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GUIDANCE ON DESIGNING STANDARD INSTRUMENT DEPARTURES DIRECT TO FLIGHT LEVELS

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Applicability:	
Aerodromes:	Aerodrome Licence Holders
Air Traffic:	Air Traffic Service providers
Airspace:	Approved Instrument Flight Procedure Designers
Airworthiness:	Not primarily affected
Flight Operations:	All AOC Holders
Licensed/Unlicensed Personnel:	Not primarily affected

1. Introduction

- 1.1 To help alleviate level busts on Standard Instrument Departures (SIDs) in part caused by varying operator altimeter setting practices, a document has been produced which contains guidance for airspace planners and instrument flight procedure designers that should be considered when designing SIDs which terminate at a Flight Level.
- 1.2 The document has been published on the CAA website and can be accessed through the following link:

<http://www.caa.co.uk/application.aspx?catid=33&pagetype=65&appid=11&mode=detail&id=6025>
- 1.3 The text contained within the guidance document will be incorporated into Civil Aviation Publication (CAP) 778: Policy and Guidance for the Design and Operation of Departure Procedures in UK Airspace at the next revision.

2. Scope

- 2.1 The guidance applies to sponsors and designers of SIDs which terminate at a Flight level.

3. Queries

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

Airspace
Safety and Airspace Regulation Group
Civil Aviation Authority
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4. Cancellation

- 4.1 This Information Notice shall remain in force until further notice.