AIRSPACE CO-ORDINATION NOTICE

Safety and Airspace Regulation Group

Civil Aviation Authority

ACN Reference:	Version:	Date:	Date of Original
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PAL AEROSPACE SURVAILLANCE IN THE ENGLISH CHANNEL

CAT Z

Subject to NOTAM: No

Date(s) of activity/Validity:	Times - ALL TIMES UTC[1]
23 Sep 25 – 31 Dec 26	H24
Vertical Limits:	**Allocated Mode 3A (SSR):**
SFC-FL220	Tactically Issued by ATC
Aircraft Details:	**NDS Approved:**
Type: DH8-300 / DH8-106 Callsign: SPR315 (SPEEDAIR315) SPR106 (SPEEDAIR 106)	No
Event Sponsor(s):	**Aircraft Operator(s):**
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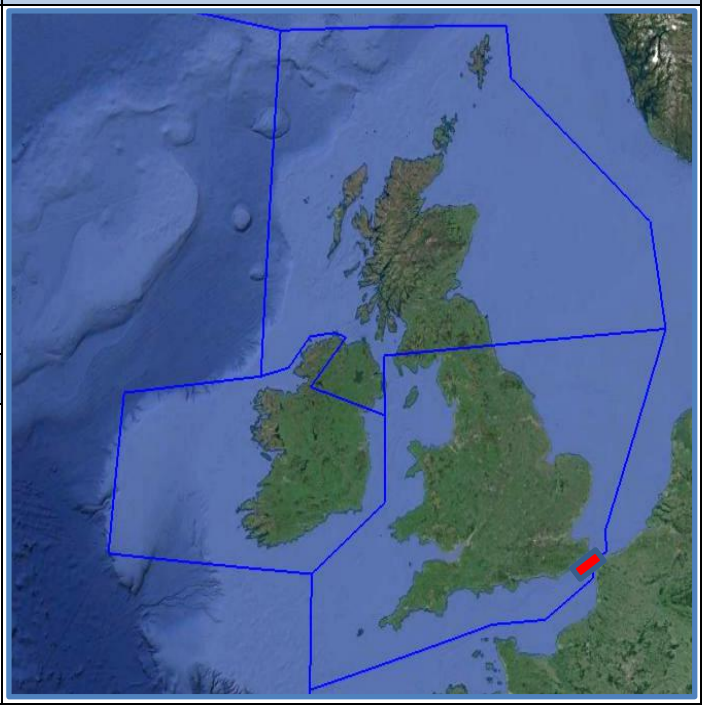
ATS Units/ Controlling Agencies:	**Geographical Limits:**
TC SWA 02380 401110	
Airspace Reservations:	
Nil	
Departure/Destination Aerodrome(s)	**ACN Issued by:**

[1] AIS Temporal Reference System: *Daylight saving time is UTC plus 1 hour. The expression "summer period" indicates that part of the year in which "daylight saving time" is in force. The other part of the year is named the "winter period". Times applicable during the "summer period" are given in brackets.*

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SECTION 1: CO-ORDINATION ARRANGEMENTS (GENERAL)

1. The pilot/operator is requested to telephone the ATC authorities on the cover prior to departure in order to notify or update the sortie details including area(s) of operation and planned levels (quoting the ACN Reference). A minimum of 24 hours' notice should be given unless specified in Section 2.

2. There may be other aircraft and/or activities outside Controlled/Regulated Airspace unknown to ATC.

3. The carriage and operation of a serviceable transponder (including Mode 'C') has been specified.

4. The pilot will be responsible for obtaining all necessary ATC clearances and for maintaining R/T contact with appropriate ATC authorities.

5. The pilot/operator will be responsible for obtaining prior clearances to enter any UK Danger Areas affected by the flight profile from the appropriate Range Control Authority unless this is specifically detailed in Section 2.

6. Other Unusual Aerial Activities (UAAs) may be notified to the CAA Safety and Airspace Regulation Group (SARG) and may take place within the airspace encompassed by this flight. The pilot/operator is to ensure that UK Daily NOTAM Nav Warnings are consulted prior to each flight.

7. All flights within Controlled Airspace are subject to the requirements of a Flight Plan in accordance with UK AIP ENR1.10. The ACN Reference should be entered into Field 18 of the Flight Plan together with any relevant 'special handling' codes.

8. Flight prioritisation and Non-Deviating Status is in accordance with the information specified on the ACN Cover. Such status may be afforded to part or all of the flight – see Section 2.

9. Availability of an ATS from Plymouth Military, Swanwick Military (78 Sqn) or Western Radar is subject to unit capacity, priorities and limitations of radar and radio coverage. Minimum pre-flight notification as per UK AIP ENR 1.6 unless otherwise specified in Section 2 of this ACN.

10. The CAA actively encourages the use of Moving map technology in the planning and flying phases of flights to reduce the risk of airspace infringements.

PUBLICATIONS AND CHANGES

11. The activity area may lie within Controlled and Uncontrolled Airspace as well as airspace reserved for military use. Aircrew are to thoroughly familiarise themselves with UK airspace structures and procedures, in particular those laid down within the UK Aeronautical Information Publication (UK AIP), ENR 1.1 and be fully conversant with UK Flight Information Services in accordance with UK CAP 493 (MATS Pt 1).

12. The CAA VFR 1:500,000 and 1:250,000 charts and the UK AIP ENR 5 depict some, but not all aviation activity sites and amendments should also be checked. Please refer to http://www.nats-uk.ead-it.com

13. This ACN details specific coordination essential to the activity taking place and does not remove the need for aircraft operators to comply with national flight planning and notification procedures. Pilots and ANSPs are required to ensure that all related aviation sites are aware of this planned activity and of subsequent changes not captured within this document.

14. The Sponsor or Event Organiser should co-ordinate any changes to this ACN with SARG quoting the ACN Reference at the top of the page.

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SECTION 2: CO-ORDINATION ARRANGEMENTS (SPECIFIC)

15. This ACN details augmentation to on-going aerial surveillance operations over the English Channel.

16. V2.0 contains some changes to the operating area see Section 3.

17. **The sponsor is responsible for obtaining any required permits to fly within UK airspace; this ACN does not constitute approval to fly in UK airspace, but only outlines the coordination process/contacts to facilitate the flight.**

18. **Notification.** The sponsor **/** pilot is to contact the appropriate agencies at least **1 hour** prior to departure to confirm final details and availability of an Air Traffic Service (ATS)

19. **Priority.** This flight has been categorised as CAT Z, (*CAP 493 – Section 1, Ch4, Para 10c refers*) and attracts no priority. Subject to the prevailing traffic conditions on the day, there may be level restrictions, or the aircraft may be provided vectors / requested to hold to allow most efficient use of airspace.

20. **ATS Provision – Controlled Airspace (CAS).** Access to controlled airspace is subject to the prevailing traffic situation and controller workload. The pilot is responsible for obtaining a clearance to enter controlled airspace prior to penetration.

21. **ATS Provision – Outside CAS.** The survey area is within the radio coverage of the following units:

a. London Flight Information

22. Availability of an ATS from a unit is not guaranteed, is subject to controller availability, unit workload and possible reduced hours of operations. Amendments to the published hours of availability, as listed in the UK AIP ENR 1.6 – Para 4.1, AD2 or UK Military AIP, shall be notified via NOTAM.

23. Amendments to the published hours of availability, as listed in the UK AIP ENR 1.6 – Para 4.2, shall be notified via NOTAM.

24. **Air-to-Air Refuelling Areas (AARAs).** For details of the AARAs see the UK AIP – ENR 5.2. Activation is by NOTAM, and when active, information can be obtained from Swanwick Mil.

25. **Danger Areas (DAs).** Access to any DA is subject to range requirements and access is not guaranteed. The sponsor is to engage with the DA Authority at the earliest opportunity to coordinate access, noting that access may only be possible outside notified operating hours.

26. **Temporary Reserved Areas (TRA).** The sponsor is responsible for complying with the requirements for access to any TRA iaw the UK AIP – ENR 1.1 (Para 5.1.5).

SECTION 3

Area of Operation

27. Charts highlighting the area of operation are shown below. These are for illustrative purposes only and not for operational planning. **NB Parts of the operating are may lie inside French sovereign airspace. The aircraft is equipped onboard mapping layers and will not penetrate any foreign sovereign airspace without prior diplomatic approval. This boundary, as defined below, is intentional for simplicity.**
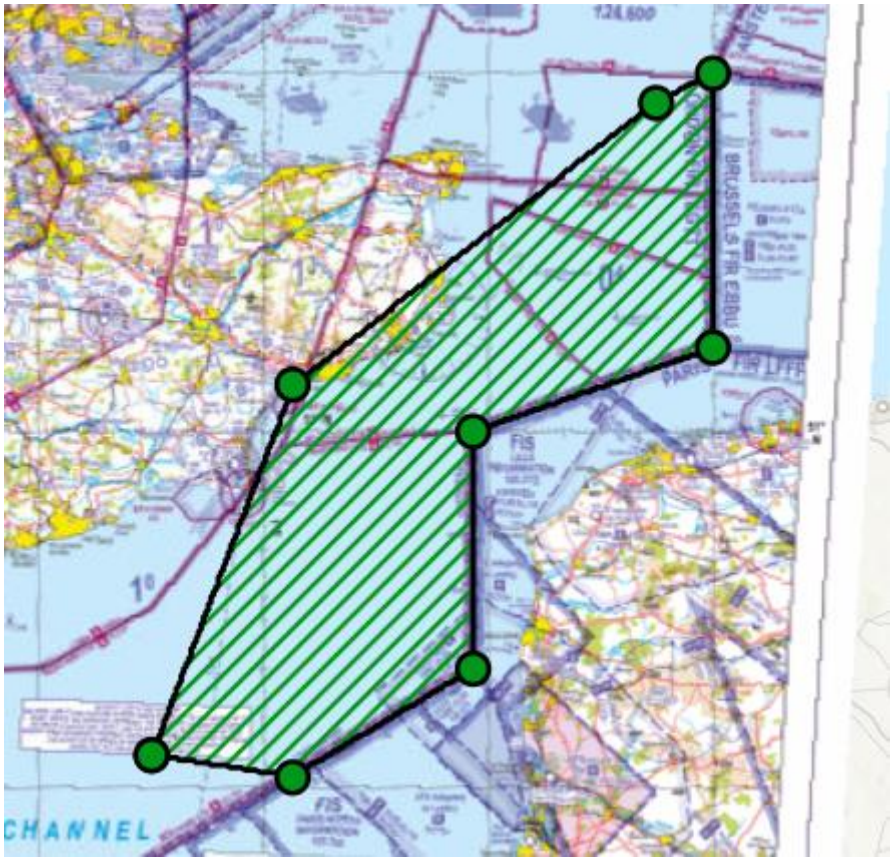
Chart 1