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Clarification of Minimum safe height for IFR flight

Part 3 of Section 14 of the Aviation (Rules of the Air) Regulations of 1971 state that "except when necessary for take-off or landing, or when specifically authorized by the Director, the commander of an aircraft operating under instrument flight rules (IFR) shall fly at a height of at least one thousand feet (three hundred metres) above the highest obstacle located within **40km** of the estimated position of the aircraft in flight".

This is outdated and in contradiction with Chapter 5.1.2 of Annex 2 (Rules of the Air) and ENR 1-3-1 part 1.2 of the Zimbabwean AIP which state that the minimum flight altitude shall be:

- a) at least 600m (2 000ft) above the highest obstacle located within **8km** of the estimated position of the aircraft over high terrain or in mountainous areas;
- b) at least 300m (1 000ft) above the highest obstacle located within **8km** of the estimated position of the aircraft elsewhere.

A distance of 8km from the estimated position of the aircraft shall apply. This AIC therefore supersedes the Aviation Regulations on this specific minimum safe height.



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