



Civil Aviation Authority
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Removal of Support for Microsoft Windows XP Operating System

This Information Notice contains information that is for guidance and/or awareness.

Recipients are asked to ensure that this Information Notice is copied to all members of their staff who may have an interest in the information (including any 'in-house' or contracted maintenance organisations and relevant external contractors).

Applicability:	
Aerodromes:	All Aerodromes using Microsoft Windows XP
Air Traffic:	Air Navigation Service Providers using Microsoft Windows XP
Airspace:	Not primarily affected
Airworthiness:	Not primarily affected
Flight Operations:	Not primarily affected
Licensed/Unlicensed Personnel:	Not primarily affected

1 Introduction

- 1.1 Microsoft have announced their intention to end their technical support of Microsoft Windows XP from 08 April 2014. <http://windows.microsoft.com/en-GB/windows/end-support-help>

2 Scope

- 2.1 This IN is addressed to all UK aerodromes and Air Navigation Service Providers using systems that have a Microsoft Windows XP operating system.

3 Purpose

- 3.1 From 08 April 2014 updates to Windows XP, including security related updates, will no longer be available for download from Microsoft, potentially making PCs connected to external networks vulnerable to attacks by malicious software.
- 3.2 Users of systems running the Windows XP operating system should assess the impact of this change considering the wider connectivity of the systems. It should be noted that many systems connect to internet servers for timing purposes and so may be vulnerable to such an attack.
- 3.3 Where Windows XP is used in systems provided by third parties such as Met, recording or control and monitoring systems, advice should be taken from the suppliers of these systems as to the vulnerability and potential mitigations.

4 Queries

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

ATS Enquiries
Airspace, ATM and Aerodromes
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5 Cancellation

- 5.1 This Information Notice shall remain in force until 01 May 2014.

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