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Radiotelephony with the air navigation services

Radiotelephony with the air navigation services: Reintroduction of the local official language for non-commercial VFR traffic

As a result of the revision of the Federal Aviation Act (CAA) and the associated Ordinance on Air Navigation Services (VFSD), which entered into force on 1 May 2022, radiotelephony with the air navigation services at the following aerodromes and inside their airspace will again be possible for non-commercial VFR traffic in the local official language in addition to English:

Bern (LSZB), Grenchen (LSZG), Buochs (LSZC), St. Gallen-Altenrhein (LSZR), Samedan (LSZS) as well as Alpnach (LSMA), Dübendorf (LSMD), Emmen (LSME), Meiringen (LSMM) and Payerne (LSMP).

With the exception of the COM AFIS chart, the VFRM has been adapted accordingly. The adaption of the COM AFIS chart and the AIP will follow with WEF 16 June 2022.

Radiotelephony with the air navigation services at Geneva (LSGG), Les Eplatures (LSGC), Lugano (LSZA) and Locarno (LSZL) aerodromes is currently possible without restriction in English and the local official language. A possible future restriction of the permissibility of using the local official language to non-commercial VFR traffic only is still being clarified.

As before, radiotelephony with the air navigation services of Zurich Airport is conducted exclusively in English.

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