Framework Brief Notes for the EAMTS Airspace Change Proposal



Subject	Notes	Action
Background and Justification	Following a request from NATS regarding airspace management process of the East Anglia Military Training Area (EAMTA), the Airspace Management Steering Group (AMSG) has requested that the MOD consider changes that introduce greater compliance with the UK Airspace Management Policy.	
Benefits	 The anticipated benefits for the MOD are: a. Reduced complexity regarding operating procedures. b. Reduced complexity regarding booking procedures. c. Reduction in the amount of allocated but unused airspace through increased participation in Flexible Use of Airspace (FUA), which assists the MOD with engagements regarding future airspace developments. 	NATS will also carry out a post implementation analysis to ascertain the benefits associated with additional access to the three CDRs that cross the EAMTA.
Proposed Airspace Change	 The following amendments are proposed: a. The upper limit of the EAMTA will be raised from FL550 to FL660 b. CDRs P5, P144 an UM185 changed to CDR 1 & 3 H24. c. Airspace will be split into two volumes, High and Low with a DFL of FL285. This will provide greater access to the airspace for CAT whilst maintaining flexibility of use for the MOD in the low segment. This will be achieved by routine activation of the Low segment by NOTAM. The High segment will be activated by 	

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	NOTAM on request at D-1	
	d. Activation times of TRA 003 will be	
	amended to match the routine NOTAMed	
	times of the EAMTA (Low) (0830 to 1800	
	Mon to Fri)	
ACP	a. NATS shall submit an ACP written by	
	on behalf of the Joint Future	
	Airspace Development Team	
	b. The process will follow CAP725	
Impact on All	Activation of the EAMTA FUA restriction in	
Airspace users	the IFPS will prevent GAT flight plans from	
	being accepted through the areas, thereby	
	providing a volume of airspace segregated for	
	military use. However, as is currently the	
	situation, it is not envisaged that military	
	operations will be routinely segregated from	
	each other. It is proposed that autonomous	
	operations will not be permitted in EAMTA	
	and all users operating within the areas will be	
	subject to the provision of an ATS	
Safety assurance	The requirement for a Safety Assessment by	A separate safety analysis will
~	the MOD was discussed and I have formally	be undertaken by NATS for the
	asked the DAATM for a Safety Assurance	civilian instructions to be
	paper to be written by the MOD. I have	published associated with this
	informed the Military Airspace Manager at	change
	Swanwick, that he can expect a request from	enunge
	DAATM for a Safety Assurance Paper to be	
	written.	
Activation of	It is proposed that EAMTA Low will be	
training area	subject to routine activation by the Military	
training area	Airspace Booking and Co-ordination Cell	
	(MABCC). The EAMTA High will be	
	activated when booked on D-1.	
	It is proposed that the MABCC will be	
	responsible for Level 2 (pre-tactical)	
	management activities associated with	
	EAMTA and TRA 003.	
	Level 3 (tactical) management of EAMTA and	
	TRA 003 will be in accordance with existing	
	procedures (the Swanwick Mil East	
	Supervisor).	
AIP changes	3 CDRs, EAMTA details, TRA 003 and	NATS responsible for
	associated charts to be updated	submitting these update
		proposals to the CAA
Physical changes	Some mapping changes will be required along	
	with adaptation	
Aviation	It was agreed that NATS shall be responsible	The CAA has confirmed that
stakeholders/	for updating all relevant LoA's and an internal	the two main stakeholders
Consultees	request has been made to those responsible for	impacted by the change are also
	these documents within the Swanwick	the co-sponsors of the ACP
	Procedures Team.	through the JFADT and
		therefore no further consultation
		is required
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		Head of Operational Development (Airspace) Swanwick will confirm NATS position on this change.
Pre notice	AIC required	Produce an AIC draft for publication three months before the change to alert airspace users of coming changes. Draft AIC to be written for at least three months before implantation date
Timescales	It has been agreed to work towards an implementation date of either 4 th January 2018 or 1 st February 2018	Confirm introduction dates acceptable by Swanwick