



# NIGERIA CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY

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## ALL OPERATORS LETTER

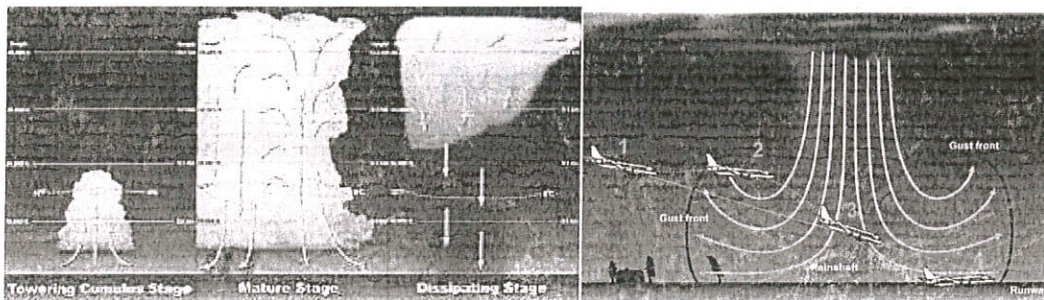
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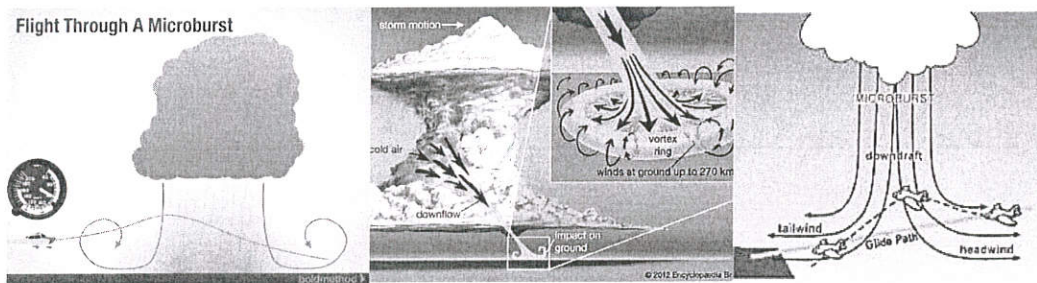
SUBJECT: AVIATION HAZARDOUS WEATHER IN THE RAINY SEASON AND GUIDANCE FOR PREFLIGHT ACTIONS AS REQUIRED.

The AOL serve as guidance for the required preflight actions required by Nig.CARS 14.6.8.1 and 14.6.8.2 as applied to all ATC, Pilots, flight inspectors, and Operators.

1. **Onset of rainy season:** South and along the coastal Zone - March, Central parts of Nigeria April/May and Northern parts of the country - June/July 2024.
2. **Characterizations of Rainy Season at Onset and Purpose of AC:** Rainy season, at onset, is usually characterized with severe thunderstorms and many other hazardous weather phenomena such as severe turbulence, microburst, low level wind shear, heavy rain events that could affect the safety of flight operations, hence the need for all stakeholders to perform their roles as stated below in order to ensure safety of flight operations at all times.



Updraft    Up and Down draft    Down draft    Flight Through a Microburst



3. **Responsibility of Air Traffic Controllers:** May temporarily close airspace when hazardous weather conditions such as severe thunderstorms, squall lines microburst or low level wind-shear are observed or forecast by NiMet.
4. **Responsibility of Pilot, Operators**
  - i. Flight Crews/Operators and Air Traffic Controllers (ATC) shall ensure adherence to aerodrome weather minima;
  - ii. Pilots shall exercise maximum restraint whenever adverse weather is observed or forecast by NiMet;
  - iii. Pilots/Flight Crew Members shall obtain adequate departure, en-route and destination weather information and briefing from NiMet Aerodrome Meteorological Offices and Stations prior to flight operations.
  - iv. Submit Pilot Weather Reports (PIREP) to any ATC facility or Flight Service when en route or by telephone after landing or by electronic submission relevant in-flight information regarding en-route conditions including turbulence, icing, visibility, temperature, and winds aloft that have the potential to cause accidents and loss of life.

#### 7. Responsibilities of Air Navigation Service Providers

- a) NiMet to provide flight crew briefings including but not limited to weather observations and forecasts
- b) NAMA to provide aeronautical information including NOTAMs among others.

**Regulatory Requirement:** Strict compliance to this AC.

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