



Civil Aviation Authority
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Replacement Of Class F Airspace In UK Flight Information Regions – Consultation Report

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Applicability:	
Aerodromes:	Not Primarily Affected
Air Traffic:	All ATS providers
Airspace:	All NATMAC Representatives
Airworthiness:	Not Primarily Affected
Flight Operations:	All AOC Holders, PAOC Holders and General Aviation Pilots
Licensed/Unlicensed Personnel:	All Pilots, ATCOs, FISOs and AGCS Operators

1 Introduction

- 1.1 The ICAO Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme (USOAP) inspection of the UK conducted during February 2009 found that there were no plans for replacing air traffic advisory service within Class F within the UK and that, in ICAO terms, this was inappropriate use of this airspace classification. In addition, the provision of Deconfliction Service or Procedural to participating aircraft operating within Class F will not be compliant with the requirements of Regulation (EU) No 923/2012 of 26 September 2012 (Standardised European Rules of the Air (SERA)) following its implementation by the UK on 4 December 2014.

2 Consultations on CAA Proposals

- 2.1 The CAA's proposals to replace Class F Advisory Reports (ADRs) by means of regularisation to Class E airways, enhanced by additional SERA-compliant conspicuity requirements were the subject of a CAA consultation which ran from 8 April 2013 to 26 July 2013. Consultation comments identified a need for additional airspace 'fillets' in the vicinity of the Aberdeen Control Zone/Control Area that were subsequently the subject of an addendum consultation that ran from 9 October 2013 to 4 November 2013.

3 Consultation Report, Recommendations and Way Forward

- 3.1 The CAA has considered industry comment regarding its proposals and refined these accordingly. The resultant consultation report and recommendations for change can be found on the CAA website at www.caa.co.uk/consultations.
- 3.2 The recommendations for change will now be considered by CAA's Group Director, Safety and Airspace Regulation and his final decision regarding these will be announced in due course.
- 3.3 Class F airspace is planned to be replaced on an AIRAC date no later than 13 November 2014 (AIRAC 12/2014), the target implementation date being 18 September 2014 (AIRAC 10/2014). The actual implementation date will be confirmed in the CAA's decision letter to industry.

4 Queries

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

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5 Cancellation

- 5.1 This Information Notice shall remain in force until 4 December 2014.