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NATMAC INFORMATIVE LETTER

Dear Colleagues,

NOTIFICATION OF ADDITIONAL NIGHT-TIME FUEL SAVING ROUTES (NFSR)

This letter is to advise you that the Directorate of Airspace Policy has approved the introduction of additional Night-time Fuel Saving Routes (NFSR) in UK airspace.

This initiative provides shorter defined domestic and international routes for traffic overflying certain parts of the UK at night, between 0001hrs and 0700hrs local. These particular routes are for flights over southern UK that will provide connectivity to the domestic airspace structure and to facilitate traffic inbound to the London and Paris TMAs. All routes will enable aircraft operators to flight plan a more optimal profile, which will improve operating costs and reduce fuel burn and CO₂ emissions.

As these are allowable Directs (DCTs) above FL245, they will be listed as such in Appendix 4 of the CFMU RAD and in the UK Standard Route Document (SRD). As they are not defined as Upper ATS routes, they will not be included in Section 3 of the UK En-route (ENR) AIP.

Any activation of a Danger Area that affects any portion of a published NFSR DCT will render that DCT becoming unavailable for flight planning over that period. Closure of any DCT will be notified by NOTAM, and any flight plan filed on a closed route will result in the generation of a FPL reject message by IFPS.

These particular NFSR will be implemented on 18th November 2010.

Further details can be obtained from the NATS ATM Development Manager on 01489 612751, email: <mailto:ash.bennett@nats.co.uk>

Yours sincerely



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