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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 sixty-first meeting of the [Single Sky Committee](#) (SSC/61) took place on 21-22 June 2016 and an *ad hoc* SSC took place on 2 June 2016. The main subjects of discussion were the new Performance Review Body (PRB), a review of the Functional Airspace Blocks (FABs), the Commission decisions on RP2 performance plans and a discussion on route charges based on actual route flown versus last filed flight plan.

4 New PRB

- 4.1 Currently the Eurocontrol Performance Review Commission (PRC) and Performance Review Unit (PRU) are designated as the PRB; this is due to expire at the end of 2016. The Commission has made a proposal to establish a new PRB, not based on Eurocontrol, from 2017. The Commission presented a new version of their draft decision setting up an expert group as the PRB. Following discussion the Commission agreed to prepare a revised draft to

take account of Member State comments so far. This would be sent out for further comments with the intention of a written vote in September 2016.

5 FAB Review

- 5.1 The Commission announced it will shortly be launching a study to review the progress of implementation of FABs. It is proposed that the outcome will provide recommendations to accelerate their implementation and will involve the identification of best practices.

6 Commission Decisions on RP2 Performance Plans

- 6.1 The Commission recalled the process of assessment and adoption of Commission Decisions regarding the RP2 performance plans to date. The two Decisions, relating to FABEC and BlueMed FAB (one for EU Member States and a separate one for Switzerland) assessing certain revised targets as still inconsistent with Union-wide targets and therefore requiring certain Member States to take corrective measures, received no opinion of the SSC. The Commission will now consider next steps, which might include reference to an Appeals Committee.

7 Route Charges Based on Actual Route Flown Versus Last Filed Flight Plan

- 7.1 Following discussion at the February SSC, the Central Route Charges Office (CRCO) presented a paper on the impact of charging based on actual route flown versus the last filed flight plan as is currently provided for in the CRCO and EU Charging regulations. The issue was raised because flight planning software plans the most cost effective routes and might avoid expensive airspace, but then when aircraft are in flight they can seek and receive tactical routing. It was agreed that any changes should not happen during RP2, but significant thought be given ahead of RP3. There were requests for this to be considered further at SSC/62, with the possibility of it being addressed in the SSC working group on Economics.

8 Queries

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

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9 Cancellation

- 9.1 This Information Notice will remain in force until 30 June 2017.