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Follow me cars regulation

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1. Introduction

The aim of this document is to illustrate the operations and the rules for the best usage of vehicles on IVAO network in Switzerland. This will clarify the role of controllers in less known procedures of Follow me cars and runway(s) inspection.

This document is part of IVAO Switzerland Rules and approved by CH-HQ. The configuration must be respected in terms of agreements, callsigns and frequencies used. Any change and amendments will be approved by CH-HQ, FIR Chiefs and Swiss ATC Department. Amendments will be communicated via virtual NOTAM or newer version of this document.



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2. Basic rules

As fixed by IVAO rules :

11.- RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE USE OF FOLLOW ME CAR (FMC) AND OTHER VEHICLES.

11.1 - The Division shall determine which airports, if any, where FMC's are allowed. This shall be as shown in the Facility Rating Assignment System (FRAS).

11.2 - A TWR must be manned before the FM car(s) can be used.

11.3 - Double connections or TWR's connecting with FM Services too, is not allowed and will be suspended for two (2) days.

11.4 - FMC Services shall be used in a correct coordination with ATC and with his/her approval.

11.5 - Speed Restrictions: Runways MAX 60 MPH (100 Km/h), Taxiways MAX 30 MPH (50 Km/h), and Gate Areas MAX 20 MPH (25 Km/h).

11.6 - Racing or anything that constitutes reckless operations of a vehicle, will result in a suspension for a minimum of seven (7) days.

11.7 - The FM car drive must be familiar with the airport procedures, have their lights on at all times, have a minimum ATC rating of Aerodrome Controller (ADC) , and adhere to the same Rules and Regulations for ATC procedures, where applicable.

11.8 - The call sign of the FM car shall be the ICAO of the airport and FMx, for example: Brussels, EBBRFM1 . . . if a second one EBBRFM2, and so on.

11.9 - Other land type vehicles or water craft, e.g boats, ships, and etc, are prohibited.

Tower and eventually Apron/Ground positions are mandatory for vehicles operations. ATC have priority. Vehicles operations are strictly forbidden if only APP or CTR are connected.

The Follow-Me Cars (FMC) in Switzerland are allowed only on the airports of Bern (LSZB), Geneva (LSGG) and Zurich (LSZH).

Sion (LSGS) can be approved by CH-HQ.

On all other airports within the country, the use of FMC's is strictly prohibited.

The driver of a FMC must be **ADC** rating minimum and be familiar with airport's procedures.

The FMC shall be equipped by voice.

Runway inspections should be done with reasonable timing in order to not disrupt operations.

A callsign can be added in the FPL like YELLOW1 by introducing CS/YELLOW1 in the remarks.

Remember that a FMC is considered as an aircraft taxiing but aircrafts have priority on vehicles.