

ICAO Action

The ICAO Friction Task Force (FTF) is aware of the issues concerning reproducibility and repeatability of continuous friction measuring devices. It is also cognizant that there is currently no consensus within the aviation industry to measure surface friction by Continuous Friction Measurement Equipment (CFME) in a manner that is relevant to the braking action experienced by aircraft tires. In this regard, the provisions in Amendment 11 to Annex 14 — *Aerodromes*, Volume I — *Aerodrome Design and Operations* clarifies that functional friction measurement is made for construction and maintenance purposes, and operational friction measurement is performed to assess the estimated surface friction on contaminated runways for operational use. Additionally, the FTF is currently developing a global reporting format aimed at harmonizing terms and definitions used to describe runway surface conditions in a manner that can easily be used by flight crews when calculating aircraft take-off and landing performance. The completion of this work is planned for early 2014.