

All NATMAC Representatives

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**NATMAC INFORMATIVE LETTER**

Dear Colleagues,

**CAA OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC STEERING GROUP**

The purpose of this letter is to draw your attention to the establishment of the CAA Olympic and Paralympic Steering Group (COPSG), which has been set up by CAA in response to the UK being awarded the 2012 Olympics and Paralympics in London. The primary purpose of the group will be to ensure that a high standard of aviation safety continues to be maintained throughout the period leading up to, during and immediately following the 2012 London Olympics.

The Group will be working in partnership with the Department for Transport and, where appropriate, the working groups of the London Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympics Games (LOCOG). It will deliver specialised aviation advice to facilitate informed decision making in the lead up to the Games, giving due regard to the provision of airspace, air traffic services, aerodrome licensing, flight operations, economic, environmental, and some security related regulatory functions.

The objectives of the group are to:

- Anticipate all Olympic related aviation activities, to determine the need for new or amended policy to deal with those activities, and to take measures to assist industry in managing the safety of such activities.
- Act as a focal point for all external Olympic related information coming into the CAA and for all Olympic related information leaving the CAA.
- Co-ordinate all CAA activities associated with the London Olympics.
- Provide the CAA interface with other interested groups and bodies as necessary (Government, NATS, Police, Olympic Authority etc.)

The Steering Group members have been selected to represent the 5 CAA Divisions having safety responsibilities (FOD, AWD, LD, ATSD, AUS). This ensures all aspects of the project are identified and adequately addressed.

A DfT-led stakeholder day will take place at the Department's office at Great Minster House, 76 Marsham Street, London SW1P 4DR at 10.30am on Friday 26 June 2009; further details are available by contacting [Olympics.Airspace@dft.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Olympics.Airspace@dft.gsi.gov.uk). In due course, information will be available on the DfT website, [www.dft.gov.uk](http://www.dft.gov.uk).

Finally, coincident with the publication of this notice, the CAA has launched a page on its website ([www.caa.co.uk/olympics](http://www.caa.co.uk/olympics)) to cover the issues mentioned herein. It will also provide links to other stakeholder bodies and will evolve and grow as the Olympic event draws near.

Any queries or further guidance required should be addressed to:

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Yours sincerely

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