4/20/23 Pilot/Controller Glossary

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CALCULATED LANDING TIME- A term that may be used in place of tentative or actual calculated landing time, whichever applies.

CALIBRATED AIRSPEED (CAS) – The indicated airspeed of an aircraft, corrected for position and instrument error. Calibrated airspeed is equal to true airspeed in standard atmosphere at sea level.

CALL FOR RELEASE- Wherein the overlying ARTCC requires a terminal facility to initiate verbal coordination to secure ARTCC approval for release of a departure into the en route environment.

CALL UP- Initial voice contact between a facility and an aircraft, using the identification of the unit being called and the unit initiating the call.

(Refer to AIM.)

CANADIAN MINIMUM NAVIGATION PERFORMANCE SPECIFICATION AIRSPACE – That portion of Canadian domestic airspace within which MNPS separation may be applied.

CARDINAL ALTITUDES- "Odd" or "Even" thousand-foot altitudes or flight levels; e.g., 5,000, 6,000, 7,000, FL 250, FL 260, FL 270.

(See ALTITUDE.) (See FLIGHT LEVEL.)

CARDINAL FLIGHT LEVELS-

(See CARDINAL ALTITUDES.)

CAT-

(See CLEAR-AIR TURBULENCE.)

CATCH POINT – A fix/waypoint that serves as a transition point from the high altitude waypoint navigation structure to an arrival procedure (STAR) or the low altitude ground–based navigation structure.

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(See COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION.)
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CEILING- The heights above the earth's surface of the lowest layer of clouds or obscuring phenomena that is reported as "broken," "overcast," or "obscuration," and not classified as "thin" or "partial."

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(See ICAO term CEILING.)
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CEILING [ICAO] – The height above the ground or water of the base of the lowest layer of cloud below 6,000 meters (20,000 feet) covering more than half the sky.

CENTER-

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(See AIR ROUTE TRAFFIC CONTROL CENTER.)
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CENTER'S AREA- The specified airspace within which an air route traffic control center (ARTCC) provides air traffic control and advisory service.

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(See AIR ROUTE TRAFFIC CONTROL CENTER.) (Refer to AIM.)
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CENTER WEATHER ADVISORY – An unscheduled weather advisory issued by Center Weather Service Unit meteorologists for ATC use to alert pilots of existing or anticipated adverse weather conditions within the next 2 hours. A CWA may modify or redefine a SIGMET.

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(See AIRMET.)
(See CONVECTIVE SIGMET.)
(See GRAPHICAL AIRMEN'S METEOROLOGICAL INFORMATION.)
(See SAW.)
(See SIGMET.)
(Refer to AIM.)
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