

3. Additionally, some departments and agencies that perform special missions have been assigned coded identifiers to permit them to apprise ATC of ongoing mission activities and solicit special air traffic assistance.

5-6-15. Interception Signals

TBL 5-6-1 and TBL 5-6-2.

TBL 5-6-1
Intercepting Signals

INTERCEPTING SIGNALS				
Signals initiated by intercepting aircraft and responses by intercepted aircraft				
(as set forth in ICAO Annex 2-Appendix 1, 2.1)				
Series	INTERCEPTING Aircraft Signals	Meaning	INTERCEPTED Aircraft Responds	Meaning
1	<p>DAY-Rocking wings from a position slightly above and ahead of, and normally to the left of, the intercepted aircraft and, after acknowledgement, a slow level turn, normally to the left, on to the desired heading.</p> <p>NIGHT-Same and, in addition, flashing navigational lights at irregular intervals.</p> <p><i>NOTE 1-Meteorological conditions or terrain may require the intercepting aircraft to take up a position slightly above and ahead of, and to the right of, the intercepted aircraft and to make the subsequent turn to the right.</i></p> <p><i>NOTE 2-If the intercepted aircraft is not able to keep pace with the intercepting aircraft, the latter is expected to fly a series of race-track patterns and to rock its wings each time it passes the intercepted aircraft.</i></p>	<p>You have been intercepted. Follow me.</p>	<p>AEROPLANES: DAY-Rocking wings and following.</p> <p>NIGHT-Same and, in addition, flashing navigational lights at irregular intervals.</p> <p>HELICOPTERS: DAY or NIGHT-Rocking aircraft, flashing navigational lights at irregular intervals and following.</p>	<p>Understood, will comply.</p>
2	<p>DAY or NIGHT-An abrupt break-away maneuver from the intercepted aircraft consisting of a climbing turn of 90 degrees or more without crossing the line of flight of the intercepted aircraft.</p>	<p>You may proceed.</p>	<p>AEROPLANES: DAY or NIGHT-Rocking wings.</p> <p>HELICOPTERS: DAY or NIGHT-Rocking aircraft.</p>	<p>Understood, will comply.</p>
3	<p>DAY-Circling aerodrome, lowering landing gear and overflying runway in direction of landing or, if the intercepted aircraft is a helicopter, overflying the helicopter landing area.</p> <p>NIGHT-Same and, in addition, showing steady landing lights.</p>	<p>Land at this aerodrome.</p>	<p>AEROPLANES: DAY-Lowering landing gear, following the intercepting aircraft and, if after overflying the runway landing is considered safe, proceeding to land.</p> <p>NIGHT-Same and, in addition, showing steady landing lights (if carried).</p> <p>HELICOPTERS: DAY or NIGHT-Following the intercepting aircraft and proceeding to land, showing a steady landing light (if carried).</p>	<p>Understood, will comply.</p>