

Flight Safety Advisory Circular

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Subject:

STRICTLY FOLLOW ATC PROCEDURES AND REPORT ALL DEVIATIONS TO THE APPROPRIATE ATC FACILITY.

Background:

On July 9, 1999, an ATC controller reported that a Hualien--Kaohsiung flight operated by an ROC registered operator did not comply with the assigned flight level clearance, and the aircraft passed within 700 ft vertically of another aircraft departing from Taitung to Sungshang,

The event was caused by the flight crew not properly setting the altimeter while passing through the transition altitude causing a 300 ft higher reading than the altitude cleared to. The flight crew took immediate corrective action after ATC's notification. However the aircraft had already passed within 700ft vertically of the other aircraft.

Recommendation:

Flight crews must strictly follow ATC procedures.

Any deviation from an ATC clearance, should be reported by the flight crew to the appropriate ATC facility as soon as possible through the flight safety event reporting system.