

SAFETY AND AIRSPACE REGULATION GROUP

ACTIVITY No 2015-00-0119

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AIRSPACE CO-ORDINATION NOTICE

RAF BENSON TACAN CALIBRATION

INTRODUCTION

1. SARG has agreed the following measures with the organiser and airspace controlling authorities to accommodate the subject Unusual Aerial Activity. This ACN replaces ACN 2014-00-0119, which may now be destroyed.

ACTIVITY

2. RAF Benson TACAN Calibration.

DATES

3. As required - this ACN is valid until further notice.

TIMES

4. To be notified. See para 10b for time restrictions.

VERTICAL LIMITS

5. Orbit height 3,000 feet on RAF Benson QNH.

CO-ORDINATES OF AREA OR EVENT

6. The calibration will take place in the following area:
- The aircraft will carry out up to two 20nm radius orbits (either clockwise or anticlockwise) of RAF Benson (5137N 00106W). (See map Annex A.)
 - Radials from 30nm to 10nm may be required to be flown in any sector which fails to meet range or bearing specifications.

OPERATING AUTHORITY OR SPONSOR

1. The following authorities will sponsor the calibration:
- Cobham Flight Inspection Ltd, Cobham Aviation Services, Bournemouth International Airport, Christchurch, Dorset. BH23 6NE
Tel: 01202 409 111. Mob: 07887 868 568.

Civil Aviation Authority

CAA House, K6 G2, 45-59 Kingsway, London, WC2B 6TE. www.caa.co.uk
Tel 0207 453 6599. DFTS (9) 6453 ext 6599. Fax 020 7453 6593.
ausops@caa.co.uk

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CONTROL AUTHORITIES

2. The following agencies will provide control during the calibration:

- a. RAF Brize Norton Supervisor/ ATCO I/C.
Tel: 01993 897878; DFTS: (9) 5461 7878.
- b. LTC (Swanwick) Group Supervisor (Airports).
Tel: 02380 401106.
- c. Swanwick (Mil) West Supervisor.
Tel: 01489 612417; DFTS: (9) 5586 2417.

AIRCRAFT

3. Beech King Air B200 or DA42 (Diamond).

CO-ORDINATION ARRANGEMENTS

4. **Operating Authority.**

- a. ACN 2015-00-0119 must be quoted in all instances.
- b. In order to avoid the peak periods of air transport operations, the calibration will be restricted to the night period. The sponsor, therefore, should anticipate a start time of approximately 2300 hrs (local), which may be varied according to the anticipated traffic situation on the day of operation.
- c. Prior to departure, the sponsor/aircraft captain is requested to telephone RAF Brize Norton Supervisor/ ATCO I/C, LTC (Swanwick) Group Supervisor (Airports) and Swanwick (Mil) West Supervisor, giving full details of the flight profile. The sponsor/aircraft captain is requested to also inform SATCO RAF Benson (Tel: 01491 827008; GPTN: (9) 5261 7008) of the flight profile details.
- d. The orbits penetrate the London TMA and Luton CTA. The aircraft must remain outside the London TMA and Luton CTA, unless prior co-ordination has taken place with LTC (Swanwick) and the aircraft receives a clearance to enter from the appropriate ATC agency.
- e. The orbits also penetrate the RAF Brize Norton CTR. The aircraft captain is responsible for obtaining the appropriate clearance from RAF Brize Norton ATC.
- f. The aircraft captain is responsible for obtaining the appropriate clearances for any radials penetrating RAF Benson, Southampton and Boscombe Down's airspace.
- g. The aircraft captain is responsible for obtaining clearance into/suppression of any Danger/ Restricted/ Prohibited Areas.