

Sent: Thursday, December 16, 2010 9:45 AM
Subject: Procedure for non transponder equipped aircraft

Dear Sir/Madam,

As part of the Consultation process for the proposal to establish a Temporary Transponder Mandatory Zone (TTMZ) over the Clyde Wind Farm, NATS has worked with stakeholders and has developed a procedure whereby aircraft which are not transponder-equipped can access/transit the TTMZ with the minimum of inconvenience.

The procedure for non-transponder-equipped aircraft would be as follows:

- Prior to take off the pilot should telephone an allocated number to request authorisation to access the TTMZ for a block period.
- Authorisation will be granted for a set period (likely to be between 4-8 hours).
- The proposed TMZ is temporary and will only be in place for 18 months, after this time all restrictions (and the necessity for this procedure) will be lifted.

The above procedure is designed as a further measure to mitigate against the TTMZ impacting on the activities of those airspace users who are not equipped with transponders. Experience from a similar procedure used for the Stansted TMZ shows that authorisation was granted more than 99% of the time (2 out of 268 requests were not authorised). Please note this procedure does not change the substance of the TTMZ proposal as described in the Consultation document.

The consultation period closes on Saturday 18th December, any comments you may wish to make after this date will still be accepted, and may still influence the final airspace change proposal. You can submit your response by the preferred option of email to, clydetmz@sserenwables.com or via the free post address at Freepost – RSKK-BGEC-XYLB, ruth Semple, Community Liaison Officer, Clyde TMZ Response, SSE Renewables, 16 Robertson Street, Glasgow G2 8DU. All response submitted will be forwarded to the CAA Directorate of Airspace Policy who will consider the merits of this proposal. All responses submitted will be forwarded to the CAA Directorate of Airspace Policy who will consider the merits of this proposal.

A detailed consultation feedback report will be issued to all stakeholders after the close of Consultation.

Yours Faithfully,
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