

Change of taxiway designations at Wellington (NZWN)

IFALPA Member Association New Zealand ALPA has advised that from 18 November 2010, taxiway designations at Wellington International Airport (NZWN) will change significantly (a general guide can be found in Fig 1).

While these changes are a positive step that will bring Wellington more into in line with ICAO standards and recommended practices (SARPS) a number of the existing non-standard signs (many of them unlit) will be retained for some time yet (see Fig 2).

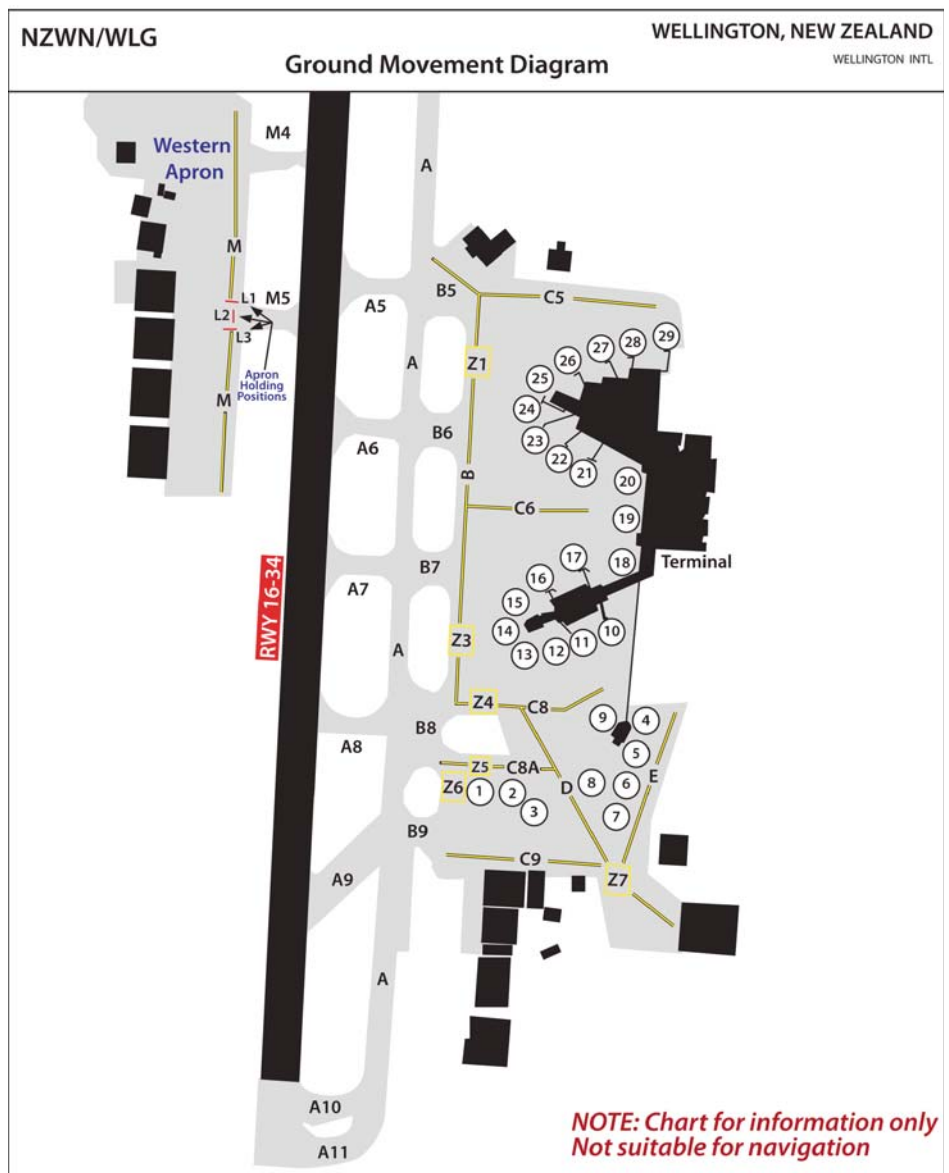
Furthermore, you should take note of the Zulu series hold areas on the Eastern Apron since confusion may arise from the markings. In the Federation's Annex 14, IFALPA argues that the letter 'Z' should not be used in taxiway markings since there is significant risk of confusion with the number 2 which may, in turn lead to elevated risk of runway incursion. To assist in monitoring, any taxi related occurrence should be reported via your normal channels.

In addition, until the planned ICAO compliant Movement Area Guidance Signage (MAGS) is installed (towards the end of 2012), extra vigilance should be exercised prior to entering the runway.



Fig 2

Fig 1



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