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ROUTE CLEARANCES FOR IFR AIRCRAFT

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1. AIC 04/16 notified industry of the introduction of Pre Start Clearance for IFR aircraft at selected aerodromes in Namibia. The procedure was introduced September 2016.
2. This AIP SUP incorporates this procedure into AIP ENR 1.5 at Section 3 Departing Flights.
3. Pilots of IFR aircraft are reminded to request Route Clearance prior to start in order to reduce the risk of distraction once manoeuvring for departure.
4. Remember this means that an IFR crew once manoeuvring will not have to receive, brief and execute a route clearance while the aircraft is in motion. The crew will not be DISTRACTED!
5. Pilots are further reminded it is the responsibility of the pilot in command to obtain a route clearance prior to entering controlled airspace.
6. The work flow diagram from AIC 04/16 is reproduced overleaf for industry information.
7. Amend ENR 1.5-1, 3. Departing Flights to read:
 - 3.1 At controlled aerodromes, IFR aircraft must request Route Clearance prior to start.
 - 3.2 IFR aircraft departing from controlled aerodromes will receive Route Clearance from the local aerodrome control tower during published hours of operation. The clearance limit will normally be the destination aerodrome.

3.3 IFR aircraft departing from non-controlled aerodromes may depart without a Route Clearance provided the clearance is received prior to entering controlled airspace.

4 This AIP SUP will be cancelled once the contents are incorporated in the AIP, expected March 2019.

