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Removal of cloud trigger for ATC Low Visibility Procedures at Wien-Schwechat airport (LOWW)

Over the past years Austro Control GmbH (ACG) has worked together with airlines and the ACG MET Office in order to agree upon the removal of cloud ceiling as a trigger for entering ATC Low Visibility Procedures (LVP).

From the 5th of November 2020, Wien-Schwechat airport ATC will only enter LVP when the RVR visibility is less than 600 M.

An update to the Austrian AIP entry for Wien-Schwechat airport has been submitted and a NOTAM will be in effect until such time that the updated AIP is published.

Promulgation of the status of LVP at Wien-Schwechat airport will not change. The message 'Low Visibility Procedures in operation' will be appended to the Wien-Schwechat airport ATIS as appropriate and this message will be passed by RTF to aircraft already in contact with ATC of Wien-Schwechat airport.

It is very important that flight crews understand that if the RVR is 600 M or greater, regardless of cloud, they should not expect the ILS signal to be protected to permit CAT II/III approaches.

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