

RA 3225 – Mandatory Air Traffic Control Instructions

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In order to ensure safe and efficient movement of ► **Aircraft** ◀, in specified circumstances it is vital that pilots comply with Air Traffic Control (ATC) Instructions.

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1. **Mandatory Instructions.** Controllers and pilots **should** consider ATC instructions to be mandatory in the following circumstances:

- a. All flights within Controlled Airspace (CAS) under Instrument Flight Rules (IFR), and flights within CAS under Visual Flight Rules (VFR) within Class B, C and D.
- b. Military ► **Aircraft** ◀ flying within a Military Air Traffic Zone (MATZ) or Carrier Control Zone¹.
- c. When taxiing ► **Aircraft** ◀ on the Apron or Manoeuvring Area anywhere on a military Aerodrome unless local Aerodrome Orders make specific alternative provision.

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2. **Mandatory Instructions.** In accordance with RA 2115²◀, ►◀ the ► **Aircraft** ◀ Commander remains entirely responsible for the Safety of the ► **Aircraft** ◀, its occupants and equipment.
3. Other than in the circumstances described at para 1, controllers will not normally issue mandatory instructions; however, they may relay instructions of an operational nature (eg, diversion instructions) on behalf of an operating authority when ordered or authorized to do so. In such cases controllers will, if time permits, specify the authority.
4. **Advisory Instructions.** Advisory ATC instructions may be issued by controllers to pilots whenever mandatory instructions do not apply. Nevertheless, where compliance with ATC instructions is optional, a controller may assume that a pilot receiving an Air Traffic Service will comply with such instructions unless ► **they** ◀ state otherwise.

¹ Carrier Control Zone, an area of the same dimensions as a MATZ as defined in the UK Aeronautical Information Publication, applicable to maritime operations.

² ► Refer to RA 2115 – Aircraft Commanders. ◀

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