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Single European Sky CAA Information Bulletin

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Air Traffic:	ATS, ATC Training Colleges
Airspace:	All NATMAC Representatives
Airworthiness:	Not primarily affected
Flight Operations:	All AOC Holders
Licensed/Unlicensed Personnel:	Not primarily affected (pilots will be affected by SERA changes)

1 Introduction

- 1.1 This Information Notice provides the latest in a regular series of updates on Single European Sky (SES) and European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) Air Navigation Service/Air Traffic Management (ANS/ATM) activities from the CAA.

2 Scope

- 2.1 This Information Notice does not require addressee action.

3 SES Update

- 3.1 The fifty-ninth meeting of the **Single Sky Committee** (SSC/59) took place on 15-16 December 2015. While no votes took place, the main subject of discussion was the recent amendments to the draft Common Requirements and Oversight implementing regulation.
- 3.2 Other areas of discussion included the SES Vision, updates from the Network Manager, SESAR JU and Deployment Manager, and discussion of synchronisation of ICAO and EU regulations.

4 SES Vision

- 4.1 The Commission presented a draft final report of the SSC working group on the SES Vision for the next 20-30 years with a view to contributing to ongoing discussions from a public authorities' perspective. The report identified direct and indirect challenges for SES as well as possible trends in the technological, service provision and regulatory areas. Member States

were invited to provide final drafting suggestions ahead of a proposed stakeholder workshop in 2016.

5 SES Performance Scheme

- 5.1 The Performance Review Body (PRB) Chairman gave a presentation on potential Union-wide cost efficiency targets for terminal air navigation services (TANS). The presentation covered the recently published advice delivered to the Commission with a proposal to introduce cost efficiency targets at Union-wide level starting from 2017.
- 5.2 The Commission will now carefully assess the PRB advice with a view to next steps.
- 5.3 The Commission has also recently advised that the existing Eurocontrol support to the PRB arrangements have been extended to the end of 2016, to coincide with the end of the current PRB's designation; and that further work will be conducted in 2016 to prepare for the new 2017+ PRB designation and support arrangements.

6 EASA Developments

- 6.1 The Committee discussed the latest draft of the Regulation on Common Requirements and Oversight of air navigation service providers (merging and updating the existing Safety Oversight and Common Requirements Regulations ((EU) No. 1034/2011 and 1035/2011 respectively).
- 6.2 No vote took place on the regulation as the text is still in inter-service consultation, but during the discussion Member States were able to ask questions of the Commission services and EASA and express their views on the legal drafting. The Commission currently foresees a vote at the February 2016 Single Sky Committee.

7 Interoperability

- 7.1 The Commission introduced a discussion paper on the possible evolution of a European Communications Infrastructure Strategy, seeking Member States early views. There was general support, in particular the need for stakeholder consultation.

8 ICAO-EU Synchronisation

- 8.1 The Commission provided an update on activities to put in place mechanisms to ensure consistency between adopted EU regulations and amendments to ICAO standards. There are a number of activities ongoing in terms of upstream coordination, as well as a retrospective review to ensure existing regulations can be updated, where appropriate.

9 Network Manager

- 9.1 The Network Manager (NM) provided an update on the latest developments related to network issues and network performance and noted that a co-operative agreement between the NM and SESAR Deployment Manager was almost ready to sign.

10 SESAR updates

- 10.1 The SESAR JU (SJU) and SESAR Deployment Manager (SDM) provided progress reports on SESAR development and deployment activities, respectively.
- 10.2 SJU presented the recent steps taken for the launch of the SESAR 2020 and activities planned for 2016 to ensure the smooth closure of SESAR 1 projects. The SJU also advised that the 2015 European ATM Master Plan, was adopted on 15 December 2015 by the SJU Administrative Board.

- 10.3 SDM presented their dashboard focused on the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) Calls. The grant agreement covering the proposals submitted under the 2014 CEF call was recently signed and deployment work under way. Currently the SDM was working closely with over 100 stakeholders to prepare the proposals to the 2015 CEF call.

11 Queries

- 11.1 Any queries or requests for further guidance as a result of this communication should be addressed to:

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12 Cancellation

- 12.1 This Information Notice will remain in force until 31 January 2017.