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AERODROME (AD) Implementation of Departure Clearance via Data Link (DCL) Kuwait International Airport (OKKK)

1. INTRODUCTION:

1.1 This AIP Supplement announces the trial implementation of Departure Clearance via data link (DCL) at Kuwait International Airport (OKKK).

1.2 DCL provides automated digital delivery of ATC departure clearance via ACARS/CPDLC/Logon code OKKK reducing frequency congestion, enhancing accuracy, and improving operational efficiency.

1.3 During the trial period initial, the use of DCL will be OPTIONAL for eligible aircraft. Voice delivery of departure clearance will remains available for all flight.

2. EFFECTIVE DATE AND TIME:

The DCL service will be AVAILABLE on a trial basis from:

- 14 December 2025
- 0700 UTC

3. APPLICABILITY:

3.1 Aircraft eligible for DCL must include the appropriate CPDLC capability codes in Item 10 of the ICAO flight plan, and valid data link application codes in Item 18.

3.2 During the trial period, aircraft not equipped or choosing not to use DCL shall obtain ATC clearance by voice on Kuwait Delivery – 126.775 MHz

4. SYSTEM DESCRIPTION:

4.1 DCL at OKKK is provided via ACARS (SITA) and integrated with the Tower Electronic Flight Strip (TEFS) system.
The service will operate on a trial period, during which system performance and operational procedure will be evaluated.

4.2 Standard DCL message sequence:

- RCD – Request for Departure Clearance
- CLD – Departure Clearance
- CDA – Clearance Acknowledgment

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5. OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES:

- **5.1** Pilots shall request departure clearance (via DCL or voice) between TOBT minus 20 minutes and TOBT minus 10 minutes.
- **5.2** RCD messages must include the aircraft parking stand number.
- **5.3** When using DCL, pilots must send CDA within 5 minutes.
- **5.4** If no CDA response is received within system-defined time limits, the system will generate a (REVERT TO VOICE) message .
- **5.5** Pilots shall maintain continuous communication watch on the appropriate frequency (voice or DCL) until the clearance process is completed.
- **5.6** Use of DCL is OPTIONAL during this trial period. Aircraft not using DCL shall obtain ATC clearance via DCL or via voice on Kuwait Delivery - 126.775 Mhz.
- **5.7** A departure clearance issued via DCL becomes INVALID if the aircraft does not commence push-back or start-up within 15 minutes after sending the CDA (Clearance Acknowledgement).
In such cases, the pilot shall request a NEW departure clearance via DCL or by voice on Kuwait Delivery 126.775 MHz.

6. LIMITATIONS:

During the trial period, DCL may not be issued when:

- Flight plan contains errors or missing CPDLC/DAT codes
- RCD is sent too early/late
- Datalink system is unavailable
- ATC requires voice coordination

7. RESPONSIBILITIES:

ATC shall:

- Validate CLD prior to sending
- Monitor DCL timers and system performance during the trial period.
- Apply revert-to-voice when required

Pilot shall:

- Ensure correct FPL codes
- Include parking stand in RCD
- Verify all clearance elements
- Revert to voice immediately when instructed

Note: - *This AIP SUP remains in effect until incorporated into the Kuwait AIP (AD & ENR sections).*

- The performance of the DCL service and operational feedback during the trial period will be evaluated to support a transition to full operational deployment at a later stage.

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