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## European ATM CAA Information Bulletin

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| Applicability:                        |                                                                  |
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| <b>Aerodromes:</b>                    | All Aerodrome Licence Holders                                    |
| <b>Air Traffic:</b>                   | ATS, ATC Training Colleges                                       |
| <b>Airspace:</b>                      | All NATMAC Representatives                                       |
| <b>Airworthiness:</b>                 | Not primarily affected                                           |
| <b>Flight Operations:</b>             | All AOC Holders                                                  |
| <b>Licensed/Unlicensed Personnel:</b> | Not primarily affected (pilots will be affected by SERA changes) |

### 1 Introduction

- 1.1 This Information Notice provides a regular update on Single European Sky (SES) and European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) Air Navigation Service/Air Traffic Management (ANS/ATM) activities from the CAA.

### 2 Scope

- 2.1 This Information Notice does not require addressee action.

### 3 SES Update

- 3.1 The fifty-seventh meeting of the Single Sky Committee (SSC/57) took place on 17-18 June 2015. The meeting focussed on discussion on the Implementing Rules (IRs) on safety oversight and requirements for ATM and Standardised European Rules of the Air (SERA) Part C.
- 3.2 Discussion on the ATM IR at the meeting highlighted a number of issues still to be addressed in terms of clarity and consistency. Consequently the Commission will consider further refinement of the text, providing States a final opportunity for comment ahead of a planned vote at SSC/58 in October 2015.
- 3.3 A similar discussion and approach was taken on the SERA Part C IR. Whilst the vote on this IR had originally been planned for this SSC meeting, due to procedural issues it will be necessary to consider the IR at both the SSC and EASA Committee; as a result it will also be considered at SSC/58 in October 2015.

## 4 Performance Scheme

- 4.1 On 1 June 2015 the UK submitted a monitoring report covering the last year of Reference Period 1 (RP1) – 2014. The cost efficiency target was outperformed, both in terms of total costs and unit cost. Capacity targets (en route Air Traffic Flow Management delay) were outperformed in every year of RP1. Although no targets have been established for safety in RP1, there has been no significant adverse impact on safety performance observed in RP1.
- 4.2 Under the performance scheme (EU regulations [No. 390/2013](#) and [No. 391/2013](#)), Terminal Air Navigation Services (TANS) may be exempted from cost efficiency targets if they meet the market conditions test. Following a request from DfT, the CAA carried out a contestability study. DfT accepted the study and submitted it to the Commission with a request for exemption. The Performance Review Body (PRB) and the Commission are currently assessing the UK application.
- 4.3 At the same time, the PRB is conducting a consultation on a position paper laying out the approach, issues and options for potential EU-wide cost efficiency targets for TANS. The consultation which ends on 21 July 2015 was supported by an open stakeholder meeting on 3 June 2015.

## 5 SES Vision

- 5.1 The second meeting of SSC Vision Working Group took place on 18 June 2015. The aim of the Group is to identify further efficiencies in the delivery of EU air navigation services in line with the vision for SES, namely through a modern air traffic management system which serves a competitive European aviation industry by ensuring the EU remains competitive with other emerging markets, whilst accommodating general aviation and military requirements. A number of draft objectives/outcomes have been identified and a third meeting of the Working Group is planned for September.

## 6 EASA Developments

- 6.1 Details on EASA activities, a separate series of CAA Information Notices, are published regularly and can be accessed [on our website](#).

## 7 Queries

- 7.1 Any queries or requests for further guidance as a result of this communication should be addressed to:

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## 8 Cancellation

- 8.1 This Information Notice will remain in force until 31 January 2016.