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## Clearances to fly maintaining own separation while in visual meteorological conditions

This Aeronautical Information Circular covers amendments regarding clearances to fly maintaining own separation and VMC in accordance with the provisions as indicated in ICAO DOC 4444-RAC/501 part m, section 13.

This information circular contains information of particular interest to pilots and Air Traffic Controllers, which are hereby required to be familiar with these provisions that pertain to their operational responsibilities.

The following provisions shall apply:

When so requested by an aircraft and provided it is agreed by the pilot of the other aircraft and so authorized by the appropriate ATS authority, an Area Control Centre may clear a controlled flight operating in airspace class D and E in, visual meteorological conditions during the hours of daylight to fly subject to maintaining own separation to one other aircraft and remaining in visual meteorological conditions. When a controlled flight is so cleared, the following shall apply:

- a) the clearance shall be for a specified portion of the flight at or below 10 000 f1 during climb or descent and subject to further restrictions as and when prescribed on the basis of regional air navigation agreements;
- b) if there is a possibility that flight under visual meteorological conditions may become impracticable, an IFR flight shall be provided with alternative instructions to be complied with in the event that flight in VMC cannot be maintained for the term of the clearance;
- c) the pilot of an IFR flight, on observing that conditions are deteriorating and considering that operation in VMC will become impossible, shall inform ATC before entering IMC and shall proceed in accordance with the alternative instructions given.

*Note: Special consideration shall be given to the fact that VMC clearances can only be obtained in airspace class D or E and when operating at or below 10 000 ft. In addition the pilot of the other aircraft must agree with the VMC clearance.*