

- 443.121 IFR flights below MRVA shall be cleared only for published IFR procedures.
- .13 If a pilot intends to cancel the IFR portion of his flight plan during the flight and to continue his flight according to visual flight rules, the cancellation shall be approved if the traffic situation permits.
- .14 No invitation to change from IFR flight to VFR flight is to be made either directly or by inference.
- .15 For the continuation of the flight according to visual flight rules below the Minimum IFR Cruising Level or the MRVA, the following reduced weather minima apply within the controlled airspace :
- flight visibility 3000 m;
 - visual contact to the ground;
 - clear of clouds.
- .151 Requirement for the application of these minima :
- the transition from IFR to VFR takes place at the Minimum IFR Cruising Level or the MRVA;
 - the controlled airspace is left immediately after the transition to VFR.
- .152 Until leaving the controlled airspace, these flights shall be separated from other controlled flights requiring separation.
- .153 The pilot shall be instructed to report leaving the controlled airspace.
- .16 The responsible ATC flight data specialist shall be informed if the change of flight rules was not intended in the flight plan.
- .17 If necessary, the pilot may be instructed to establish radio contact on the appropriate FIS frequency.

- 443.2 Change of flight rules from VFR to IFR
- .21 Flights for which a Z flight plan was filed shall be handled as VFR departures.
- .22 The IFR clearance shall be issued by the control sector responsible for the area in respectively below which the IFR portion starts.
- .23 The pilot shall be informed about the beginning of the IFR portion. If an IFR clearance is issued before entry into the controlled airspace, the pilot shall be informed that the IFR clearance will be effective upon passing the Minimum IFR Cruising Level / MRVA respectively when reaching the published IFR departure procedure within uncontrolled airspace.
- .24 For the climb from the lower limit of the controlled airspace to the Minimum IFR Cruising Level / MRVA respectively until reaching the published IFR departure procedure within uncontrolled airspace, the following reduced weather minima apply :
- flight visibility 1.5 km;
 - clear of clouds.
- .241 The reduced weather minima shall apply only after issue of the IFR clearance.
- .242 Requirements for the application of these minima :
- the transition from VFR to IFR takes place at the Minimum IFR Cruising Level / MRVA resp. on the published IFR departure procedure within uncontrolled airspace;
 - the climb between the lower limit of the controlled airspace to the Minimum IFR Cruising Level / MRVA resp. until reaching the published IFR departure procedure is executed without delay.
- .243 With the entry into the controlled airspace, these flights shall be separated from other controlled flights requiring separation.
- .25 Until reaching the MRVA respectively the Minimum IFR Cruising Level the pilot remains responsible for maintaining the Minimum Safe Height. Radar vectoring shall not start before the aircraft reaches the MRVA wherewith the responsibility for maintaining the Minimum Safe Height changes to the controller even before reaching the Minimum IFR Cruising Level.

