



# Federal Aviation Administration

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## SAFETY ALERT

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To: Consumers of SNOWTAMS stored by the United States

From: Aeronautical Information Services

Subject: SNOWTAMs issued by ICAO States

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Effective immediately, until further notice, the United States NOTAM System will not be able to ingest, store, display, and disseminate international SNOWTAMs issued in the new ICAO SNOWTAM format. This does not impact U.S. issued field condition (FICON) NOTAMs.

### **BACKGROUND:**

ICAO intends to change SNOWTAM formatting to a new Global Reporting Format (GRF) for runway surface conditions on November 4, 2021. On August 12, 2021, Europe made the change to the new GRF to avoid making the change during their winter season.

### **ISSUE:**

The United States NOTAM System cannot store SNOWTAMs issued in the new ICAO format.

### **NEXT STEP:**

The Federal Aviation Administration is looking at ways to accommodate the system update while continuing to prioritize NOTAM Modernization efforts. Users should obtain SNOWTAMs from the originating State or must seek alternate sources to obtain SNOWTAMs data.