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*NOTE.— At grass aerodrome, the area to be used for landing is regarded as the runway for the purpose of reporting position in the circuit.*

## **15. Use of Runway**

15.1. Aerodrome Controller will nominate the runway direction according to prevailing wind condition.

15.2. Notwithstanding the runway direction nominated by ATC, the pilot-in-command shall ensure that there is sufficient length of runway and that the crosswind or downwind component is within the operational limits of each particular operation. If the nominated runway direction is not suitable for these reasons or for any other safety reason, he may request for an alternative runway direction. ATC will grant the use of an alternative runway direction but the flight may be subject to some delay because of other traffic.

15.3. The decision to undertake a take-off or landing rests solely with the pilot-in-command.

15.4. Unless prior permission has been obtained from ATC, the pilot-in-command shall not hold on the runway in use.

15.5. Only one aircraft will be cleared to land on the runway in use at any one time.

15.6. In VMC, an aircraft may be cleared to continue approach to a runway occupied by a preceding aircraft but clearance to land will not be given until the runway is vacated.

## **16. Closure of Aerodromes**

16.1. Aerodromes may be closed to particular aircraft or to all aircraft for landing, take-off or all operations, when:

- a) Weather or aerodrome surface conditions are unsuitable;
- b) Facilities essential to safe operation are not available;
- c) In the opinion of ATC the aerodrome is unsafe for operation; or
- d) At such other times and in conditions specified by NOTAM.

*Note.— In an emergency, an aircraft will be permitted to land regardless of the weather condition of the aerodrome and aerodrome facilities, but the pilot will be advised of these conditions.*

## **17. Air traffic advisory service**

Air traffic advisory service is not provided to aircraft operating within the VNSM.

## **18. Flight Information Service**

18.1. Flight information service is provided to all flights operating within Kathmandu FIR (VNSM).