

All NATMAC Representatives

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NATMAC INFORMATIVE LETTER

Dear Colleagues,

CLOSURE OF WAINFLEET AIR WEAPONS RANGE - EG D308

Danger Area (DA) EG D308 at Wainfleet is an Air Weapons Range (AWR) on the Lincolnshire coast that is sponsored by the Defence Training Estate. The AWR is currently notified active from surface to 23,000 feet amsl, during its published hours of operation, and surface to 5000ft amsl within the onshore element of the larger DA for unexploded ordnance demolition from sunrise to sunset. The MOD has confirmed that Wainfleet AWR is no longer required and will, therefore, close on 3 December 2009. However, an Explosive Ordnance Demolition area will need to remain pending a further assessment of future need; this remaining DA will be activated by NOTAM as required. The En-Route AIP entry for EG D308 will be adjusted accordingly.

The CAA has considered the airspace and likely environmental issues associated with the closure of Wainfleet AWR, and is content that its removal, whilst not changing the Class G airspace classification, will simplify airspace arrangements in the region, which should be of benefit to the wider aviation community. Also, as a result of this change, both aircraft noise and fuel burn are expected to reduce in the coastal area around Wainfleet.

For expediency this change to airspace arrangements in the Lincolnshire coastal area will be initially promulgated by NOTAM, and followed up by a change to the AIP at the next appropriate AIRAC cycle. If you have any queries concerning the detail of this change, the CAA point of contact is Bob O'Neill, Off-Route Airspace on 020 7453 6542.

Yours sincerely,

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