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NOTAM contain information concerning the establishment, condition or change in any aeronautical facility, service, procedure or hazard, the timely knowledge of which is essential for personnel concerned with flight operations. The text of each NOTAM contains the information in the order shown in the ICAO NOTAM Format and is composed of the significations/uniform abbreviated phraseology assigned to the ICAO NOTAM Code complemented by ICAO abbreviations, indicators, identifiers, designator, call signs, frequencies, figures and plain language. NOTAM are originated and issued for Kathmandu FIR (VNSM) and are distributed in four series identified by the letters A, B, C and S.

Series A. General rules, en-route navigation and communication facilities, airspace restrictions and activities taking place and information concerning international aerodrome.

Series B. Containing full information on all aerodromes facilities and procedures available for use in international distribution to adjacent states only.

Series C. Containing information of concern to national aerodromes only.

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- a) is of ephemeral nature ;
- b) requires advance distribution ; or
- c) Immediate dissemination is required

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