Information Notice

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FRAMEWORK BRIEFING:

MOD BOSCOMBE DOWN AIRSPACE CHANGE PROPOSAL

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Airspace:	All NATMAC Representatives
Airworthiness:	Not Primarily Affected
Flight Operations:	Not Primarily Affected
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1. Introduction

1.1 On 26 November 2013, a Framework Briefing was held at CAA House concerning a potential Airspace Change Proposal (ACP), sponsored by MOD, for the establishment of segregated airspace to support Unmanned Aircraft Systems operations. Following that Framework Briefing, MOD has indicated that it intends to proceed with the development of the Proposal to better accommodate Watchkeeper (an Unmanned Aircraft System) operations in the vicinity of MOD Boscombe Down and Salisbury Plain Training Areas.

2. Scope

2.1 Segregated airspace encompassing MOD Boscombe Down and the Salisbury Plain Training Area has been established since June 2010 although this airspace has never been activated due to delays in the Watchkeeper programme. Procedures for Watchkeeper operations have reached a level of maturity not available 3 years ago when the original ACP was first approved, which has forced MOD to reconsider the current airspace arrangements.

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3. Queries

3.1 Any queries or further guidance required as a result of this communication should be addressed to:

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4. Cancellation

4.1 This Information Notice shall remain in force until 30th April 2014.

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