

All NATMAC Representatives

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NATMAC INFORMATIVE LETTER

Dear Colleagues,

TEMPORARY CONTROLLED AIRSPACE (CAS-T): RECLASSIFICATION AS CLASS D

The Directorate has, following an internal review, concluded that classification of temporary controlled airspace (CAS-T) for the purposes of Royal Fixed-Wing flights is an inflexible use of airspace and overly burdensome on airspace users and service providers alike. The Review considered issues identified over a number of years by civil and military service providers and the present DAP process of CAS-T provision. The Review concluded that Class D would be a more appropriate and flexible classification for CAS-T than Class A or C.

With effect from 1 September 2010 CAS-T will be notified as Class D Airspace; applicable access criteria and separation standards apply¹.

Royal Flights in fixed-wing aircraft will, whenever possible, take place within the national ATS route structure. Standard ATC procedures shall be applied to Royal Flights when operating in permanent Class A, C and D Airspace. In all other instances, the airspace around the route will be designated CAS-T² (Class D).

The processes for dissemination of information shall remain unaltered.

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Yours sincerely,



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¹ Amendment to ENR 1.1 (Subpara 4.2.2.1)

² Amendment to ENR 1.1 (Subpara 4.2.1.1)