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Change:

1. PURPOSE. This Advisory Circular provides guidance on airport related signs and graphics.

2. CANCELLATION. Advisory Circular 150/5355-1A, International Signs to Facilitate Passengers Using Airports, dated November 3, 1971 is cancelled.

3. BACKGROUND. The American Association of Airport Executives, the Airport Operators Council International, and the Air Transport Association of America jointly published a manual "Guidelines for Airport Signing and Graphics" in September 1984 (revised May 1985). This publication was a result of research and development work by an Airport Signing and Graphics Task Force composed of members from these organizations, supported by professionals in the design community, sign manufacturers, the Society of Environmental Graphics Designers, the American Institute of Graphic Arts, the Institute of Transportation Engineers, the Institute of Transportation Studies, the Aerospace Industries Association of America, and the Federal Aviation Administration.

4. GENERAL. The industry manual includes chapters on signing philosophy, standard terminology, lettering styles, color coding, aviation symbols, arrow graphic applications, sign locations, material selections, and maintenance and repair procedures. Major elements from the Department of Transportation (DOT) Graphic Standards Manual, published in 1981, which was developed by the American Institute of Graphic Arts in cooperation with the DOT Office of Facilitation, have been included in the industry manual.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS.

a. It is recommended that designers and responsible airport authorities use "Guidelines for Airport Signing and Graphics" in designing airport terminal signing systems. However, at international airports, designers and airport authorities may also wish to consult the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Document 9430-C/1080, "International Signs to Provide Guidance to Persons at Airports," to assure themselves that the information required by international travellers is satisfactorily presented.

b. Signing of roadways and other thoroughfares associated with the terminal which is either regulatory or warning in nature should be prepared and located in accordance with the Federal Highway Administration's "Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways."

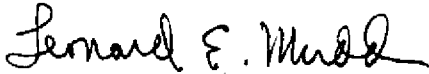
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6. HOW TO OBTAIN THE MATERIAL REFERRED TO IN THIS CIRCULAR. The joint industry manual, the ICAO document, and the Federal Highway Administration publication may be obtained, respectively, as follows:

a. Air Transport Association, Airports and Materials Department, 1709 New York Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006.

b. International Civil Aviation Organization (Attention: Distribution Office); Box 400; Place de l'Aviation Internationale; 1000 Sherbrooke Street West; Montreal, Quebec; Canada H3A 2R2.

c. Superintendent of Documents; U.S. Government Printing Office; Washington, D.C. 20402.



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