

Flight Safety Advisory Circular

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Subject:

PLEASE ADHERE TO STATION AND AIRPORT OPERATING RULES,
PRE-PLANNING AND CONSERVATIVE ESTIMATES FOR ADEQUATE
GROUND HANDLING TIME.

Background:

On July 30, 1999, a national airlines conducted a flight from Taipei to Taichung. Taichung Airport had already closed due to a thunderstorm in the area. This airlines operator did not allow adequate time for ground-handling. The operator violated the 10 minutes curfew time after the airport was reopened due to inadequate time allowed for pre-planning and ground-handling.

This violation caused a conflict between military and Air Traffic Control.

Recommendation:

All airlines should strictly adhere to station and airport operating rules and allow conservative time for pre-planning and ground handling.