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An InFO contains valuable information for operators that should help them meet certain administrative, regulatory, or operational requirements with relatively low urgency or impact on safety.

Subject: Takeoff and Landing Performance Assessment (TALPA) Amendments to the Aeronautical Information Manual (AIM) and Aeronautical Information Publication (AIP)

Purpose: This InFO serves to heighten awareness of the TALPA initiative's activation date and to highlight forthcoming amendments to the AIM and AIP.

Background: The TALPA initiative aims to provide improved runway condition information to pilots and flight planners to use, along with manufacturer's aircraft-specific data, to better determine the runway length needed to safely stop their aircraft.

Discussion: TALPA procedures became effective on October 1, 2016, however associated changes to the AIM and AIP will not be reflected in those publications until their April 27, 2017 editions.

Changes to the AIM include:

- Removing reference to "Fair" in paragraph 4-3-8 "Braking Action Reports and Advisories", and replacing it with "Medium" to reflect new field condition (FICON) Notice to Airmen (NOTAM) terminology;
- Adding two new braking action classifications to paragraph 4-3-8: "Good to Medium" and "Medium to Poor" and;
- Deleting current paragraph 4-3-9 to remove "Mu" reporting to be replaced with a new paragraph 4-3-9 that describes runway condition codes as defined in the Runway Condition Assessment Matrix (RCAM).

Changes to the AIP include:

- Removing reference to "Fair" in paragraph 10 "Braking Action Reports and Advisories" and replacing it with "Medium" to reflect new FICON NOTAM terminology;
- Adding two new braking action classifications to paragraph 10: "Good to Medium" and "Medium to Poor" and;
- Deleting current paragraph 11 to remove "Mu" reporting to be replaced with a new paragraph 11 that describes runway condition codes as defined in the RCAM.

Recommended Action: Directors of safety and operations, training managers, and pilots should be cognizant of terminology and TALPA procedures. An FDC Special Notice NOTAM refers readers to the TALPA Web site which can be found at: <http://www.faa.gov/about/initiatives/talpa/>.

Contact: Questions or comments regarding this InFO should be directed to the Air Transportation Division's Part 121 Air Carrier Operations Branch, AFS-220 at (202) 267-8166.