



RESPONSE TO PETITION

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SUBJECT

Aerodromes

ORIGINAL TEXT

REPLY

On October 19, 2016, amendments to the *Canadian Aviation Regulations* (CAR) related to aerodrome development were published in the *Canada Gazette, Part II*. These amendments will come into force on January 1, 2017.

The purpose of the new regulations is to encourage responsible aerodrome development and operation by requiring proponents to consult with affected stakeholders in advance of undertaking aerodrome work by following a structured notification process.

The requirements will apply to any aerodrome if the proponent is:

- a) building a new aerodrome; or
- b) at an existing aerodrome,
 - i. building a new runway for aeroplanes, or
 - ii. increasing the length of an existing runway for aeroplanes by 100 m or by 10%, whichever is greater.

It should be noted however that the aerodromes listed below will not be subject to the new regulations:

- a) military aerodromes;

- b) water aerodromes;
- c) aerodromes that are used primarily for agricultural operations;
- d) aerodromes, including heliports, that are used primarily for helicopter operations; and
- e) aerodromes that are used as temporary installations for the purpose of providing emergency services

The previous consultation requirement was limited to new airports and heliports only and did not require consultation with local land use authorities and affected communities. Aerodrome proponents were not required to notify Transport Canada prior to building an aerodrome.

Because of increasing concerns related to the growing demand for air transportation, conflicting land use, increasing noise complaints and environmental considerations, communities want the opportunity to have their voices heard in advance of development. These regulations will provide them with that opportunity.

The regulations can be found at <http://www.gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p2/2016/2016-10-19/html/sor-dors261-eng.php>