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Single European Sky CAA Information Bulletin

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Applicability:	
Aerodromes:	All Aerodrome Licence Holders
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 sixtieth meeting of the **Single Sky Committee** (SSC/60) took place on 24-25 February 2016. The main subjects of discussion were the Commission Decisions on consistency of performance plans and targets with the RP2 EU wide targets, the Common Requirements and Oversight IR and the SERA Part C IR.
- 3.2 Other areas of discussion included updates from the Network Manager, SESAR JU and Deployment Manager, and discussion of synchronisation of EU regulations with updates to ICAO standards.

4 SES Performance Scheme

- 4.1 The Performance Review Body (PRB) Chairman gave a presentation on provisional results from performance monitoring from 2015. The final PRB monitoring report will be made available and presented to the SSC in autumn 2016. In broad terms, in the PRB's view

performance against adopted targets for RP2 was that Capacity in the SES RP2 area required further action (0.76 minutes en route ATFM delay per flight in 2015, where the target is 0.5 minutes); that flight efficiency was close to the reference value (3.36% in 2015) for the key performance area of Environment, although there were some threats to the achievement of the target that needed focus; and Cost efficiency was to be assessed in the monitoring reports to be submitted by Member States by 1 June 2016. The PRB also reported that IFR flights in 2015 were up 1.45% from 2014, with en route service units for 2015 up 3% on 2014.

- 4.2 The Commission presented three decisions relating to the consistency of targets proposed by some States in some revised performance plans, and seeking corrective measures to others. The SSC gave a positive opinion on the Decision in relation to the assessment of the consistency of local targets with EU targets.
- 4.3 The SSC gave no opinion on the two Decisions (one for EU Member States and a separate one for Switzerland) to adopt corrective measures for certain revised targets that are inconsistent with Union-wide targets. The Commission can now either refer the Decision to the Appeals Committee within one month, or bring a revised Decision back to the SSC within two months.

5 EASA Rulemaking Issues

- 5.1 The Committee discussed the content of the Commission Implementing Regulation laying down common requirements for service providers and the oversight in air traffic management /air navigation services and other air traffic management network functions. It raised issues with authority empowerment, airspace design and the bundling of ATFM and ASM with the main service provider. As a result, the SSC reached no opinion on the Decision to adopt the regulation as proposed. Next steps for this regulation are currently under consideration, including the option of launching a vote in written procedure.
- 5.2 The Commission provided an overview of the amendments made to Implementing Regulation (IR) (EU) No. 923/2012 as regards the update and completion of the common rules of the air (SER Part C). Notwithstanding, the SSC reached a positive opinion on the Decision to adopt the SERA Part C regulation.

6 ICAO-EU Synchronisation

- 6.1 The Commission introduced the latest update of the ICAO ATM synchronisation table and presented three texts of draft Implementing Regulations that have recently undergone internal Commission inter-service consultation. The Commission invited the Member States to provide specific comments by 3 March 2016 on the three presented texts and re-confirmed its intention to organise an ad-hoc meeting of the SSC to discuss the principles of the European transposition of ICAO Annexes. This would be planned around the SSC meeting in June 2016.

7 Network Manager

- 7.1 The Network Manager (NM) provided an update on the latest developments related to network issues and network performance. Eurocontrol was invited to consider what the impacts might be on performance plans and unit rates if actual route flown was used as the basis for charging rather than the current last filed flight plan.

8 SESAR Updates

- 8.1 The SESAR JU (SJU) presented a summary of the situation with respect to both the wind down of SESAR 1 and the ramp-up of SESAR 2020.

- 8.2 The SESAR Deployment Manager (SDM) summarised the status of the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) 2014 call and updated the CEF 2015 call. SSC members were encouraged to review this approach.

9 Queries

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

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10 Cancellation

- 10.1 This Information Notice will remain in force until 31 March 2017.