

ICAO Action

Following consideration of the aforementioned safety recommendation, the issue will be referred to the Air Traffic Management Operations Panel (ATMOPSP) for review.

Subsequent action

The ATMOPSP considered the safety recommendation during their Fourth Working Group Meeting in April 2017. The working group expressed concerns that the repetition of climb/descent rate restrictions for every radiotelephony transmission on clearance to a different level and when communication has been transferred to another sector, would invariably contribute to additional workload for both pilots and controllers. The working group was also of the opinion that the existing provisions contained in PANS-ATM, Doc 4444 Chapter 4, paragraph 4.6.1.7¹ and paragraph 4.7.1.4², as well as the intent and purpose of paragraph 4.6.1.2³, were sufficient and explicitly clear with regard to speed control instructions. Therefore, the working group recommended that the provisions would remain unchanged.

¹ 4.6.1.7 Aircraft shall be advised when a speed control restriction is no longer required.

² 4.7.1.4 Aircraft shall be advised when a rate of climb/descent restriction is no longer required.

³ 4.6.1.2 Speed control instructions shall remain in effect unless explicitly cancelled or amended by the controller.