall, wherever practicable, be located on the left-hand side of the taxiway in accordance with Table E-5.
- E.4.3.15 At a taxiway intersection, information signs shall be located prior to the intersection and in line with the intermediate holding position marking. Where there is no intermediate holding position marking, the signs shall be installed at least 60m from the centre line of the intersecting taxiway where the code number is 3 or 4, and at least 40m where the code number is 1 or 2.

*Note.— A location sign installed beyond a taxiway intersection may be installed on either side of a taxiway.*

- E.4.3.16 A runway exit sign shall be located on the same side of the runway as the exit is located (i.e. left or right) and positioned in accordance with Table E-5.
- E.4.3.17 A runway exit sign shall be located prior to the runway exit point in line with a position at least 60m prior to the point of tangency where the code number is 3 or 4, and at least 30m where the code number is 1 or 2.
- E.4.3.18 A runway vacated sign shall be located at least on one side of the taxiway. The distance between the sign and the centre line of a runway shall be not less than the greater of the following:
- (a) the distance between the centre line of the runway and the perimeter of the ILS/MLS critical/sensitive area; or
  - (b) the distance between the centre line of the runway and the lower edge of the inner transitional surface.
- E.4.3.19 Where provided in conjunction with a runway vacated sign, the taxiway location sign shall be positioned outboard of the runway vacated sign.
- E.4.3.20 An intersection take-off sign shall be located at the left-hand side of the entry taxiway. The distance between the sign and the centre line of the runway shall be not less than 60m where the code number is 3 or 4, and not less than 45m where the code number is 1 or 2.
- E.4.3.21 A taxiway location sign installed in conjunction with a runway designation sign shall be positioned outboard of the runway designation sign.
- E.4.3.22 A destination sign shall not be collocated with a location or direction sign.

- E.4.3.23 An information sign other than a location sign shall not be collocated with a mandatory instruction sign.
- E.4.3.24 A direction sign, barricade and/or other appropriate visual aid used to identify a “T” intersection shall be located on the opposite side of the intersection facing the taxiway.

***Characteristics***

- E.4.3.25 An information sign other than a location sign shall consist of an inscription in black on a yellow background.
- E.4.3.26 A location sign shall consist of an inscription in yellow on a black background and where it is a stand-alone sign shall have a yellow border.
- E.4.3.27 The inscription on a runway exit sign shall consist of the designator of the exit taxiway and an arrow indicating the direction to follow.
- E.4.3.28 The inscription on a runway vacated sign shall depict the pattern A runway-holding position marking as shown in Figure E-31.
- E.4.3.29 The inscription on an intersection take-off sign shall consist of a numerical message indicating the remaining take-off run available in metres plus an arrow, appropriately located and oriented, indicating the direction of the take-off as shown in Figure E-31.
- E.4.3.30 The inscription on a destination sign shall comprise an alpha, alphanumerical or numerical message identifying the destination plus an arrow indicating the direction to proceed as shown in Figure E-31.
- E.4.3.31 The inscription on a direction sign shall comprise an alpha or alphanumerical message identifying the taxiway(s) plus an arrow or arrows appropriately oriented as shown in Figure E-31.
- E.4.3.32 The inscription on a location sign shall comprise the designation of the location taxiway, runway or other pavement the aircraft is on or is entering and shall not contain arrows.
- E.4.3.33 Where it is necessary to identify each of a series of intermediate holding positions on the same taxiway, the location sign shall consist of the taxiway designation and a number.
- E.4.3.34 Where a location sign and direction signs are used in combination:
- (a) all direction signs related to left turns shall be placed on the left side of the location sign, and all direction signs related to right turns shall be placed on the right side of the location sign, except that where the junction consists of one intersecting taxiway, the location sign may alternatively be placed on the left-hand side;
  - (b) the direction signs shall be placed such that the direction of the arrows departs increasingly from the vertical with increasing deviation of the corresponding taxiway;
  - (c) an appropriate direction sign shall be placed next to the location sign where the direction of the location taxiway changes significantly beyond the intersection; and
  - (d) adjacent direction signs shall be delineated by a vertical black line as shown in Figure E-31.

- E.4.3.35 A taxiway shall be identified by a designator that is used only once on an aerodrome and comprise a single letter, two letters, or a combination of a letter or letters followed by a number.
- E.4.3.36 When designating taxiways the use of words such as “inner” and “outer” shall be avoided wherever possible.
- E.4.3.37 When designating taxiways, the letters I, O and X shall not be used to avoid confusion with the numerals 1 and 0, and the closed marking.
- E.4.3.38 The use of numbers alone on the manoeuvring area shall be reserved for the designation of runways.
- E.4.3.39 Apron stand designators shall not be the same as taxiway designators.

#### **E.4.4 VOR aerodrome checkpoint sign**

##### ***Application***

- E.4.4.1 When a VOR aerodrome checkpoint is established, it shall be indicated by a VOR aerodrome checkpoint marking and sign.

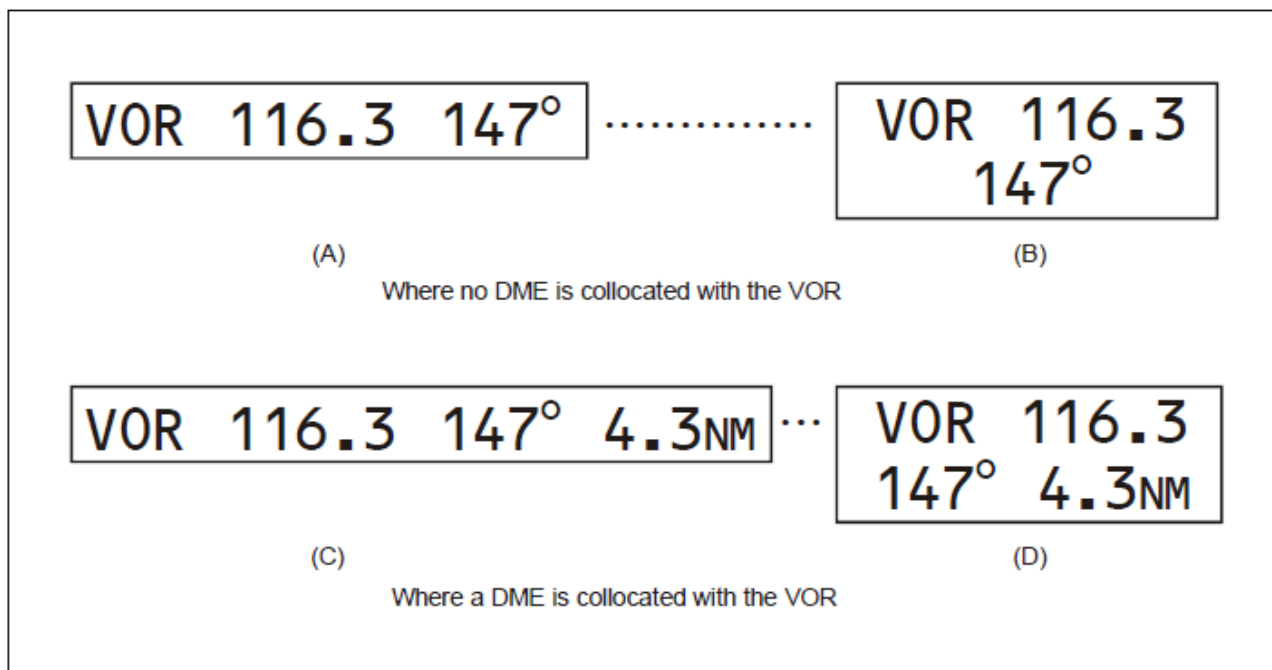
*Note.— See E.2.12 for VOR aerodrome checkpoint marking.*

##### ***Location***

- E.4.4.2 A VOR aerodrome checkpoint sign shall be located as near as possible to the checkpoint and so that the inscriptions are visible from the cockpit of an aircraft properly positioned on the VOR aerodrome checkpoint marking.

##### ***Characteristics***

- E.4.4.3 A VOR aerodrome checkpoint sign shall consist of an inscription in black on a yellow background.
- E.4.4.4 The inscriptions on a VOR checkpoint sign shall be in accordance with one of the alternatives shown in Figure E-33 in which:
- (a) VOR is an abbreviation identifying this as a VOR checkpoint;
  - (b) 116.3 is an example of the radio frequency of the VOR concerned;
  - (c) 147° is an example of the VOR bearing, to the nearest degree, which shall be indicated at the VOR checkpoint; and
  - (d) 4.3 NM is an example of the distance in nautical miles to a DME collocated with the VOR concerned.



**Figure E-33. VOR aerodrome checkpoint sign**

Note.— Tolerances for the bearing value shown on the sign are given in Annex 10, Volume I, Attachment E. It will be noted that a checkpoint can only be used operationally when periodic checks show it to be consistently within  $\pm 2$  degrees of the stated bearing.

#### **E.4.5 Aerodrome identification sign**

##### ***Application***

- E.4.5.1 An aerodrome identification sign may be provided at an aerodrome where there is insufficient alternative means of visual identification.

##### ***Location***

- E.4.5.2 The aerodrome identification sign shall be placed on the aerodrome so as to be legible, in so far as is practicable, at all angles above the horizontal.

##### ***Characteristics***

- E.4.5.3 The aerodrome identification sign shall consist of the name of the aerodrome.
- E.4.5.4 The colour selected for the sign shall give adequate conspicuity when viewed against its background.
- E.4.5.5 The characters shall have a height of not less than 3m.

#### **E.4.6 Aircraft stand identification signs**

##### ***Application***

- E.4.6.1 An aircraft stand identification marking shall be supplemented with an aircraft stand identification sign where feasible.

##### ***Location***

- E.4.6.2 An aircraft stand identification sign shall be located so as to be clearly visible from the cockpit of an aircraft prior to entering the aircraft stand.



**Characteristics**

- E.4.6.3 An aircraft stand identification sign shall consist of an inscription in black on a yellow background.

**E.4.7 Road-holding position sign**

- E.4.7.1 A road-holding position sign shall be provided at all road entrances to a runway.

**Location**

- E.4.7.2 The road-holding position sign shall be located 1.5m from one edge of the road (left or right as appropriate to the local traffic regulations) at the holding position.

**Characteristics**

- E.4.7.3 A road-holding position sign shall consist of an inscription in white on a red background.
- E.4.7.4 The inscription on a road-holding position sign shall be in the national language, be in conformity with the local traffic regulations and include the following:

- (a) a requirement to stop; and
- (b) where appropriate:
  - (1) a requirement to obtain ATC clearance; and
  - (2) location designator.

*Note.— Examples of road-holding position signs are contained in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-5.4 Visual Aids for navigation – Signs.*

- E.4.7.5 A road-holding position sign intended for night use shall be retroreflective or illuminated.

**E.5 Markers****E.5.1 General**

Markers shall be frangible. Those located near a runway or taxiway shall be sufficiently low to preserve clearance for propellers and for the engine pods of jet aircraft.

*Note 1.— Anchors or chains, to prevent markers which have broken from their mounting from blowing away, are sometimes used.*

*Note 2.— Guidance on frangibility of markers is given in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-9.7 Operational Services – Siting of Installations and Frangibility.*

**E.5.2 Unpaved runway edge markers****Application**

- E.5.2.1 Markers shall be provided when the extent of an unpaved runway is not clearly indicated by the appearance of its surface compared with that of the surrounding ground.

**Location**

- E.5.2.2 Where runway lights are provided, the markers shall be incorporated in the light fixtures. Where there are no lights, markers of flat rectangular or conical shape shall be placed so as to delimit the runway clearly.

***Characteristics***

- E.5.2.3 The flat rectangular markers shall have a minimum size of 1m by 3m and shall be placed with their long dimension parallel to the runway centre line. The conical markers shall have a height not exceeding 50cm.

**E.5.3 Stopway edge markers*****Application***

- E.5.3.1 Stopway edge markers shall be provided when the extent of a stopway is not clearly indicated by its appearance compared with that of the surrounding ground.

***Characteristics***

- E.5.3.2 The stopway edge markers shall be sufficiently different from any runway edge markers used to ensure that the two types of markers cannot be confused.

*Note.— Markers consisting of small vertical boards camouflaged on the reverse side, as viewed from the runway, have proved operationally acceptable.*

**E.5.5 Taxiway edge markers*****Application***

- E.5.5.1 Taxiway edge markers shall be provided on a taxiway where the code number is 1 or 2 and taxiway centre line or edge lights or taxiway centre line markers are not provided.

***Location***

- E.5.5.2 Taxiway edge markers shall be installed at least at the same locations as would the taxiway edge lights had they been used.

***Characteristics***

- E.5.5.3 A taxiway edge marker shall be retroreflective blue.
- E.5.5.4 The marked surface as viewed by the pilot shall be a rectangle and shall have a minimum viewing area of 150 cm<sup>2</sup>.
- E.5.5.5 Taxiway edge markers shall be frangible. Their height shall be sufficiently low to preserve clearance for propellers and for the engine pods of jet aircraft.

**E.5.6 Taxiway centre line markers**

- E.5.6.1 Taxiway centre line markers shall be provided on a taxiway where the code number is 1 or 2 and taxiway centre line or edge lights or taxiway edge markers are not provided.
- E.5.6.2 Taxiway centre line markers shall be provided on a taxiway where the code number is 3 or 4 and taxiway centre line lights are not provided if there is a need to improve the guidance provided by the taxiway centre line marking.

***Location***

- E.5.6.3 Taxiway centre line markers shall be installed at least at the same location as would taxiway centre line lights had they been used.

*Note.— See E.3.17.12 for the spacing of taxiway centre line lights.*

- E.5.6.4 Taxiway centre line markers shall normally be located on the taxiway centre line marking except that they may be offset by not more than 30 cm where it is not practicable to locate them on the marking.

***Characteristics***

- E.5.6.5 A taxiway centre line marker shall be retroreflective green.
- E.5.6.6 The marked surface as viewed by the pilot shall be a rectangle and shall have a minimum viewing area of 20 cm<sup>2</sup>.
- E.5.6.7 Taxiway centre line markers shall be so designed and fitted as to withstand being run over by the wheels of an aircraft without damage either to the aircraft or to the markers themselves.

**E.5.7 Unpaved taxiway edge markers**

***Application***

- E.5.7.1 Where the extent of an unpaved taxiway is not clearly indicated by its appearance compared with that of the surrounding ground, markers shall be provided.

***Location***

- E.5.7.2 Where taxiway lights are provided, the markers shall be incorporated in the light fixtures. Where there are no lights, markers of conical shape shall be placed so as to delimit the taxiway clearly.

**E.5.8 Boundary markers**

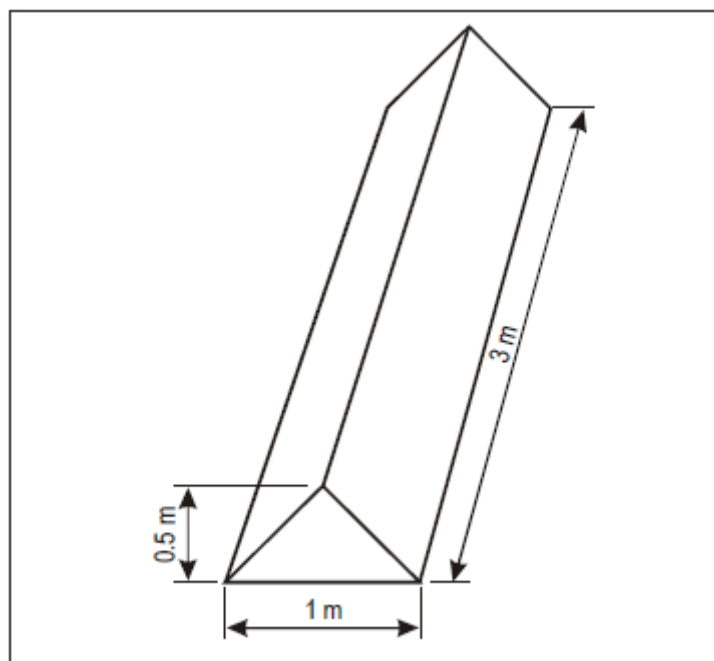
- E.5.8.1 Boundary markers shall be provided at an aerodrome where the landing area has no runway.

***Location***

- E.5.8.2 Boundary markers shall be spaced along the boundary of the landing area at intervals of not more than 200m, if the type shown in Figure E-34 is used, or approximately 90m, if the conical type is used with a marker at any corner.

***Characteristics***

- E.5.8.3 Boundary markers shall be of a form similar to that shown in Figure E-34, or in the form of a cone not less than 50cm high and not less than 75cm in diameter at the base. The markers shall be coloured to contrast with the background against which they will be seen. A single colour, orange or red, or two contrasting colours, orange and white or alternatively red and white, shall be used, except where such colours merge with the background.



**Figure E-34. Boundary markers**

## APPENDIX F. VISUAL AIDS FOR DENOTING OBSTACLES

### F.1 Objects to be marked and/or lighted

*Note 1.— The marking and/or lighting of obstacles is intended to reduce hazards to aircraft by indicating the presence of the obstacles. It does not necessarily reduce operating limitations which may be imposed by an obstacle.*

*Note 2.— An autonomous aircraft detection system may be installed on or near an obstacle (or group of obstacles such as wind farms), designed to operate the lighting only when the system detects an aircraft approaching the obstacle, in order to reduce light exposure to local residents. Guidance on the design and installation of an autonomous aircraft detection system is available in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-6 Visual Aids for Denoting Obstacles. The availability of such guidance is not intended to imply that such a system has to be provided.*

#### F.1.1 Objects within the lateral boundaries of the obstacle limitation surfaces

- F.1.1.1 Vehicles and other mobile objects, excluding aircraft, on the movement area of an aerodrome are obstacles and shall be marked and, if the vehicles and aerodrome are used at night or in conditions of low visibility, lighted, except that aircraft servicing equipment and vehicles used only on aprons may be exempt.
- F.1.1.2 Elevated aeronautical ground lights within the movement area shall be marked so as to be conspicuous by day. Obstacle lights shall not be installed on elevated ground lights or signs in the movement area.
- F.1.1.3 All obstacles within the distance specified in Table C-1, column 11 or 12, from the centre line of a taxiway, an apron taxiway or aircraft stand taxilane shall be marked and, if the taxiway, apron taxiway or aircraft stand taxilane is used at night, lighted.
- F.1.1.4 A fixed obstacle that extends above a take-off climb surface within 3000m of the inner edge of the take-off climb surface shall be marked and, if the runway is used at night, lighted, except that:
- (a) such marking and lighting may be omitted when the obstacle is shielded by another fixed obstacle;
  - (b) the marking may be omitted when the obstacle is lighted by medium-intensity obstacle lights, Type A, by day and its height above the level of the surrounding ground does not exceed 150m;
  - (c) the marking may be omitted when the obstacle is lighted by high-intensity obstacle lights by day; and
  - (d) the lighting may be omitted where the obstacle is a lighthouse and an aeronautical study indicates the lighthouse light to be sufficient.
- F.1.1.5 A fixed object, other than an obstacle, adjacent to a take-off climb surface shall be marked and, if the runway is used at night, lighted, if such marking and lighting is considered necessary to ensure its avoidance, except that the marking may be omitted when:
- (a) the object is lighted by medium-intensity obstacle lights, Type A, by day and its height above the level of the surrounding ground does not exceed 150m; or

(b) the object is lighted by high-intensity obstacle lights by day.

F.1.1.6 A fixed obstacle that extends above an approach surface within 3000m of the inner edge or above a transitional surface shall be marked and, if the runway is used at night, lighted, except that:

- (a) such marking and lighting may be omitted when the obstacle is shielded by another fixed obstacle;
- (b) the marking may be omitted when the obstacle is lighted by medium-intensity obstacle lights, Type A, by day and its height above the level of the surrounding ground does not exceed 150m;
- (c) the marking may be omitted when the obstacle is lighted by high-intensity obstacle lights by day; and
- (d) the lighting may be omitted where the obstacle is a lighthouse and an aeronautical study indicates the lighthouse light to be sufficient.

F.1.1.7 A fixed obstacle that extends above a horizontal surface shall be marked and, if the aerodrome is used at night, lighted, except that:

- (a) such marking and lighting may be omitted when:
  - (1) the obstacle is shielded by another fixed obstacle; or
  - (2) for a circuit extensively obstructed by immovable objects or terrain, procedures have been established to ensure safe vertical clearance below prescribed flight paths; or
  - (3) an aeronautical study shows the obstacle not to be of operational significance;
- (b) the marking may be omitted when the obstacle is lighted by medium-intensity obstacle lights, Type A, by day and its height above the level of the surrounding ground does not exceed 150m;
- (c) the marking may be omitted when the obstacle is lighted by high-intensity obstacle lights by day; and
- (d) the lighting may be omitted where the obstacle is a lighthouse and an aeronautical study indicates the lighthouse light to be sufficient.

F.1.1.8 A fixed object that extends above an obstacle protection surface shall be marked and, if the runway is used at night, lighted.

*Note.— See 5.3.5 for information on the obstacle protection surface.*

F.1.1.9 Other objects inside the obstacle limitation surfaces shall be marked and/or lighted if an aeronautical study indicates that the object could constitute a hazard to aircraft (this includes objects adjacent to visual routes e.g. waterway or highway).

*Note.— See note accompanying D.4.2.*

F.1.1.10 Overhead wires, cables, etc., crossing a river, waterway, valley or highway shall be marked and their supporting towers marked and lighted if an aeronautical study indicates that the wires or cables could constitute a hazard to aircraft.

**F.1.2 Objects outside the lateral boundaries of the obstacle limitation surfaces**

- F.1.2.1 Obstacles in accordance with D.3.2 may be marked and lighted, except that the marking may be omitted when the obstacle is lighted by high-intensity obstacle lights by day.
- F.1.2.2 Other objects outside the obstacle limitation surfaces may be marked and/or lighted if an aeronautical study indicates that the object could constitute a hazard to aircraft (this includes objects adjacent to visual routes e.g. waterway, highway).
- F.1.2.3 Overhead wires, cables, etc., crossing a river, waterway, valley or highway may be marked and their supporting towers marked and lighted if an aeronautical study indicates that the wires or cables could constitute a hazard to aircraft.

**F.2 Marking and/or lighting of objects****F.2.1 General**

- F.2.1.1 The presence of objects which shall be lighted, as specified in F.1, shall be indicated by low-, medium- or highintensity obstacle lights, or a combination of such lights.
- F.2.1.2 Low-intensity obstacle lights, Types A B, C, D and E, medium-intensity obstacle lights, Types A, B and C, high-intensity obstacle lights Type A and B, shall be in accordance with the specifications in Table F-1.
- F.2.1.3 The number and arrangement of low-, medium- or high-intensity obstacle lights at each level to be marked shall be such that the object is indicated from every angle in azimuth. Where a light is shielded in any direction by another part of the object, or by an adjacent object, additional lights shall be provided on that adjacent object or the part of the object that is shielding the light, in such a way as to retain the general definition of the object to be lighted. If the shielded light does not contribute to the definition of the object to be lighted, it may be omitted.

**F.2.2 Mobile objects*****Marking***

- F.2.2.1 All mobile objects to be marked shall be coloured or display flags.

***Marking by colour***

- F.2.2.2 When mobile objects are marked by colour, a single conspicuous colour, preferably red or yellowish green for emergency vehicles and yellow for service vehicles, shall be used.

***Marking by flags***

- F.2.2.3 Flags used to mark mobile objects shall be displayed around, on top of, or around the highest edge of the object. Flags shall not increase the hazard presented by the object they mark.
- F.2.2.4 Flags used to mark mobile objects shall not be less than 0.9m on each side and shall consist of a chequered pattern, each square having sides of not less than 0.3m. The colours of the pattern shall contrast each with the other and with the background against which they will be seen. Orange and white or alternatively red and white shall be used, except where such colours merge with the background.

**Table F-1. Characteristics of obstacle lights**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Light Type	Colour	Signal type/ (flash rate)	Peak intensity (cd) at given Background Luminance (b)			Light Distribution Table
			Day (Above 500 cd/m <sup>2</sup> )	Twilight (50-500 cd/m <sup>2</sup> )	Night (Below 50 cd/m <sup>2</sup> )	
Low-intensity, Type A (fixed obstacle)	Red	Fixed	N/A	N/A	10	Table F-2
Low-intensity, Type B (fixed obstacle)	Red	Fixed	N/A	N/A	32	Table F-2
Low-intensity, Type C (mobile obstacle)	Yellow/Blue (a)	Flashing (60-90 fpm)	N/A	40	40	Table F-2
Low-intensity, Type D (follow-me vehicle)	Yellow	Flashing (60-90 fpm)	N/A	200	200	Table F-2
Low-intensity, Type E	Red	Flashing (c)	N/A	N/A	32	Table F-2 (Type B)
Medium-intensity, Type A	White	Flashing (20-60 fpm)	20 000	20 000	2 000	Table F-3
Medium-intensity, Type B	Red	Flashing (20-60 fpm)	N/A	N/A	2 000	Table F-3
Medium-intensity, Type C	Red	Fixed	N/A	N/A	2 000	Table F-3
High-intensity, Type A	White	Flashing (40-60 fpm)	200 000	20 000	2 000	Table F-3
High-intensity, Type B	White	Flashing (40-60 fpm)	100 000	20 000	2 000	Table F-3

- a) See F.2.2.6
- b) For flashing lights, effective intensity as determined in accordance with the *CASA Advisory Circular AC139-6 Visual Aids for Denoting Obstacles*.
- c) For wind turbine application, to flash at the same rate as the lighting on the nacelle.

**Table F-2. Light distribution for low-intensity obstacle lights**

	Minimum intensity (a)	Maximum intensity (a)	Vertical beam spread (f)	
			Minimum beam spread	Intensity
Type A	10 cd (b)	N/A	10°	5 cd
Type B	32 cd (b)	N/A	10°	16 cd
Type C	40 cd (b)	400 cd	12° (d)	20 cd
Type D	200 cd (c)	400 cd	N/A (e)	N/A

*Note.— This table does not include recommended horizontal beam spreads. F.2.1.3 requires 360° coverage around an obstacle. Therefore, the number of lights needed to meet this requirement will depend on the horizontal beam spreads of each light as well as the shape of the obstacle. Thus, with narrower beam spreads, more lights will be required.*

- (a) 360° horizontal. For flashing lights, the intensity is read into effective intensity, as determined in accordance with the *CASA Advisory Circular AC139-6 Visual Aids for Denoting Obstacles*.
- (b) Between 2 and 10° vertical. Elevation vertical angles are referenced to the horizontal when the light is levelled.
- (c) Between 2 and 20° vertical. Elevation vertical angles are referenced to the horizontal when the light is levelled.



- (d) Peak intensity shall be located at approximately 2.5° vertical.
- (e) Peak intensity shall be located at approximately 17° vertical.
- (f) Beam spread is defined as the angle between the horizontal plane and the directions for which the intensity exceeds that mentioned in the “intensity” column.

**Table F-3. Light distribution for medium- and high-intensity obstacle lights according to benchmark intensities of Table F-1**

Benchmark intensity	Minimum requirements					Recommendations				
	Vertical elevation angle (b)			Vertical beam spread (c)		Vertical elevation angle (b)			Vertical beam spread (c)	
	0°		-1°			0°	-1°	-10°		
	Minimum average intensity (a)	Minimum intensity (a)	Minimum intensity (a)	Minimum beam spread	Intensity (a)	Maximum intensity (a)	Maximum intensity (a)	Maximum intensity (a)	Maximum beam spread	Intensity (a)
200 000	200 000	150 000	75 000	3°	75 000	250 000	112 500	7 500	7°	75 000
100 000	100 000	75 000	37 500	3°	37 500	125 000	56 250	3 750	7°	37 500
20 000	20 000	15 000	7 500	3°	7 500	25 000	11 250	750	N/A	N/A
2 000	2 000	1 500	750	3°	750	2 500	1 125	75	N/A	N/A

*Note.— This table does not include recommended horizontal beam spreads. F.2.1.3 requires 360° coverage around an obstacle. Therefore, the number of lights needed to meet this requirement will depend on the horizontal beam spreads of each light as well as the shape of the obstacle. Thus, with narrower beam spreads, more lights will be required.*

- (a) 360° horizontal. All intensities are expressed in Candela. For flashing lights, the intensity is read into effective intensity, as determined in accordance with the *CASA Advisory Circular AC139-6 Visual Aids for Denoting Obstacles*.
- (b) Elevation vertical angles are referenced to the horizontal when the light unit is levelled.
- (c) Beam spread is defined as the angle between the horizontal plane and the directions for which the intensity exceeds that mentioned in the “intensity” column.

*Note.— An extended beam spread may be necessary under specific configuration and justified by an aeronautical study.*

### **Lighting**

- F.2.2.5 Low-intensity obstacle lights, Type C, shall be displayed on vehicles and other mobile objects excluding aircraft.

*Note.— See Annex 2 for lights to be displayed by aircraft.*

- F.2.2.6 Low-intensity obstacle lights, Type C, displayed on vehicles associated with emergency or security shall be flashing-blue and those displayed on other vehicles shall be flashing-yellow.

- F.2.2.7 Low-intensity obstacle lights, Type D, shall be displayed on follow-me vehicles.

- F.2.2.8 Low-intensity obstacle lights on objects with limited mobility such as aerobridges shall be fixed-red, and as a minimum be in accordance with the specifications for low-intensity obstacle lights, Type A, in Table 6-1. The intensity of the lights shall be sufficient to ensure conspicuity considering the intensity of the adjacent lights and the general levels of illumination against which they would normally be viewed.

### F.2.3 Fixed objects

*Note.— The fixed objects of wind turbines are addressed separately in F.2.4 and the fixed objects of overhead wires, cables, etc., and supporting towers are addressed separately in F.2.5.*

#### **Marking**

- F.2.3.1 All fixed objects to be marked shall, whenever practicable, be coloured, but if this is not practicable, markers or flags shall be displayed on or above them, except that objects that are sufficiently conspicuous by their shape, size or colour need not be otherwise marked.

#### **Marking by colour**

- F.2.3.2 An object shall be coloured to show a chequered pattern if it has essentially unbroken surfaces and its projection on any vertical plane equals or exceeds 4.5m in both dimensions. The pattern shall consist of rectangles of not less than 1.5m and not more than 3m on a side, the corners being of the darker colour. The colours of the pattern shall contrast each with the other and with the background against which they will be seen. Orange and white or alternatively red and white shall be used, except where such colours merge with the background. (See Figure F-1.)

- F.2.3.3 An object shall be coloured to show alternating contrasting bands if:

- (a) it has essentially unbroken surfaces and has one dimension, horizontal or vertical, greater than 1.5m, and the other dimension, horizontal or vertical, less than 4.5m; or
- (b) it is of skeletal type with either a vertical or a horizontal dimension greater than 1.5m.

The bands shall be perpendicular to the longest dimension and have a width approximately 1/7 of the longest dimension or 30m, whichever is less. The colours of the bands shall contrast with the background against which they will be seen. Orange and white shall be used, except where such colours are not conspicuous when viewed against the background. The bands on the extremities of the object shall be of the darker colour. (See Figures F-1 and F-2.)

*Note.— Table F-4 shows a formula for determining band widths and for having an odd number of bands, thus permitting both the top and bottom bands to be of the darker colour.*

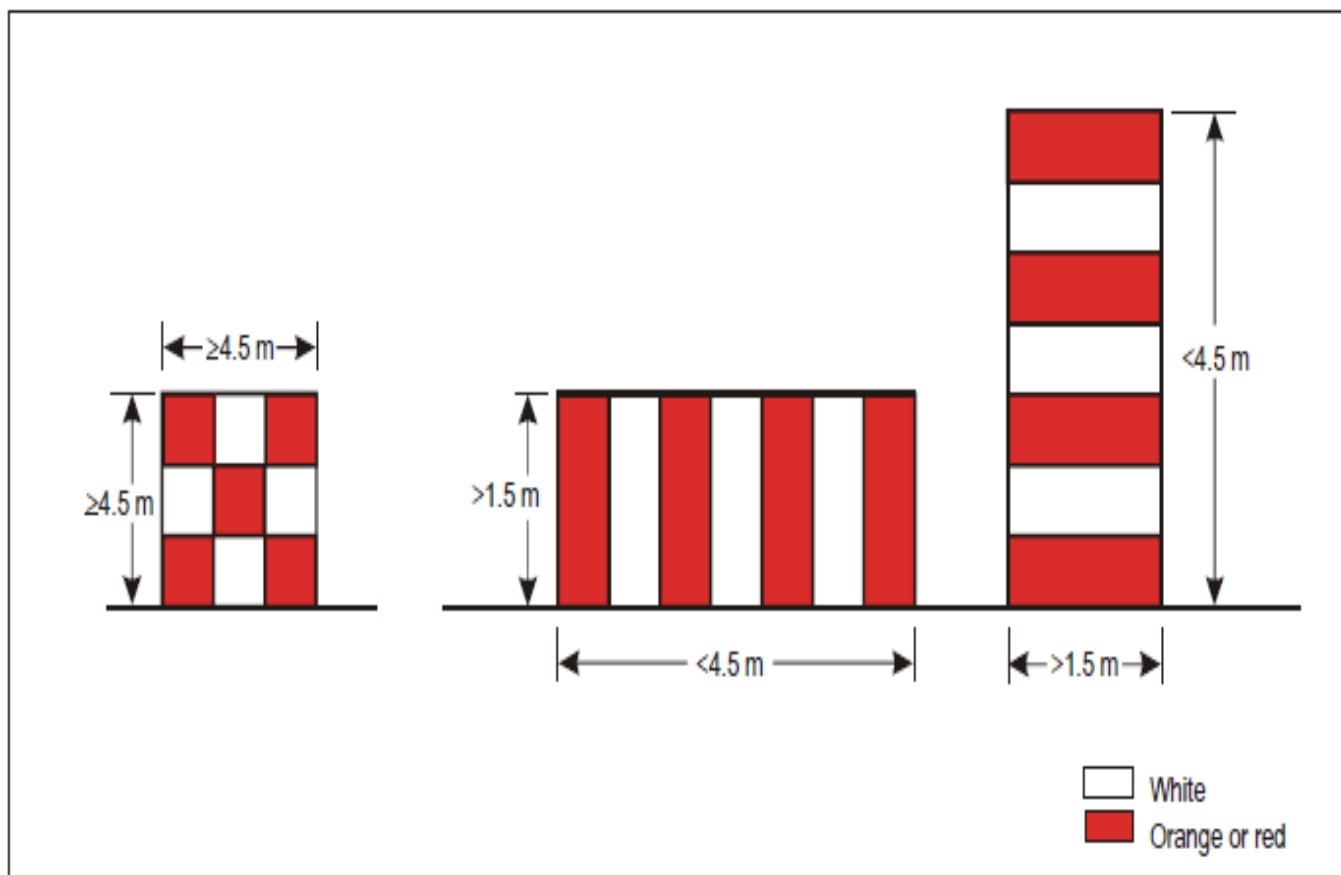


Figure F-1. Basic marking patterns

Table F-4. Marking band widths

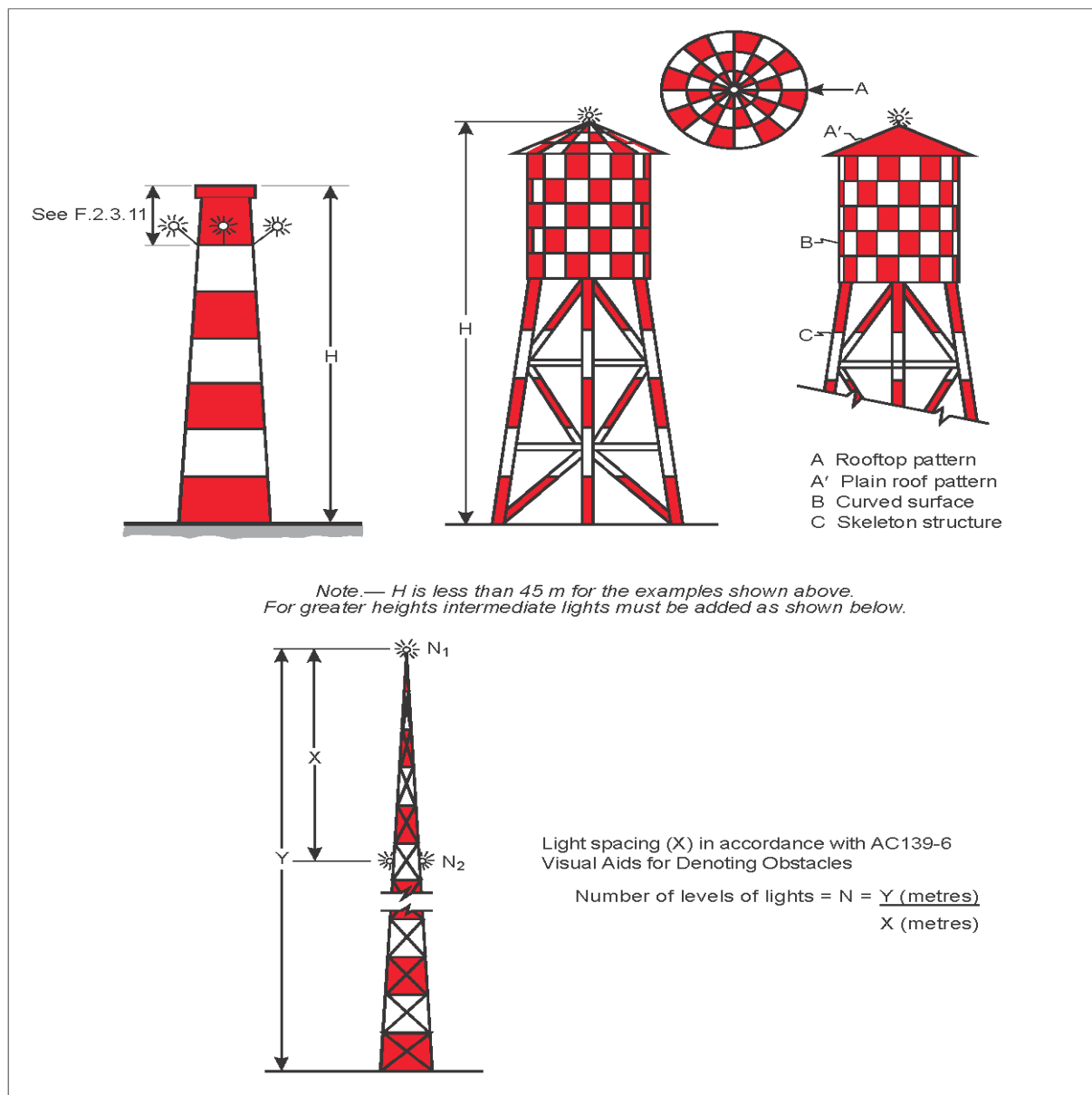
Longest dimension		Band width
Greater than	Not exceeding	
1.5 m	210 m	1/7 of longest dimension
210 m	270 m	1/9 " " "
270 m	330 m	1/11 " " "
330 m	390 m	1/13 " " "
390 m	450 m	1/15 " " "
450 m	510 m	1/17 " " "
510 m	570 m	1/19 " " "
570 m	630 m	1/21 " " "

F.2.3.4 An object shall be coloured in a single conspicuous colour if its projection on any vertical plane has both dimensions less than 1.5m. Orange or red shall be used, except where such colours merge with the background.

*Note.— Against some backgrounds it may be found necessary to use a different colour from orange or red to obtain sufficient contrast.*

### Marking by flags

- F.2.3.5 Flags used to mark fixed objects shall be displayed around, on top of, or around the highest edge of, the object. When flags are used to mark extensive objects or groups of closely spaced objects, they shall be displayed at least every 15m. Flags shall not increase the hazard presented by the object they mark.
- F.2.3.6 Flags used to mark fixed objects shall not be less than 0.6m on each side.



**Figure F-2. Examples of marking and lighting of tall structures**

- F.2.3.7 Flags used to mark fixed objects shall be orange in colour or a combination of two triangular sections, one orange and the other white, or one red and the other white, except that where such colours merge with the background, other conspicuous colours shall be used.

### Marking by markers

- F.2.3.8 Markers displayed on or adjacent to objects shall be located in conspicuous positions so as to retain the general definition of the object and shall be recognizable in clear weather

from a distance of at least 1000m for an object to be viewed from the air and 300m for an object to be viewed from the ground in all directions in which an aircraft is likely to approach the object. The shape of markers shall be distinctive to the extent necessary to ensure that they are not mistaken for markers employed to convey other information, and they shall be such that the hazard presented by the object they mark is not increased.

- F.2.3.9 A marker shall be of one colour. When installed, white and red, or white and orange markers shall be displayed alternately. The colour selected shall contrast with the background against which it will be seen.

### ***Lighting***

- F.2.3.10 In the case of an object to be lighted, one or more low-, medium- or high-intensity obstacle lights shall be located as close as practicable to the top of the object.

*Note.— Recommendations on how a combination of low-, medium- and/or high-intensity lights on obstacles shall be displayed, are given in Appendix 5(CASA Advisory Circular AC139-6 Visual Aids for Denoting Obstacles).*

- F.2.3.11 In the case of chimney or other structure of like function, the top lights shall be placed sufficiently below the top so as to minimize contamination by smoke, etc. (See Figure F-2).
- F.2.3.12 In the case of a tower or antenna structure indicated by high-intensity obstacle lights by day with an appurtenance, such as a rod or an antenna, greater than 12m where it is not practicable to locate a high-intensity obstacle light on the top of the appurtenance, such a light shall be located at the highest practicable point and, if practicable, a medium-intensity obstacle light, Type A, mounted on the top.
- F.2.3.13 In the case of an extensive object or of a group of closely spaced objects to be lighted that are:
- (a) penetrating a horizontal obstacle limitation surface (OLS) or located outside an OLS, the top lights shall be so arranged as to at least indicate the points or edges of the object highest in relation to the obstacle limitation surface or above the ground, and so as to indicate the general definition and the extent of the objects; and
  - (b) penetrating a sloping OLS, the top lights shall be so arranged as to at least indicate the points or edges of the object highest in relation to the OLS, and so as to indicate the general definition and the extent of the objects. If two or more edges are of the same height, the edge nearest the landing area shall be marked.
- F.2.3.14 When the obstacle limitation surface concerned is sloping and the highest point above the OLS is not the highest point of the object, additional obstacle lights shall be placed on the highest point of the object.
- F.2.3.15 Where lights are applied to display the general definition of an extensive object or a group of closely spaced objects, and
- (a) low-intensity lights are used, they shall be spaced at longitudinal intervals not exceeding 45m; and
  - (b) medium-intensity lights are used, they shall be spaced at longitudinal intervals not exceeding 900m.

- F.2.3.16 High-intensity obstacle lights, Type A, and medium-intensity obstacle lights, Types A and B, located on an object shall flash simultaneously.
- F.2.3.17 The installation setting angles for high-intensity obstacle lights, Type A, shall be in accordance with Table F-5.

*Note.— High-intensity obstacle lights are intended for day use as well as night use. Care is needed to ensure that these lights do not create disconcerting dazzle. Guidance on the design, location and operation of high-intensity obstacle lights is given in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-6 Visual Aids for Denoting Obstacles.*

- F.2.3.18 Where, in the opinion of the appropriate authority, the use of high-intensity obstacle lights, Type A, or medium-intensity obstacle lights, Type A, at night may dazzle pilots in the vicinity of an aerodrome (within approximately 10000m radius) or cause significant environmental concerns, a dual obstacle lighting system shall be provided. This system shall be composed of high-intensity obstacle lights, Type A, or medium-intensity obstacle lights, Type A, as appropriate, for daytime and twilight use and medium-intensity obstacle lights, Type B or C, for night-time use

***Lighting of objects with a height less than 45m above ground level***

- F.2.3.19 Low-intensity obstacle lights, Type A or B, shall be used where the object is a less extensive one and its height above the surrounding ground is less than 45m.
- F.2.3.20 Where the use of low-intensity obstacle lights, Type A or B, would be inadequate or an early special warning is required, then medium- or high-intensity obstacle lights shall be used.
- F.2.3.21 Low-intensity obstacle lights, Type B, shall be used either alone or in combination with medium-intensity obstacle lights, Type B, in accordance with F.2.3.22.
- F.2.3.22 Medium-intensity obstacle lights, Type A, B or C, shall be used where the object is an extensive one. Medium-intensity obstacle lights, Types A and C, shall be used alone, whereas medium-intensity obstacle lights, Type B, shall be used either alone or in combination with low-intensity obstacle lights, Type B.

*Note.— A group of buildings is regarded as an extensive object.*

***Lighting of objects with a height 45m to a height less than 150m above ground level***

- F.2.3.23 Medium-intensity obstacle lights, Type A, B or C shall be used. Medium-intensity obstacle lights, Types A and C, shall be used alone, whereas medium-intensity obstacle lights, Type B, shall be used either alone or in combination with low-intensity obstacle lights, Type B.
- F.2.3.24 Where an object is indicated by medium-intensity obstacle lights, Type A, and the top of the object is more than 105m above the level of the surrounding ground or the elevation of tops of nearby buildings (when the object to be marked is surrounded by buildings), additional lights shall be provided at intermediate levels. These additional intermediate lights shall be spaced as equally as practicable, between the top lights and ground level or the level of tops of nearby buildings, as appropriate, with the spacing not exceeding 105m.
- F.2.3.25 Where an object is indicated by medium-intensity obstacle lights, Type B, and the top of the object is more than 45m above the level of the surrounding ground or the elevation of

tops of nearby buildings (when the object to be marked is surrounded by buildings), additional lights shall be provided at intermediate levels. These additional intermediate lights shall be alternately low-intensity obstacle lights, Type B, and medium-intensity obstacle lights, Type B, and shall be spaced as equally as practicable between the top lights and ground level or the level of tops of nearby buildings, as appropriate, with the spacing not exceeding 52m.

- F.2.3.26 Where an object is indicated by medium-intensity obstacle lights, Type C, and the top of the object is more than 45m above the level of the surrounding ground or the elevation of tops of nearby buildings (when the object to be marked is surrounded by buildings), additional lights shall be provided at intermediate levels. These additional intermediate lights shall be spaced as equally as practicable, between the top lights and ground level or the level of tops of nearby buildings, as appropriate, with the spacing not exceeding 52m.
- F.2.3.27 Where high-intensity obstacle lights, Type A, are used, they shall be spaced at uniform intervals not exceeding 105m between the ground level and the top light(s) specified in F.2.3.10, except that where an object to be marked is surrounded by buildings, the elevation of the tops of the buildings may be used as the equivalent of the ground level when determining the number of light levels.

***Lighting of objects with a height 150m or more above ground level***

- F.2.3.28 High-intensity obstacle lights, Type A, shall be used to indicate the presence of an object if its height above the level of the surrounding ground exceeds 150m and an aeronautical study indicates such lights to be essential for the recognition of the object by day.
- F.2.3.29 Where high-intensity obstacle lights, Type A, are used, they shall be spaced at uniform intervals not exceeding 105m between the ground level and the top light(s) specified in F.2.3.10, except that where an object to be marked is surrounded by buildings, the elevation of the tops of the buildings may be used as the equivalent of the ground level when determining the number of light levels.
- F.2.3.30 Where, in the opinion of the appropriate authority, the use of high-intensity obstacle lights, Type A, at night may dazzle pilots in the vicinity of an aerodrome (within approximately 10000m radius) or cause significant environmental concerns, medium-intensity obstacle lights, Type C, shall be used alone, whereas mediumintensity obstacle lights, Type B, shall be used either alone or in combination with low-intensity obstacle lights, Type B.
- F.2.3.31 Where an object is indicated by medium-intensity obstacle lights, Type A, additional lights shall be provided at intermediate levels. These additional intermediate lights shall be spaced as equally as practicable, between the top lights and ground level or the level of tops of nearby buildings, as appropriate, with the spacing not exceeding 105m.
- F.2.3.32 Where an object is indicated by medium-intensity obstacle lights, Type B, additional lights shall be provided at intermediate levels. These additional intermediate lights shall be alternately low-intensity obstacle lights, Type B, and medium-intensity obstacle lights, Type B, and shall be spaced as equally as practicable between the top lights and ground level or the level of tops of nearby buildings, as appropriate, with the spacing not exceeding 52m.
- F.2.3.33 Where an object is indicated by medium-intensity obstacle lights, Type C, additional lights shall be provided at intermediate levels. These additional intermediate lights shall

be spaced as equally as practicable, between the top lights and ground level or the level of tops of nearby buildings, as appropriate, with the spacing not exceeding 52m.

#### **F.2.4 Wind turbines**

F.2.4.1 A wind turbine shall be marked and/or lighted if it is determined to be an obstacle.

*Note 1.— Additional lighting or markings may be provided where such lighting or markings are deemed necessary.*

*Note 2.— See D.3.1 and D.3.2*

##### **Markings**

F.2.4.2 The rotor blades, nacelle and upper 2/3 of the supporting mast of wind turbines shall be painted white, unless otherwise indicated by an aeronautical study.

##### **Lighting**

F.2.4.3 When lighting is deemed necessary, in the case of a wind farm, i.e. a group of two or more wind turbines, the wind farm shall be regarded as an extensive object and the lights shall be installed:

- (a) to identify the perimeter of the wind farm;
- (b) respecting the maximum spacing, in accordance with F.2.3.15, between the lights along the perimeter, unless a dedicated assessment shows that a greater spacing can be used;
- (c) so that, where flashing lights are used, they flash simultaneously throughout the wind farm;
- (d) so that, within a wind farm, any wind turbines of significantly higher elevation are also identified wherever they are located; and
- (e) at locations prescribed in (a), (b) and (d), respecting the following criteria:
  - (1) for wind turbines of less than 150m in overall height (hub height plus vertical blade height), medium-intensity lighting on the nacelle shall be provided;
  - (2) for wind turbines from 150m to 315m in overall height, in addition to the medium-intensity light installed on the nacelle, a second light serving as an alternate shall be provided in case of failure of the operating light. The lights shall be installed to assure that the output of either light is not blocked by the other; and
  - (3) in addition, for wind turbines from 150m to 315m in overall height, an intermediate level at half the nacelle height of at least three low-intensity Type E lights, as specified in F.2.1.3, shall be provided. If an aeronautical study shows that low-intensity Type E lights are not suitable, low-intensity Type A or B lights shall be used.

*Note.— The above F.2.4.3(e) does not address wind turbines of more than 315m of overall height. For such wind turbines, additional marking and lighting shall be required as determined by an aeronautical study.*

F.2.4.4 The obstacle lights shall be installed on the nacelle in such a manner as to provide an unobstructed view for aircraft approaching from any direction.



- F.2.4.5 Where lighting is deemed necessary for a single wind turbine or short line of wind turbines, the installation shall be in accordance with F.2.4.3(e) or as determined by an aeronautical study.

## **F.2.5 Overhead wires, cables, etc., and supporting towers**

### ***Marking***

- F.2.5.1 The wires, cables, etc., to be marked shall be equipped with markers; the supporting tower shall be coloured.

### ***Marking by colours***

- F.2.5.2 The supporting towers of overhead wires, cables, etc., that require marking shall be marked in accordance with F.2.3.1 to F.2.3.4, except that the marking of the supporting towers may be omitted when they are lighted by high-intensity obstacle lights by day.

### ***Marking by markers***

- F.2.5.3 Markers displayed on or adjacent to objects shall be located in conspicuous positions so as to retain the general definition of the object and shall be recognizable in clear weather from a distance of at least 1000m for an object to be viewed from the air and 300m for an object to be viewed from the ground in all directions in which an aircraft is likely to approach the object. The shape of markers shall be distinctive to the extent necessary to ensure that they are not mistaken for markers employed to convey other information, and they shall be such that the hazard presented by the object they mark is not increased.
- F.2.5.4 A marker displayed on an overhead wire, cable, etc., shall be spherical and have a diameter of not less than 60cm.
- F.2.5.5 The spacing between two consecutive markers or between a marker and a supporting tower shall be appropriate to the diameter of the marker, but in no case shall the spacing exceed:
- (a) 30m where the marker diameter is 60cm progressively increasing with the diameter of the marker to
  - (b) 35m where the marker diameter is 80cm and further progressively increasing to a maximum of
  - (c) 40m where the marker diameter is of at least 130cm.

Where multiple wires, cables, etc., are involved, a marker shall be located not lower than the level of the highest wire at the point marked.

- F.2.5.6 A marker shall be of one colour. When installed, white and red, or white and orange markers shall be displayed alternately. The colour selected shall contrast with the background against which it will be seen.
- F.2.5.7 When it has been determined that an overhead wire, cable, etc., needs to be marked but it is not practicable to install markers on the wire, cable, etc., then high-intensity obstacle lights, Type B, shall be provided on their supporting towers.

**Lighting**

F.2.5.8 High-intensity obstacle lights, Type B, shall be used to indicate the presence of a tower supporting overhead wires, cables, etc., where:

- (a) an aeronautical study indicates such lights to be essential for the recognition of the presence of wires, cables, etc.; or
- (b) it has not been found practicable to install markers on the wires, cables, etc.

F.2.5.9 Where high-intensity obstacle lights, Type B, are used, they shall be located at three levels:

- (a) at the top of the tower;
- (b) at the lowest level of the catenary of the wires or cables; and
- (c) at approximately midway between these two levels.

*Note.— In some cases, this may require locating the lights off the tower.*

F.2.5.10 High-intensity obstacle lights, Type B, indicating the presence of a tower supporting overhead wires, cables, etc., shall flash sequentially; first the middle light, second the top light and last, the bottom light. The intervals between flashes of the lights shall approximate the following ratios:

Flash interval between	Ratio of cycle time
<i>middle and top light</i>	<i>1/13</i>
<i>top and bottom light</i>	<i>2/13</i>
<i>bottom and middle light</i>	<i>10/13.</i>

*Note.— High-intensity obstacle lights are intended for day use as well as night use. Care is needed to ensure that these lights do not create disconcerting dazzle. Guidance on the design, operation and the location of high-intensity obstacle lights is given in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-6 Visual Aids for Denoting Obstacles.*

F.2.5.11 Where, in the opinion of the appropriate authority, the use of high-intensity obstacle lights, Type B, at night may dazzle pilots in the vicinity of an aerodrome (within approximately 10000m radius) or cause significant environmental concerns, a dual obstacle lighting system shall be provided. This system shall be composed of high-intensity obstacle lights, Type B, for daytime and twilight use and medium-intensity obstacle lights, Type B, for nighttime use. Where medium-intensity lights are used they shall be installed at the same level as the high-intensity obstacle light Type B.

F.2.5.12 The installation setting angles for high-intensity obstacle lights, Type B, shall be in accordance with Table F-5.

**Table F-5. Installation setting angles for high-intensity obstacle lights**

Height of light unit above terrain (AGL)		Angle of the peak of the beam above the horizontal
Greater than	Not exceeding	
151 m		0°
122 m	151 m	1°
92 m	122 m	2°
	92 m	3°

## APPENDIX G. VISUAL AIDS FOR DENOTING RESTRICTED USE AREAS

### G.1 Closed runways and taxiways, or parts thereof

#### *Application*

- G.1.1 A closed marking shall be displayed on a runway or taxiway or portion thereof which is permanently closed to the use of all aircraft.
- G.1.2 A closed marking shall be displayed on a temporarily closed runway or taxiway or portion thereof, except that such marking may be omitted when the closing is of short duration and adequate warning by air traffic services is provided.

#### *Location*

- G.1.3 On a runway a closed marking shall be placed at each end of the runway, or portion thereof, declared closed, and additional markings shall be so placed that the maximum interval between markings does not exceed 300m. On a taxiway a closed marking shall be placed at least at each end of the taxiway or portion thereof closed.

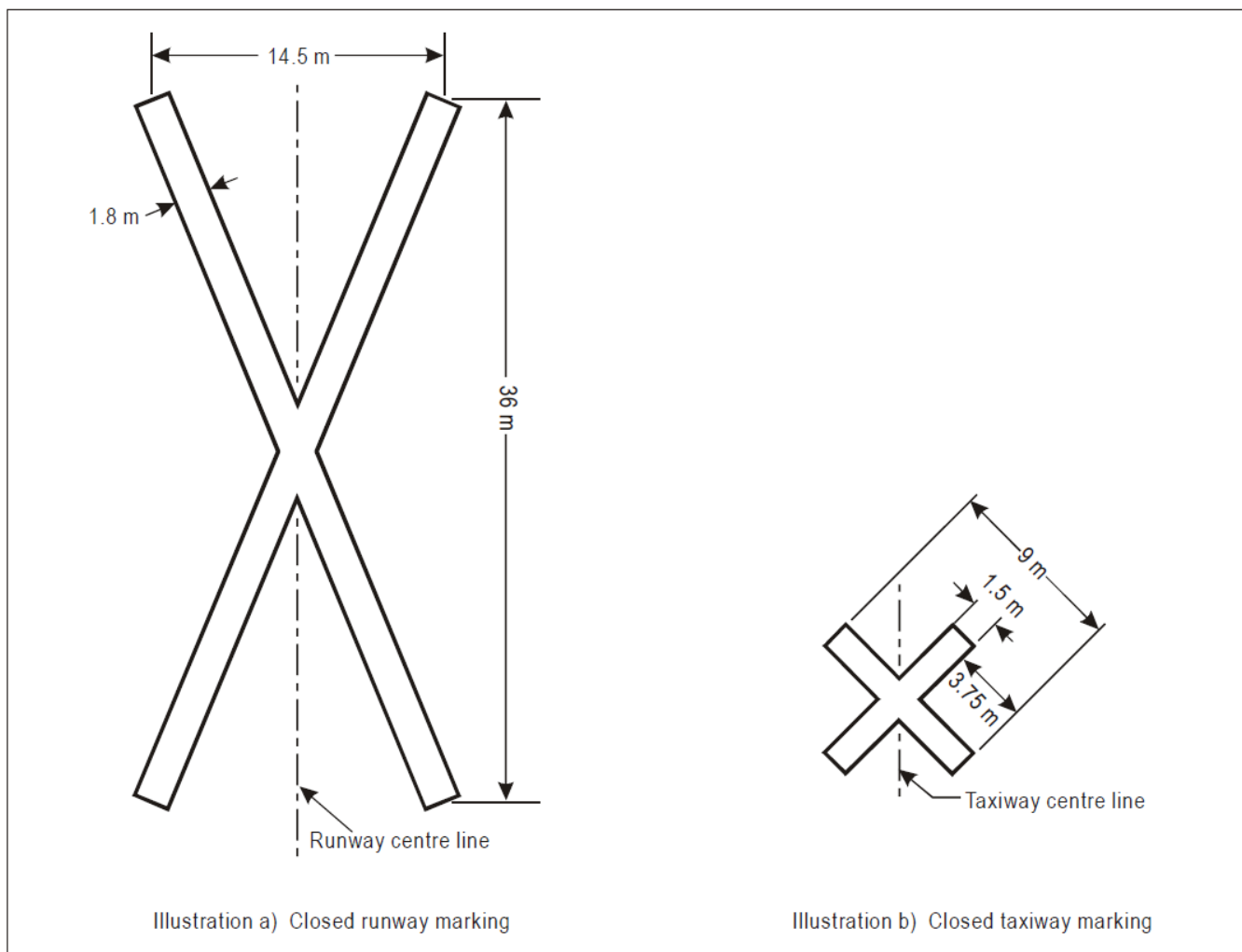
#### *Characteristics*

- G.1.4 The closed marking shall be of the form and proportions as detailed in Figure G-1, Illustration (a), when displayed on a runway, and shall be of the form and proportions as detailed in Figure G-1, Illustration (b), when displayed on a taxiway. The marking shall be white when displayed on a runway and shall be yellow when displayed on a taxiway.

*Note 1.— When an area is temporarily closed, frangible barriers or markings utilizing materials other than paint or other suitable means may be used to identify the closed area.*

*Note 2.— Procedures pertaining to the planning, coordination, monitoring and safety management of works in progress on the movement area are specified in the PANS-Aerodromes (Doc 9981).*

- G.1.5 When a runway or taxiway or portion thereof is permanently closed, all normal runway and taxiway markings shall be obliterated.
- G.1.6 Lighting on a closed runway or taxiway or portion thereof shall not be operated, except as required for maintenance purposes.
- G.1.7 In addition to closed markings, when the runway or taxiway or portion thereof closed is intercepted by a usable runway or taxiway which is used at night, unserviceability lights shall be placed across the entrance to the closed area at intervals not exceeding 3m (see G.4.4).



**Figure G-1. Closed runway and taxiway markings**

## G.2 Non-load-bearing surfaces

### *Application*

- G.2.1 Shoulders for taxiways, runway turn pads, holding bays and aprons and other non-load-bearing surfaces which cannot readily be distinguished from load-bearing surfaces and which, if used by aircraft, might result in damage to the aircraft shall have the boundary between such areas and the load-bearing surface marked by a taxi side stripe marking.

*Note.— The marking of runway sides is specified in E.2.7.*

### *Location*

- G.2.2 A taxi side stripe marking shall be placed along the edge of the load-bearing pavement, with the outer edge of the marking approximately on the edge of the load-bearing pavement.

### *Characteristics*

- G.2.3 A taxi side stripe marking shall consist of a pair of solid lines, each 15 cm wide and spaced 15cm apart and the same colour as the taxiway centre line marking.

*Note.— Guidance on providing additional transverse stripes at an intersection or a small area on the apron is given in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-7 Visual Aids for Denoting Restricted Use Areas.*

### G.3 Pre-threshold area

#### *Application*

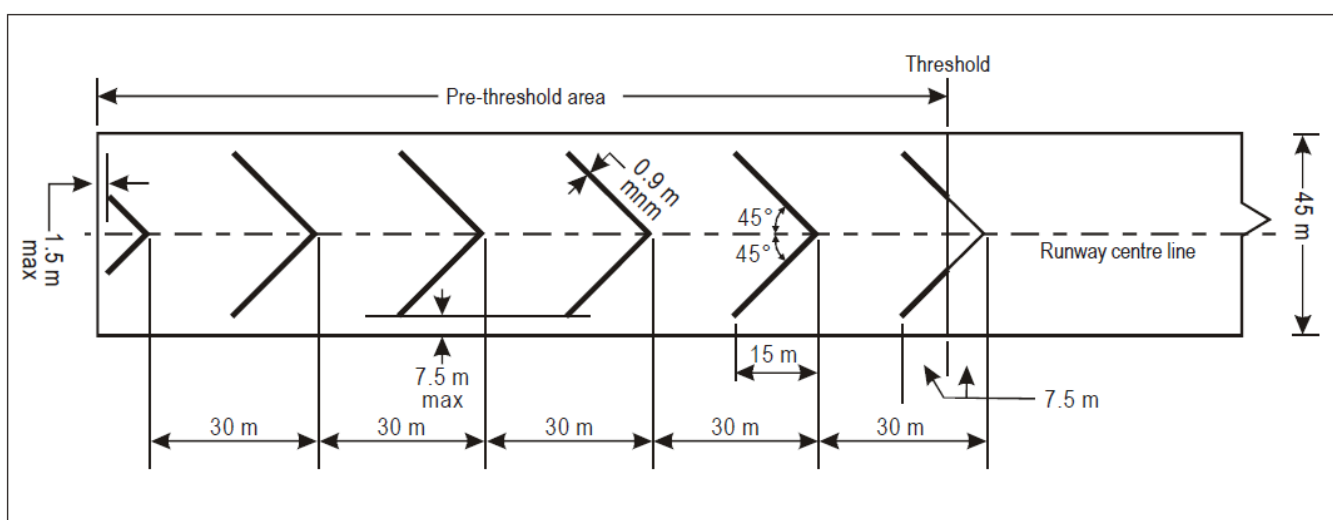
- G.3.1 When the surface before a threshold is paved and exceeds 60m in length and is not suitable for normal use by aircraft, the entire length before the threshold shall be marked with a chevron marking.

#### *Location*

- G.3.2 A chevron marking shall point in the direction of the runway and be placed as shown in Figure G-2.

#### *Characteristics*

- G.3.3 A chevron marking shall be of conspicuous colour and contrast with the colour used for the runway markings; it shall preferably be yellow. It shall have an overall width of at least 0.9m.



**Figure G-2. Pre-threshold marking**

### G.4 Unserviceable areas

#### *Application*

- G.4.1 Unserviceability markers shall be displayed wherever any portion of a taxiway, apron or holding bay is unfit for the movement of aircraft but it is still possible for aircraft to bypass the area safely. On a movement area used at night, unserviceability lights shall be used.

*Note 1.— Unserviceability markers and lights are used for such purposes as warning pilots of a hole in a taxiway or apron pavement or outlining a portion of pavement, such as on an apron, that is under repair. They are not suitable for use when a portion of a runway becomes unserviceable, nor on a taxiway when a major portion of the width becomes unserviceable. In such instances, the runway or taxiway is normally closed.*

*Note 2.— Procedures pertaining to the planning, coordination, monitoring and safety management of works in progress on the movement area are specified in the PANS-Aerodromes (Doc 9981).*

#### *Location*

- G.4.2 Unserviceability markers and lights shall be placed at intervals sufficiently close so as to delineate the unserviceable area.

*Note.— Guidance on the location of unserviceability lights is given in CASA Advisory Circular AC139-7 Visual Aids for Denoting Restricted Use Areas.*

***Characteristics of unserviceability markers***

- G.4.3 Unserviceability markers shall consist of conspicuous upstanding devices such as flags, cones or marker boards.

***Characteristics of unserviceability lights***

- G.4.4 An unserviceability light shall consist of a red fixed light. The light shall have an intensity sufficient to ensure conspicuity considering the intensity of the adjacent lights and the general level of illumination against which it would normally be viewed. In no case shall the intensity be less than 10 cd of red light.

***Characteristics of unserviceability cones***

- G.4.5 An unserviceability cone shall be at least 0.5m in height and red, orange or yellow or any one of these colours in combination with white.

***Characteristics of unserviceability flags***

- G.4.6 An unserviceability flag shall be at least 0.5m square and red, orange or yellow or any one of these colours in combination with white.

***Characteristics of unserviceability marker boards***

- G.4.7 An unserviceability marker board shall be at least 0.5m in height and 0.9m in length, with alternate red and white or orange and white vertical stripes.

## APPENDIX H. ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS

### H.1 Electrical power supply systems for air navigation facilities

H.1.1 Adequate primary power supply shall be available at aerodromes for the safe functioning of air navigation facilities.

H.1.2 The design and provision of electrical power systems for aerodrome visual and radio navigation aids shall be such that an equipment failure will not leave the pilot with inadequate visual and non-visual guidance or misleading information.

*Note.— The design and installation of the electrical systems need to take into consideration factors that can lead to malfunction, such as electromagnetic disturbances, line losses, power quality, etc. Additional guidance is given in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-8 Electrical Systems.*

H.1.3 Electric power supply connections to those facilities for which secondary power is required shall be so arranged that the facilities are automatically connected to the secondary power supply on failure of the primary source of power.

H.1.4 The time interval between failure of the primary source of power and the complete restoration of the services required by H.1.10 shall be as short as practicable, except that for visual aids associated with non-precision, precision approach or take-off runways the requirements of Table H-1 for maximum switch-over times shall apply.

*Note.— A definition of switch-over time is given in 139.2.*

H.1.5 The provision of a definition of switch-over time shall not require the replacement of an existing secondary power supply before 1 January 2010. However, for a secondary power supply installed after 4 November 1999, the electric power supply connections to those facilities for which secondary power is required shall be so arranged that the facilities are capable of meeting the requirements of Table H-1 for maximum switch-over times as defined in 139.2.

#### **Visual aids**

#### **Application**

H.1.6 For a precision approach runway, a secondary power supply capable of meeting the requirements of Table H-1 for the appropriate category of precision approach runway shall be provided. Electric power supply connections to those facilities for which secondary power is required shall be so arranged that the facilities are automatically connected to the secondary power supply on failure of the primary source of power.

H.1.7 For a runway meant for take-off in runway visual range conditions less than a value of 800m, a secondary power supply capable of meeting the relevant requirements of Table H-1 shall be provided.

H.1.8 At an aerodrome where the primary runway is a non-precision approach runway, a secondary power supply capable of meeting the requirements of Table H-1 shall be provided except that a secondary power supply for visual aids need not be provided for more than one non-precision approach runway.

H.1.9 At an aerodrome where the primary runway is a non-instrument runway, a secondary power supply capable of meeting the requirements of H.1.4 shall be provided, except that a



secondary power supply for visual aids need not be provided when an emergency lighting system in accordance with the specification of E.3.2 is provided and capable of being deployed in 15 minutes.

H.1.10 The following aerodrome facilities shall be provided with a secondary power supply capable of supplying power when there is a failure of the primary power supply:

- (a) the signalling lamp and the minimum lighting necessary to enable air traffic services personnel to carry out their duties;

*Note.— The requirement for minimum lighting may be met by other than electrical means.*

- (b) all obstacle lights which, in the opinion of the appropriate authority, are essential to ensure the safe operation of aircraft;
- (c) approach, runway and taxiway lighting as specified in H.1.6 to H.1.9;
- (d) meteorological equipment;
- (e) essential security lighting, if provided in accordance with I.11;
- (f) essential equipment and facilities for the aerodrome responding emergency agencies;
- (g) floodlighting on a designated isolated aircraft parking position if provided in accordance with E.3.24.1; and
- (h) illumination of apron areas over which passengers may walk.

*Note.— Specifications for secondary power supply for radio navigation aids and ground elements of communications systems are given in CAR Part 171.*

H.1.11 Requirements for a secondary power supply shall be met by either of the following:

- (a) independent public power, which is a source of power supplying the aerodrome service from a substation other than the normal substation through a transmission line following a route different from the normal power supply route and such that the possibility of a simultaneous failure of the normal and independent public power supplies is extremely remote; or
- (b) standby power unit(s), which are engine generators, batteries, etc., from which electric power can be obtained.

*Note.— Guidance on electrical systems is included in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-8 Electrical Systems.*

**Table H-1. Secondary power supply requirements**  
(see H.1.4)

Runway	Lighting aids requiring power	Maximum switch-over time
Non-instrument	Visual approach slope indicators <sup>a</sup>	See
	Runway edge <sup>b</sup>	H.1.4 and
	Runway threshold <sup>b</sup>	H.1.9
	Runway end <sup>b</sup>	
	Obstacle <sup>a</sup>	
Non-precision approach	Approach lighting system	15 seconds
	Visual approach slope indicators <sup>a, d</sup>	15 seconds
	Runway edge <sup>d</sup>	15 seconds
	Runway threshold <sup>d</sup>	15 seconds
	Runway end	15 seconds
Precision approach category I	Obstacle <sup>a</sup>	15 seconds
	Approach lighting system	15 seconds
	Runway edge <sup>d</sup>	15 seconds
	Visual approach slope indicators <sup>a, d</sup>	15 seconds
	Runway threshold <sup>d</sup>	15 seconds
Precision approach category II/III	Runway end	15 seconds
	Essential taxiway <sup>a</sup>	15 seconds
	Obstacle <sup>a</sup>	15 seconds
	Inner 300 m of the approach lighting system	1 second
	Other parts of the approach lighting system	15 seconds
Runway meant for take-off in runway visual range conditions less than a value of 800 m	Obstacle <sup>a</sup>	15 seconds
	Runway edge	15 seconds
	Runway threshold	1 second
	Runway end	1 second
	Runway centre line	1 second
	Runway touchdown zone	1 second
	All stop bars	1 second
	Essential taxiway <sup>a</sup>	15 seconds
	Obstacle <sup>a</sup>	15 seconds

a. Supplied with secondary power when their operation is essential to the safety of flight operation.

b. See Appendix E, E.3.2, regarding the use of emergency lighting.

c. One second where no runway centre line lights are provided.

d. One second where approaches are over hazardous or precipitous terrain.

## H.2 System design

H.2.1 For a runway meant for use in runway visual range conditions less than a value of 550m, the electrical systems for the power supply, lighting and control of the lighting systems included in Table H-1 shall be so designed that an equipment failure will not leave the pilot with inadequate visual guidance or misleading information.

*Note.— Guidance on means of providing this protection is given in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-8 Electrical Systems.*

H.2.2 Where the secondary power supply of an aerodrome is provided by the use of duplicate feeders, such supplies shall be physically and electrically separate so as to ensure the required level of availability and independence.

- H.2.3 Where a runway forming part of a standard taxi-route is provided with runway lighting and taxiway lighting, the lighting systems shall be interlocked to preclude the possibility of simultaneous operation of both forms of lighting.

### H.3 Monitoring

*Note.— Guidance on this subject is given in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-8 Electrical Systems.*

- H.3.1 A system of monitoring shall be employed to indicate the operational status of the lighting systems.
- H.3.2 Where lighting systems are used for aircraft control purposes, such systems shall be monitored automatically so as to provide an indication of any fault which may affect the control functions. This information shall be automatically relayed to the air traffic services unit.
- H.3.3 Where a change in the operational status of lights has occurred, an indication shall be provided within two seconds for a stop bar at a runway-holding position and within five seconds for all other types of visual aids.
- H.3.4 For a runway meant for use in runway visual range conditions less than a value of 550m, the lighting systems detailed in Table H-1 shall be monitored automatically so as to provide an indication when the serviceability level of any element falls below the minimum serviceability level specified in J.5.7 to J.5.11, as appropriate. This information shall be automatically relayed to the maintenance crew.
- H.3.5 For a runway meant for use in runway visual range conditions less than a value of 550m, the lighting systems detailed in Table H-1 shall be monitored automatically to provide an indication when the serviceability level of any element falls below the minimum level specified by the appropriate authority below which operations shall not continue. This information shall be automatically relayed to the air traffic services unit and displayed in a prominent position.

*Note.— Guidance on air traffic control interface and visual aids monitoring is included in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-8 Electrical Systems*

## APPENDIX I. AERODROME OPERATIONAL SERVICES, EQUIPMENT AND INSTALLATIONS

### I.1 Aerodrome emergency planning

#### *General*

I.1.1 An aerodrome emergency plan shall be established at an aerodrome, commensurate with the aircraft operations and other activities conducted at the aerodrome.

I.1.2 The aerodrome emergency plan shall provide for the coordination of the actions to be taken in an emergency occurring at an aerodrome or in its vicinity.

*Note 1.— Examples of emergencies are: aircraft emergencies, sabotage including bomb threats, unlawfully seized aircraft, dangerous goods occurrences, building fires, natural disaster and public health emergencies.*

*Note 2.— Examples of public health emergencies are increased risk of travellers or cargo spreading a serious communicable disease internationally through air transport and severe outbreak of a communicable disease potentially affecting a large proportion of aerodrome staff.*

I.1.3 The plan shall coordinate the response or participation of all existing agencies which, in the opinion of the appropriate authority, could be of assistance in responding to an emergency.

*Note 1.— Examples of agencies are:*

- (a) on the aerodrome: air traffic control units, rescue and firefighting services, aerodrome administration, medical and ambulance services, aircraft operators, security services, and police;
- (b) off the aerodrome: fire departments, police, health authorities (including medical, ambulance, hospital and public health services), military, and harbour patrol or coast guard.

*Note 2.— Public health services include planning to minimize adverse effects to the community from health-related events and deal with population health issues rather than provision of health services to individuals.*

I.1.4 The plan shall provide for cooperation and coordination with the rescue coordination centre, as necessary.

I.1.5 The aerodrome emergency plan document shall include at least the following:

- (a) types of emergencies planned for;
- (b) agencies involved in the plan;
- (c) responsibility and role of each agency, the emergency operations centre and the command post, for each type of emergency;
- (d) information on names and telephone numbers of offices or people to be contacted in the case of a particular emergency; and
- (e) a grid map of the aerodrome and its immediate vicinity.

I.1.6 The plan shall observe human factors principles to ensure optimum response by all existing agencies participating in emergency operations.

*Note 1.— Guidance material on human factors principles can be found in the Human Factors Training Manual (Doc 9683).*

*Note 2.— General principles and procedures on the training of aerodrome personnel, including training programmes and competence checks, are specified in the PANS-Aerodromes (Doc 9981).*

***Emergency operations centre and command post***

- I.1.7 A fixed emergency operations centre and a mobile command post shall be available for use during an emergency.
- I.1.8 The emergency operations centre shall be a part of the aerodrome facilities and shall be responsible for the overall coordination and general direction of the response to an emergency.
- I.1.9 The command post shall be a facility capable of being moved rapidly to the site of an emergency, when required, and shall undertake the local coordination of those agencies responding to the emergency.
- I.1.10 A person shall be assigned to assume control of the emergency operations centre and, when appropriate, another person the command post.

***Communication system***

- I.1.11 Adequate communication systems linking the command post and the emergency operations centre with each other and with the participating agencies shall be provided in accordance with the plan and consistent with the particular requirements of the aerodrome.

***Aerodrome emergency exercise***

- I.1.12 The plan shall contain procedures for periodic testing of the adequacy of the plan and for reviewing the results in order to improve its effectiveness.

*Note.— The plan includes all participating agencies and associated equipment.*

- I.1.13 The plan shall be tested by conducting:
  - (a) a full-scale aerodrome emergency exercise at intervals not exceeding two years and partial emergency exercises in the intervening year to ensure that any deficiencies found during the full-scale aerodrome emergency exercise have been corrected; or
  - (b) a series of modular tests commencing in the first year and concluding in a full-scale aerodrome emergency exercise at intervals not exceeding three years;

and reviewed thereafter, or after an actual emergency, so as to correct any deficiency found during such exercises or actual emergency.

*Note 1.— The purpose of a full-scale exercise is to ensure the adequacy of the plan to cope with different types of emergencies. The purpose of a partial exercise is to ensure the adequacy of the response to individual participating agencies and components of the plan, such as the communications system. The purpose of modular tests is to enable concentrated effort on specific components of established emergency plans.*

*Note 2.— Guidance material on airport emergency planning is available in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-9.1 Operational Services-Emergency Planning.*

***Emergencies in difficult environments***

- I.1.14 The plan shall include the ready availability of, and coordination with, appropriate specialist rescue services to be able to respond to emergencies where an aerodrome is located close to water and/or swampy areas and where a significant portion of approach or departure operations takes place over these areas.
- I.1.15 At those aerodromes located close to water and/or swampy areas, or difficult terrain, the aerodrome emergency plan shall include the establishment, testing and assessment at regular intervals of a predetermined response for the specialist rescue services.
- I.1.16 An assessment of the approach and departure areas within 1000m of the runway threshold shall be carried out to determine the options available for intervention.

*Note.— Guidance material on assessing approach and departure areas within 1000m of runway thresholds can be found in CASA Advisory Circular AC139-9.2 Operational Services-Rescue and Firefighting.*

**I.2 Rescue and firefighting*****Application***

- I.2.1 Rescue and firefighting equipment and services shall be provided at an aerodrome when serving commercial air transport operations.

*Note.— Public or private organizations, suitably located and equipped, may be designated to provide the rescue and firefighting service. It is intended that the fire station housing these organizations be normally located on the aerodrome, although an off-aerodrome location is not precluded provided the response time can be met.*

- I.2.2 Where an aerodrome is located close to water/swampy areas, or difficult terrain, and where a significant portion of approach or departure operations takes place over these areas, specialist rescue services and firefighting equipment appropriate to the hazard and risk shall be available.

*Note 1.— Special firefighting equipment need not be provided for water areas; this does not prevent the provision of such equipment if it would be of practical use, such as when the areas concerned include reefs or islands.*

*Note 2.— The objective is to plan and deploy the necessary life-saving flotation equipment as expeditiously as possible in a number commensurate with the largest aeroplane normally using the aerodrome.*

*Note 3.— Additional guidance is available in CASA Advisory Circular AC139-9.2 Operational Services-Rescue and Firefighting.*

***Level of protection to be provided***

- I.2.3 The level of protection provided at an aerodrome for rescue and firefighting shall be appropriate to the aerodrome category determined using the principles in I.2.5 and I.2.6, except that, where the number of movements of the aeroplanes in the highest category normally using the aerodrome is less than 700 in the busiest consecutive three months, the level of protection provided shall be not less than one category below the determined category.

*Note.— Either a take-off or a landing constitutes a movement.*

- I.2.4 The level of protection provided at an aerodrome for rescue and firefighting shall be equal to the aerodrome category determined using the principles in I.2.5 and I.2.6.
- I.2.5 The aerodrome category shall be determined from Table I-1 and shall be based on the longest aeroplanes normally using the aerodrome and their fuselage width.

*Note.— To categorize the aeroplanes using the aerodrome, first evaluate their overall length and second, their fuselage width.*

- I.2.6 If, after selecting the category appropriate to the longest aeroplane's overall length, that aeroplane's fuselage width is greater than the maximum width in Table I-1, column 3, for that category, then the category for that aeroplane shall actually be one category higher.

*Note 1.— See guidance in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-9.2 Operational Services-Rescue and Firefighting, for categorizing aerodromes, including those for all-cargo aircraft operations, for rescue and firefighting purposes.*

*Note 2.— Principles and procedures on training, including training programmes and competence checks, are specified in the PANS-Aerodromes (Doc 9981). Further guidance on the training of personnel, rescue equipment for difficult environments, and other facilities and services for rescue and firefighting is given in CASA Advisory Circular AC139-9.2 Operational Services-Rescue and Firefighting.*

- I.2.7 During anticipated periods of reduced activity, the level of protection available shall be no less than that needed for the highest category of aeroplane planned to use the aerodrome during that time irrespective of the number of movements.

**Table I-1 Aerodrome category for rescue and firefighting**

Aerodrome category (1)	Aeroplane overall length (2)	Maximum fuselage width (3)
1	0 m up to but not including 9 m	2 m
2	9 m up to but not including 12 m	2 m
3	12 m up to but not including 18 m	3 m
4	18 m up to but not including 24 m	4 m
5	24 m up to but not including 28 m	4 m
6	28 m up to but not including 39 m	5 m
7	39 m up to but not including 49 m	5 m
8	49 m up to but not including 61 m	7 m
9	61 m up to but not including 76 m	7 m
10	76 m up to but not including 90 m	8 m

***Extinguishing agents***

- I.2.8 Both principal and complementary agents shall normally be provided at an aerodrome.

*Note.— Descriptions of the agents may be found in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-9.2 Operational Services-Rescue and Firefighting.*

- I.2.9 The principal extinguishing agent shall be:

- (a) a foam meeting the minimum performance level A; or
- (b) a foam meeting the minimum performance level B; or
- (c) a foam meeting the minimum performance level C; or
- (d) a combination of these agents;

except that the principal extinguishing agent for aerodromes in categories 1 to 3 shall preferably meet a performance level B or C foam.

*Note.— Information on the required physical properties and fire extinguishing performance criteria needed for a foam to achieve an acceptable performance level A, B or C rating is given in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-9.2 Operational Services-Rescue and Firefighting.*

- I.2.10 The complementary extinguishing agent shall be a dry chemical powder suitable for extinguishing hydrocarbon fires.

*Note 1.— When selecting dry chemical powders for use with foam, care shall be exercised to ensure compatibility.*

*Note 2.— Alternate complementary agents having equivalent firefighting capability may be utilized. Additional information on extinguishing agents is given in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-9.2 Operational Services-Rescue and Firefighting.*

- I.2.11 The amounts of water for foam production and the complementary agents to be provided on the rescue and firefighting vehicles shall be in accordance with the aerodrome category determined under I.2.3, I.2.4, I.2.5, I.2.6 and Table I-2, except that for aerodrome categories 1 and 2 up to 100 percent of the water may be substituted with complementary agent.

For the purpose of agent substitution, 1 kg of complementary agent shall be taken as equivalent to 1.0 L of water for production of a foam meeting performance level A.

*Note 1.— The amounts of water specified for foam production are predicated on an application rate of 8.2 L/min/m<sup>2</sup> for a foam meeting performance level A, 5.5 L/min/m<sup>2</sup> for a foam meeting performance level B and 3.75 L/min/m<sup>2</sup> for a foam meeting performance level C.*

*Note 2.— When any other complementary agent is used, the substitution ratios need to be checked.*

- I.2.12 At aerodromes where operations by aeroplanes larger than the average size in a given category are planned, the quantities of water shall be recalculated and the amount of water for foam production and the discharge rates for foam solution shall be increased accordingly.

*Note.— Guidance on the determination of quantities of water and discharge rates based on the largest overall length of aeroplane in a given category is available in CASA Advisory Circular AC139-9.2 Operational Services-Rescue and Firefighting.*



**Table E-2. Minimum usable amounts of extinguishing agents**

Aerodrome category	Foam meeting performance level A		Foam meeting performance level B		Foam meeting performance level C		Complementary agents	
	Water (L)	Discharge rate foam solution/minute (L)	Water (L)	Discharge rate foam solution/minute (L)	Water (L)	Discharge rate foam solution/minute (L)	Dry chemical powders (kg)	Discharge Rate (kg/second)
		(3)		(5)		(7)		
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
1	350	350	230	230	160	160	45	2.25
2	1 000	800	670	550	460	360	90	2.25
3	1 800	1 300	1 200	900	820	630	135	2.25
4	3 600	2 600	2 400	1 800	1 700	1 100	135	2.25
5	8 100	4 500	5 400	3 000	3 900	2 200	180	2.25
6	11 800	6 000	7 900	4 000	5 800	2 900	225	2.25
7	18 200	7 900	12 100	5 300	8 800	3 800	225	2.25
8	27 300	10 800	18 200	7 200	12 800	5 100	450	4.5
9	36 400	13 500	24 300	9 000	17 100	6 300	450	4.5
10	48 200	16 600	32 300	11 200	22 800	7 900	450	4.5

*Note.— The quantities of water shown in columns 2, 4 and 6 are based on the average overall length of aeroplanes in a given category.*

- I.2.13 The quantity of foam concentrates separately provided on vehicles for foam production shall be in proportion to the quantity of water provided and the foam concentrate selected.
- I.2.14 The amount of foam concentrate provided on a vehicle shall be sufficient to produce at least two loads of foam solution.
- I.2.15 Supplementary water supplies, for the expeditious replenishment of rescue and firefighting vehicles at the scene of an aircraft accident shall be provided.
- I.2.16 When a combination of different performance level foams are provided at an aerodrome, the total amount of water to be provided for foam production shall be calculated for each foam type and the distribution of these quantities shall be documented for each vehicle and applied to the overall rescue and firefighting requirement.
- I.2.17 The discharge rate of the foam solution shall not be less than the rates shown in Table I-2.
- I.2.18 The complementary agents shall comply with the appropriate specifications of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) – Publication 7202 (Powder).
- I.2.19 The discharge rate of complementary agents shall be no less than the values shown in Table I-2.
- I.2.20 Dry chemical powders may only be substituted with an agent that has equivalent or better firefighting capabilities for all types of fires where complementary agent is expected to be used.
- Note.— Guidance on the use of complementary agents can be found in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-9.2 Operational Services-Rescue and Firefighting.*
- I.2.21 A reserve supply of foam concentrate, equivalent to 200 percent of the quantities identified in Table I-2, shall be maintained on the aerodrome for vehicle replenishment purposes.
- Note.— Foam concentrate carried on fire vehicles in excess of the quantity identified in Table I-2 can contribute to the reserve.*
- I.2.22 A reserve supply of complementary agent, equivalent to 100 percent of the quantity identified in Table I-2, shall be maintained on the aerodrome for vehicle replenishment purposes. Sufficient propellant gas shall be included to utilize this reserve complementary agent.
- I.2.23 Category 1 and 2 aerodromes that have replaced up to 100 percent of the water with complementary agent may hold a reserve supply of complementary agent of 200 percent.

- I.2.24 Where a major delay in the replenishment of the supplies is anticipated, the amount of reserve supply in I.2.21, I.2.22 and I.2.23 may be increased as determined by a risk assessment.

*Note.— See the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-9.2 Operational Services-Rescue and Firefighting for guidance on the conduct of a risk analysis to determine the quantities of reserve extinguishing agents.*

***Rescue equipment***

- I.2.25 Rescue equipment commensurate with the level of aircraft operations shall be provided on the rescue and firefighting vehicle(s).

*Note.— Guidance on the rescue equipment to be provided at an aerodrome is given in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-9.2 Operational Services-Rescue and Firefighting.*

***Response time***

- I.2.26 The operational objective of the rescue and firefighting service shall be to achieve a response time not exceeding three minutes to any point of each operational runway, in optimum visibility and surface conditions.
- I.2.27 The operational objective of the rescue and firefighting service may be to achieve a response time not exceeding two minutes to any point of each operational runway, in optimum visibility and surface conditions.
- I.2.28 The operational objective of the rescue and firefighting service shall be to achieve a response time not exceeding three minutes to any other part of the movement area, in optimum visibility and surface conditions.

*Note 1.— Response time is considered to be the time between the initial call to the rescue and firefighting service, and the time when the first responding vehicle(s) is (are) in position to apply foam at a rate of at least 50 percent of the discharge rate specified in Table I-2.*

*Note 2.— Optimum visibility and surface conditions are defined as daytime, good visibility, no precipitation with normal response route free of surface contamination, e.g. water.*

- I.2.29 To meet the operational objective as nearly as possible in less than optimum conditions of visibility, especially during low visibility operations, suitable guidance, equipment and/or procedures for rescue and firefighting services shall be provided.

*Note.— Additional guidance is available in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-9.2 Operational Services-Rescue and Firefighting.*

- I.2.30 Any vehicles, other than the first responding vehicle(s), required to deliver the amounts of extinguishing agents specified in Table I-2 shall ensure continuous agent application and shall arrive no more than four minutes from the initial call.
- I.2.31 Any vehicles, other than the first responding vehicles(s), required to deliver the amounts of extinguishing agents specified in Table I-2 may ensure continuous agent application and shall arrive no more than three minutes from the initial call.
- I.2.32 A system of preventive maintenance of rescue and firefighting vehicles shall be employed to ensure effectiveness of the equipment and compliance with the specified response time throughout the life of the vehicle.

***Emergency access roads***

- I.2.33 Emergency access roads shall be provided on an aerodrome where terrain conditions permit their construction, so as to facilitate achieving minimum response times. Particular attention shall be given to the provision of ready access to approach areas up to 1000m from the threshold, or at least within the aerodrome boundary. Where a fence is provided, the need for convenient access to outside areas shall be taken into account.

*Note.— Aerodrome service roads may serve as emergency access roads when they are suitably located and constructed.*

- I.2.34 Emergency access roads shall be capable of supporting the heaviest vehicles which will use them, and be usable in all weather conditions. Roads within 90m of a runway shall be surfaced to prevent surface erosion and the transfer of debris to the runway. Sufficient vertical clearance shall be provided from overhead obstructions for the largest vehicles.
- I.2.35 When the surface of the road is indistinguishable from the surrounding area, edge markers may be placed at intervals of about 10m.

***Fire stations***

- I.2.36 All rescue and firefighting vehicles shall normally be housed in a fire station. Satellite fire stations may be provided whenever the response time cannot be achieved from a single fire station.
- I.2.37 The fire station shall be located so that the access for rescue and firefighting vehicles into the runway area is direct and clear, requiring a minimum number of turns.

***Communication and alerting systems***

- I.2.38 A discrete communication system shall be provided linking a fire station with the control tower, any other fire station on the aerodrome and the rescue and firefighting vehicles.
- I.2.39 An alerting system for rescue and firefighting personnel, capable of being operated from that station, shall be provided at a fire station, any other fire station on the aerodrome and the aerodrome control tower.

***Number of rescue and firefighting vehicles***

- I.2.40 The minimum number of rescue and firefighting vehicles provided at an aerodrome shall be in accordance with the following tabulation:

Aerodrome category	Rescue and firefighting vehicles
1	1
2	1
3	1
4	1
5	1
6	2
7	2
8	3
9	3
10	3

*Note.— Guidance on minimum characteristics of rescue and firefighting vehicles is given in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-9.2 Operational Services-Rescue and Firefighting.*

### **Personnel**

- I.2.41 All rescue and firefighting personnel shall be properly trained to perform their duties in an efficient manner and shall participate in live fire drills commensurate with the types of aircraft and type of rescue and firefighting equipment in use at the aerodrome, including pressure-fed fuel fires.

*Note 1.— Guidance to assist the appropriate authority in providing proper training is given in CASA Advisory Circular AC139-9.2 Operational Services-Rescue and Firefighting.*

*Note 2.— Fires associated with fuel discharged under very high pressure from a ruptured fuel tank are known as “pressure-fed fuel fires”.*

- I.2.42 The rescue and firefighting personnel training programme shall include training in human performance, including team coordination.

*Note.— Guidance material to design training programmes on human performance and team coordination can be found in the Human Factors Training Manual (Doc 9683).*

- I.2.43 During flight operations, sufficient trained and competent personnel shall be designated to be readily available to ride the rescue and firefighting vehicles and to operate the equipment at maximum capacity. These personnel shall be deployed in a way that ensures that minimum response times can be achieved and that continuous agent application at the appropriate rate can be fully maintained. Consideration shall also be given for personnel to use hand lines, ladders and other rescue and firefighting equipment normally associated with aircraft rescue and firefighting operations.

- I.2.44 In determining the minimum number of rescue and firefighting personnel required, a task resource analysis shall be completed and the level of staffing documented in the Aerodrome Manual.

*Note.— Guidance on the use of a task resource analysis can be found in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-9.2 Operational Services-Rescue and Firefighting.*

- I.2.45 All responding rescue and firefighting personnel shall be provided with protective clothing and respiratory equipment to enable them to perform their duties in an effective manner.

### **I.3 Disabled aircraft removal**

*Note.— Guidance on removal of a disabled aircraft, including recovery equipment, is given in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-9.3 Operational Services-Disabled Aircraft Removal. See also CAR Part 12 — Accidents, Incidents and statistics. Investigation concerning protection of evidence, custody and removal of aircraft.*

- I.3.1 A plan for the removal of an aircraft disabled on, or adjacent to, the movement area shall be established for an aerodrome, and a coordinator designated to implement the plan.
- I.3.2 The disabled aircraft removal plan shall be based on the characteristics of the aircraft that may normally be expected to operate at the aerodrome, and include among other things:

- (a) a list of equipment and personnel on, or in the vicinity of, the aerodrome which would be available for such purpose; and
- (b) arrangements for the rapid receipt of aircraft recovery equipment kits available from other aerodromes.

#### **I.4 Wildlife strike hazard reduction**

*Note.— The presence of wildlife (birds and other animals) on, or in the vicinity of an aerodrome poses a serious threat to aircraft operational safety.*

- I.4.1 The wildlife strike hazard on, or in the vicinity of, an aerodrome shall be assessed through:
- (a) the establishment of a national procedure for recording and reporting wildlife strikes to aircraft;
  - (b) the collection of information from aircraft operators, aerodrome personnel and other sources on the presence of wildlife on or around the aerodrome constituting a potential hazard to aircraft operations; and
  - (c) an ongoing evaluation of the wildlife hazard by competent personnel.

*Note.— See CAR Part 175.*

- I.4.2 Wildlife strike reports shall be collected and forwarded to ICAO for inclusion in the ICAO Bird Strike Information System (IBIS) database.

*Note.— The IBIS is designed to collect and disseminate information on wildlife strikes to aircraft. Information on the system is included in the Manual on the ICAO Bird Strike Information System (IBIS) (Doc 9332) (forthcoming).*

- I.4.3 Action shall be taken to decrease the risk to aircraft operations by adopting measures to minimize the likelihood of collisions between wildlife and aircraft.

*Note.— Procedures on the management of wildlife hazards on and in the vicinity of an aerodrome, including the establishment of a wildlife hazard management programme (WHMP), wildlife risk assessment, land-use management and personnel training, are specified in the PANS-Aerodromes (Doc 9981), Part II, Chapters 1 and 6. Further guidance is given in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-9.3 Operational Services-Wildlife Strike Hazard Reduction.*

- I.4.4 The appropriate authority shall take action to eliminate or to prevent the establishment of garbage disposal dumps or any other source which may attract wildlife to the aerodrome, or its vicinity, unless an appropriate wildlife assessment indicates that they are unlikely to create conditions conducive to a wildlife hazard problem. Where the elimination of existing sites is not possible, the appropriate authority shall ensure that any risk to aircraft posed by these sites is assessed and reduced to as low as reasonably practicable.
- I.4.5 The appropriate authority shall give due consideration to aviation safety concerns related to land developments in the vicinity of the aerodrome that may attract wildlife.

## **I.5 Apron management service**

I.5.1 When warranted by the volume of traffic and operating conditions, an appropriate apron management service shall be provided on an apron by an aerodrome ATS unit, by another aerodrome operating authority, or by a cooperative combination of these, in order to:

- (a) regulate movement with the objective of preventing collisions between aircraft, and between aircraft and obstacles;
- (b) regulate entry of aircraft into, and coordinate exit of aircraft from, the apron with the aerodrome control tower; and
- (c) ensure safe and expeditious movement of vehicles and appropriate regulation of other activities.

I.5.2 When the aerodrome control tower does not participate in the apron management service, procedures shall be established to facilitate the orderly transition of aircraft between the apron management unit and the aerodrome control tower.

*Note.— Procedures on apron safety are specified in the PANS-Aerodromes (Doc 9981). Guidance on an apron management service is given in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-9.5 Operational Services-Apron Safety and Vehicle Control, and in CASA Advisory Circular AC139-9.6 Operational Services-Surface Movement Guidance and Control System (SMGCS).*

I.5.3 An apron management service shall be provided with radiotelephony communications facilities.

I.5.4 Where low visibility procedures are in effect, persons and vehicles operating on an apron shall be restricted to the essential minimum.

*Note.— Guidance on related special procedures is given in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-9.6 Operational Services-Surface Movement Guidance and Control System (SMGCS).*

I.5.5 An emergency vehicle responding to an emergency shall be given priority over all other surface movement traffic.

I.5.6 A vehicle operating on an apron shall:

- (a) give way to an emergency vehicle; an aircraft taxiing, about to taxi, or being pushed or towed; and
- (b) give way to other vehicles in accordance with local regulations.

I.5.7 An aircraft stand shall be visually monitored to ensure that the recommended clearance distances are provided to an aircraft using the stand.

*Note.— Procedures on the training of operational personnel, and on apron safety and operations, are specified in the PANS-Aerodromes (Doc 9981), Part II, Chapters 1 and 7.*

## **I.6 Ground servicing of aircraft**

I.6.1 Fire extinguishing equipment suitable for at least initial intervention in the event of a fuel fire and personnel trained in its use shall be readily available during the ground servicing of

an aircraft, and there shall be a means of quickly summoning the rescue and firefighting service in the event of a fire or major fuel spill.

I.6.2 When aircraft refuelling operations take place while passengers are embarking, on board or disembarking, ground equipment shall be positioned so as to allow:

- (a) the use of a sufficient number of exits for expeditious evacuation; and
- (b) a ready escape route from each of the exits to be used in an emergency.

## **I.7 Aerodrome vehicle operations**

*Note 1.— Procedures on the establishment of an airside driver permit scheme and vehicle/equipment safety requirements, including detailed personnel training, are specified in the PANS-Aerodromes (Doc 9981), Part II, Chapter 9.*

*Note 2.— Guidance on aerodrome vehicle operations is contained in Attachment A, Section 18, and on traffic rules and regulations for vehicles in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-9.6 Operational Services-Surface Movement Guidance and Control System (SMGCS).*

*Note 3.— It is intended that roads located on the movement area be restricted to the exclusive use of aerodrome personnel and other authorized persons, and that access to the public buildings by an unauthorized person will not require use of such roads.*

I.7.1 A vehicle shall be operated:

- (a) on a manoeuvring area only as authorized by the aerodrome control tower; and
- (b) on an apron only as authorized by the appropriate designated authority.

I.7.2 The driver of a vehicle on the movement area shall comply with all mandatory instructions conveyed by markings and signs unless otherwise authorized by:

- (a) the aerodrome control tower when on the manoeuvring area; or
- (b) the appropriate designated authority when on the apron.

I.7.3 The driver of a vehicle on the movement area shall comply with all mandatory instructions conveyed by lights.

I.7.4 The driver of a vehicle on the movement area shall be appropriately trained for the tasks to be performed and shall comply with the instructions issued by:

- (a) the aerodrome control tower, when on the manoeuvring area; and
- (b) the appropriate designated authority, when on the apron.

I.7.5 The driver of a radio-equipped vehicle shall establish satisfactory two-way radio communication with the aerodrome control tower before entering the manoeuvring area and with the appropriate designated authority before entering the apron. The driver shall maintain a continuous listening watch on the assigned frequency when on the movement area.

## **I.8 Surface movement guidance and control systems**

### ***Application***

- I.8.1 A surface movement guidance and control system (SMGCS) shall be provided at an aerodrome.

*Note.— Guidance on surface movement guidance and control systems is contained in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-9.6 Operational Services-Surface Movement Guidance and Control System (SMGCS).*

### ***Characteristics***

- I.8.2 The design of an SMGCS shall take into account:
- (a) the density of air traffic;
  - (b) the visibility conditions under which operations are intended;
  - (c) the need for pilot orientation;
  - (d) the complexity of the aerodrome layout; and
  - (e) movements of vehicles.
- I.8.3 The visual aid components of an SMGCS, i.e. markings, lights and signs, shall be designed to conform with the relevant specifications in E.2, E.3 and E.4, respectively.
- I.8.4 An SMGCS shall be designed to assist in the prevention of inadvertent incursions of aircraft and vehicles onto an active runway.
- I.8.5 The system shall be designed to assist in the prevention of collisions between aircraft, and between aircraft and vehicles or objects, on any part of the movement area.
- Note.— Guidance on control of stop bars through induction loops and on a visual taxiing guidance and control system is contained in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-9.6 Operational Services-Surface Movement Guidance and Control System (SMGCS).*
- I.8.6 Where an SMGCS is provided by selective switching of stop bars and taxiway centre line lights, the following requirements shall be met:
- (a) taxiway routes which are indicated by illuminated taxiway centre line lights shall be capable of being terminated by an illuminated stop bar;
  - (b) the control circuits shall be so arranged that when a stop bar located ahead of an aircraft is illuminated, the appropriate section of taxiway centre line lights beyond it is suppressed; and
  - (c) the taxiway centre line lights are activated ahead of an aircraft when the stop bar is suppressed.

*Note 1.— See Sections E.3.17 and E.3.20 for specifications on taxiway centre line lights and stop bars, respectively.*

*Note 2.— Guidance on installation of stop bars and taxiway centre line lights in SMGCSs is given in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-9.6 Operational Services-Surface Movement Guidance and Control System (SMGCS).*



- I.8.7 Surface movement radar for the manoeuvring area may be provided at an aerodrome intended for use in runway visual range conditions less than a value of 350m.
- I.8.8 Surface movement radar for the manoeuvring area may be provided at an aerodrome other than that in I.8.7 when traffic density and operating conditions are such that regularity of traffic flow cannot be maintained by alternative procedures and facilities.

*Note.— Guidance on the use of surface movement radar is given in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-9.6 Operational Services-Surface Movement Guidance and Control System (SMGCS) and in the Air Traffic Services Planning Manual (Doc 9426).*

## **I.9 Siting of equipment and installations on operational areas**

*Note 1.— Requirements for obstacle limitation surfaces are specified in D.2.*

*Note 2.— The design of light fixtures and their supporting structures, light units of visual approach slope indicators, signs, and markers, is specified in E.3.1, E.3.5, E.4.1 and E.5.1, respectively. Guidance on the frangible design of visual and non-visual aids for navigation is given in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-9.7 Operational Services-Siting of Installations and Frangibility.*

- I.9.1 Unless its function requires it to be there for air navigation or for aircraft safety purposes, no equipment or installation shall be:
- (a) on a runway strip, a runway end safety area, a taxiway strip or within the distances specified in Table C-1, column 11, if it would endanger an aircraft; or
  - (b) on a clearway if it would endanger an aircraft in the air.
- I.9.2 Any equipment or installation required for air navigation or for aircraft safety purposes which shall be located:
- (a) on that portion of a runway strip within:
    - (1) 75m of the runway centre line where the code number is 3 or 4; or
    - (2) 45m of the runway centre line where the code number is 1 or 2; or
  - (b) on a runway end safety area, a taxiway strip or within the distances specified in Table C-1; or
  - (c) on a clearway and which would endanger an aircraft in the air;
- shall be frangible and mounted as low as possible.
- I.9.3 Any equipment or installation required for air navigation or for aircraft safety purposes which may be located on the non-graded portion of a runway strip shall be regarded as an obstacle and shall be frangible and mounted as low as possible.
- Note.— Guidance on the siting of navigation aids is contained in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-9.7 Operational Services-Siting of Installations and Frangibility.*
- I.9.4 Unless its function requires it to be there for air navigation or for aircraft safety purposes, no equipment or installation shall be located within 240m from the end of the strip and within:
- (a) 60m of the extended centre line where the code number is 3 or 4; or

(b) 45m of the extended centre line where the code number is 1 or 2;  
of a precision approach runway category I, II or III.

I.9.5 Any equipment or installation required for air navigation or for aircraft safety purposes which shall be located on or near a strip of a precision approach runway category I, II or III and which:

- (a) is situated within 240m from the end of the strip and within:
- (1) 60m of the extended runway centre line where the code number is 3 or 4; or
  - (2) 45m of the extended runway centre line where the code number is 1 or 2; or
- (b) penetrates the inner approach surface, the inner transitional surface or the balked landing surface;

shall be frangible and mounted as low as possible.

I.9.6 Any equipment or installation required for air navigation or for aircraft safety purposes which is an obstacle of operational significance in accordance with D.2.4, D.2.11, D.2.20 or D.2.27 shall be frangible and mounted as low as possible.

## **I.10 Fencing**

### ***Application***

I.10.1 A fence or other suitable barrier shall be provided on an aerodrome to prevent the entrance to the movement area of animals large enough to be a hazard to aircraft.

I.10.2 A fence or other suitable barrier shall be provided on an aerodrome to deter the inadvertent or premeditated access of an unauthorized person onto a non-public area of the aerodrome.

*Note 1.— This is intended to include the barring of sewers, ducts, tunnels, etc., where necessary to prevent access.*

*Note 2.— Special measures may be required to prevent the access of an unauthorized person to runways or taxiways which overpass public roads.*

I.10.3 Suitable means of protection shall be provided to deter the inadvertent or premeditated access of unauthorized persons into ground installations and facilities essential for the safety of civil aviation located off the aerodrome.

### ***Location***

I.10.4 The fence or barrier shall be located so as to separate the movement area and other facilities or zones on the aerodrome vital to the safe operation of aircraft from areas open to public access.

I.10.5 When greater security is thought necessary, a cleared area shall be provided on both sides of the fence or barrier to facilitate the work of patrols and to make trespassing more difficult. Consideration shall be given to the provision of a perimeter road inside the aerodrome fencing for the use of both maintenance personnel and security patrols.

## I.11 Security lighting

At an aerodrome where it is deemed desirable for security reasons, a fence or other barrier provided for the protection of international civil aviation and its facilities may be illuminated at a minimum essential level. Consideration may be given to locating lights so that the ground area on both sides of the fence or barrier, particularly at access points, is illuminated.

## I.12 Autonomous runway incursion warning system (ARIWS)

*Note 1.— The inclusion of detailed specifications for an autonomous runway incursion warning system (ARIWS) in this section is not intended to imply that an ARIWS has to be provided at an aerodrome.*

*Note 2.— The implementation of an ARIWS is a complex issue deserving careful consideration by aerodrome operators, air traffic services and the appropriate authority, and in coordination with the aircraft operators.*

*Note 3.— CASA Advisory Circular AC139-9.9 Operational Services-Autonomous Runway Incursion Warning System (ARIWS), provides a description of an ARIWS and information on its use.*

### **Characteristics**

#### I.12.1 Where an ARIWS is installed at an aerodrome:

- (a) it shall provide autonomous detection of a potential incursion or of the occupancy of an active runway and a direct warning to a flight crew or vehicle operator;
- (b) it shall function and be controlled independently of any other visual system on the aerodrome;
- (c) its visual aid components, i.e. lights, shall be designed to conform with the relevant specifications in E.3; and
- (d) failure of part or all of it shall not interfere with normal aerodrome operations. To this end, provision shall be made to allow the ATC unit to partially or entirely shut down the system.

*Note 1.— An ARIWS may be installed in conjunction with enhanced taxiway centre line markings, stop bars or runway guard lights.*

*Note 2.— It is intended that the system(s) be operational under all weather conditions, including low visibility.*

*Note 3.— An ARIWS may share common sensory components of an SMGCS or A-SMGCS, however, it operates independently of either system.*

#### I.12.2 Where an ARIWS is installed at an aerodrome, information on its characteristics and status shall be provided to the appropriate aeronautical information services for promulgation in the AIP with the description of the aerodrome surface movement guidance and control system and markings as specified in CAR Part 175.

*Note.— Detailed specifications concerning the AIP are contained in PANS-AIM (Doc 10066).*

## APPENDIX J. AERODROME MAINTENANCE

### J.1 General

- J.1.1 A maintenance programme, including preventive maintenance where appropriate, shall be established at an aerodrome to maintain facilities in a condition which does not impair the safety, regularity or efficiency of air navigation.

*Note 1.— Preventive maintenance is programmed maintenance work done in order to prevent a failure or degradation of facilities.*

*Note 2.— “Facilities” are intended to include such items as pavements, visual aids, fencing, drainage systems, electrical systems and buildings.*

- J.1.2 The design and application of the maintenance programme shall observe human factors principles.

*Note 1.— Guidance material on human factors principles can be found in the Human Factors Training Manual (Doc 9683) and in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-9.1 Operational Services-Emergency Planning.*

*Note 2.— General principles and procedures on the training of aerodrome personnel, including training programmes and competence checks, are specified in the PANS-Aerodromes (Doc 9981).*

### J.2 Pavements

- J.2.1 The surfaces of all movement areas including pavements (runways, taxiways and aprons) and adjacent areas shall be inspected and their conditions monitored regularly as part of an aerodrome preventive and corrective maintenance programme with the objective of avoiding and eliminating any foreign object debris (FOD) that might cause damage to aircraft or impair the operation of aircraft systems.

*Note 1.— See B.9.3 for inspections of movement areas.*

*Note 2.— Procedures on carrying out daily inspections of the movement area and control of FOD are given in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-9.6 Operational Services-Surface Movement Guidance and Control System (SMGCS).*

*Note 3.— Additional guidance on sweeping/cleaning of surfaces is contained in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-10.1 Maintenance-Pavements.*

*Note 4.— Guidance on precautions to be taken in regard to the surface of shoulders is given in Attachment A, Section 8, and the CASA PNG Advisory Circular AC139-3.2 Physical Characteristics-Taxiway, Apron, Holding Bays*

*Note 5.— Where the pavement is used by large aircraft or aircraft with tire pressures in the upper categories referred to in B.6.6(c), particular attention shall be given to the integrity of light fittings in the pavement and pavement joints.*

- J.2.2 The surface of a runway shall be maintained in a condition such as to prevent formation of harmful irregularities.

*Note.— See CASA Advisory Circular AC139-3.1 Runways.*

- J.2.3 A paved runway shall be maintained in a condition so as to provide surface friction characteristics at or above the minimum friction level specified by the Director.

*Note.— CASA Advisory Circular AC139-9.13 Operational Services – Pavement Surface contains further information on this subject.*

- J.2.4 Runway surface friction characteristics for maintenance purposes shall be periodically measured with a continuous friction measuring device using self-wetting features and documented. The frequency of these measurements shall be sufficient to determine the trend of the surface friction characteristics of the runway.

*Note 1.— Guidance on evaluating the runway surface friction characteristics is provided in CASA Advisory Circular AC139-9.13 Operational Services – Pavement Surface.*

*Note 2.— The objective of J.2.3 to J.2.8 is to ensure that the surface friction characteristics for the entire runway remain at or above a minimum friction level acceptable to the Director.*

- J.2.5 When runway surface friction measurements are made for maintenance purposes using a self-wetting continuous friction measuring device, the performance of the device shall meet the standard set or agreed by the Director.

- J.2.6 Personnel measuring runway surface friction required in J.2.5 shall be trained to fulfil their duties.

- J.2.7 Corrective maintenance action shall be taken to prevent the runway surface friction characteristics for either the entire runway or a portion thereof from falling below a minimum friction level acceptable to the Director.

*Note.— A portion of runway in the order of 100m long may be considered significant for maintenance or reporting action.*

- J.2.8 The runway surface shall be visually assessed, as necessary, under natural or simulated rain conditions for ponding or poor drainage and where required, corrective maintenance action taken.

- J.2.9 When a taxiway is used by turbine-engined aeroplanes, the surface of the taxiway shoulders shall be maintained so as to be free of any loose stones or other objects that could be ingested by the aeroplane engines.

*Note.— Guidance on this subject is given in the CASA PNG Advisory Circular AC139-3.2 Physical Characteristics-Taxiway, Apron, Holding Bays*

### **J.3 Removal of contaminants**

- J.3.1 Standing water, mud, dust, sand, oil, rubber deposits and other contaminants shall be removed from the surface of runways in use as rapidly and completely as possible to minimize accumulation.

*Note.— Information on the use of chemicals for aerodrome pavements is given in the PANS-Aerodromes (Doc 9981).*

- J.3.2 Chemicals which may have harmful effects on aircraft or pavements, or chemicals which may have toxic effects on the aerodrome environment, shall not be used.

#### **J.4 Runway pavement overlays**

*Note.— The following specifications are intended for runway pavement overlay projects when the runway is to be returned temporarily to an operational status before resurfacing is complete. This may necessitate a temporary ramp between the new and old runway surfaces. Guidance on overlaying pavements and assessing their operational status is given in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-10.3 Maintenance-Runway Pavement Overlays.*

- J.4.1 The longitudinal slope of the temporary ramp, measured with reference to the existing runway surface or previous overlay course, shall be:
- (a) 0.5 to 1.0 percent for overlays up to and including 5 cm in thickness; and
  - (b) not more than 0.5 percent for overlays more than 5 cm in thickness.
- J.4.2 Overlaying shall proceed from one end of the runway toward the other end so that based on runway utilization most aircraft operations will experience a down ramp.
- J.4.3 The entire width of the runway shall be overlaid during each work session.
- J.4.4 Before a runway being overlaid is returned to a temporary operational status, a runway centre line marking conforming to the specifications in Section E.2.3 shall be provided. Additionally, the location of any temporary threshold shall be identified by a 3.6m wide transverse stripe.
- J.4.5 The overlay shall be constructed and maintained above the minimum friction level specified in J.2.3.

#### **J.5 Visual aids**

*Note 1.— These specifications are intended to define the maintenance performance level objectives. They are not intended to define whether the lighting system is operationally out of service.*

*Note 2.— The energy savings of light emitting diodes (LEDs) are due in large part to the fact that they do not produce the infra-red heat signature of incandescent lamps.*

*Note 3.— Enhanced vision systems (EVS) technology relies on the infra-red heat signature provided by incandescent lighting. CAR Part 175 protocols provide an appropriate means of notifying aerodrome users of EVS when lighting systems are converted to LED.*

- J.5.1 A light shall be deemed to be unserviceable when the main beam average intensity is less than 50 percent of the value acceptable to the Director. For light units where the designed main beam average intensity is above the value acceptable to the Director, the 50 percent value shall be related to that design value.
- J.5.2 A system of preventive maintenance of visual aids shall be employed to ensure lighting and marking system reliability.

*Note.— Guidance on preventive maintenance of visual aids is given in the CASA Advisory Circular AC139-10.6 Maintenance-Visual Aids.*

- J.5.3 The system of preventive maintenance employed for a precision approach runway category II or III shall include at least the following checks:
- (a) visual inspection and in-field measurement of the intensity, beam spread and orientation of lights included in the approach and runway lighting systems;
  - (b) control and measurement of the electrical characteristics of each circuitry included in the approach and runway lighting systems; and
  - (c) control of the correct functioning of light intensity settings used by air traffic control.
- J.5.4 In-field measurement of intensity, beam spread and orientation of lights included in approach and runway lighting systems for a precision approach runway category II or III shall be undertaken by measuring all lights, as far as practicable, to ensure conformance with the applicable specification acceptable to the Director.
- J.5.5 Measurement of intensity, beam spread and orientation of lights included in approach and runway lighting systems for a precision approach runway category II or III shall be undertaken using a mobile measuring unit of sufficient accuracy to analyse the characteristics of the individual lights.
- J.5.6 The frequency of measurement of lights for a precision approach runway category II or III shall be based on traffic density, the local pollution level, the reliability of the installed lighting equipment and the continuous assessment of the results of the in-field measurements but, in any event, shall not be less than twice a year for in-pavement lights and not less than once a year for other lights.
- J.5.7 The system of preventive maintenance employed for a precision approach runway category II or III shall have as its objective that, during any period of category II or III operations, all approach and runway lights are serviceable and that, in any event, at least:
- (a) 95 percent of the lights are serviceable in each of the following particular significant elements:
    - (1) precision approach category II and III lighting system, the inner 450m;
    - (2) runway centre line lights;
    - (3) runway threshold lights; and
    - (4) runway edge lights;
  - (b) 90 percent of the lights are serviceable in the touchdown zone lights;
  - (c) 85 percent of the lights are serviceable in the approach lighting system beyond 450m; and
  - (d) 75 percent of the lights are serviceable in the runway end lights.

In order to provide continuity of guidance, the allowable percentage of unserviceable lights shall not be permitted in such a way as to alter the basic pattern of the lighting system. Additionally, an unserviceable light shall not be permitted adjacent to another unserviceable light, except in a barrette or a crossbar where two adjacent unserviceable lights may be permitted.

*Note.— With respect to barrettes, crossbars and runway edge lights, lights are considered to be adjacent if located consecutively and:*

- (a) *laterally: in the same barrette or crossbar; or*
- (b) *longitudinally: in the same row of edge lights or barrettes.*

J.5.8 The system of preventive maintenance employed for a stop bar provided at a runway-holding position used in conjunction with a runway intended for operations in runway visual range conditions less than a value of 350m shall have the following objectives:

- (a) no more than two lights will remain unserviceable; and
- (b) two adjacent lights will not remain unserviceable unless the light spacing is significantly less than that specified.

J.5.9 The system of preventive maintenance employed for a taxiway intended for use in runway visual range conditions less than a value of 350m shall have as its objective that no two adjacent taxiway centre line lights be unserviceable.

J.5.10 The system of preventive maintenance employed for a precision approach runway category I shall have as its objective that, during any period of category I operations, all approach and runway lights are serviceable and that, in any event, at least 85 percent of the lights are serviceable in each of the following:

- (a) precision approach category I lighting system;
- (b) runway threshold lights;
- (c) runway edge lights; and
- (d) runway end lights.

In order to provide continuity of guidance an unserviceable light shall not be permitted adjacent to another unserviceable light unless the light spacing is significantly less than that specified.

*Note.— In barrettes and crossbars, guidance is not lost by having two adjacent unserviceable lights.*

J.5.11 The system of preventive maintenance employed for a runway meant for take-off in runway visual range conditions less than a value of 550m shall have as its objective that, during any period of operations, all runway lights are serviceable and that in any event:

- (a) at least 95 percent of the lights are serviceable in the runway centre line lights (where provided) and in the runway edge lights; and
- (b) at least 75 percent of the lights are serviceable in the runway end lights.

In order to provide continuity of guidance, an unserviceable light shall not be permitted adjacent to another unserviceable light.

J.5.12 The system of preventive maintenance employed for a runway meant for take-off in runway visual range conditions of a value of 550m or greater shall have as its objective that, during any period of operations, all runway lights are serviceable and that, in any event, at least 85 percent of the lights are serviceable in the runway edge lights and runway end lights. In order to provide continuity of guidance, an unserviceable light shall not be permitted adjacent to another unserviceable light.

J.5.13 During low visibility procedures the appropriate authority shall restrict construction or maintenance activities in the proximity of aerodrome electrical system.