

News Release

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CAA OUTSOURCES DESIGN OF INSTRUMENT FLIGHT PROCEDURES

Recent changes to the Air Navigation Order require all Instrument Flight Procedures in the UK to be approved by the UK Civil Aviation Authority (CAA). With immediate effect, the CAA has announced that it will be allowing independent third party organisations and individuals to design IFP for use in UK airspace.

During a two-year transition period the CAA will continue to design IFP, on request and on a cost recovery basis, to ensure continuity of procedure design provision. After March 2012, it is anticipated that the procedure design industry will be robust enough for the CAA to act purely as a regulator.

The CAA will approve and audit designs, designers and design organisations to ensure that they maintain the highest standards in terms of safe and flyable procedures. Only procedures that have met all the regulatory requirements will be notified in the UK Aeronautical Information Publication.

The CAA will continue to offer advice to aerodromes and operators on all aspects of Instrument Flight Procedures. Where the CAA is requested to design procedures for an aerodrome or sponsor, this activity will be subject to contract through CAA International.

Full details are available on the CAA website at <http://www.caa.co.uk/default.aspx?catid=7&pagetype=90&pageid=2368>

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Notes to Editors:

1. The CAA is the UK's specialist aviation regulator. Its activities include: making sure that the aviation industry meets the highest technical and operational safety standards; preventing holidaymakers from being stranded abroad or losing money because of tour operator insolvency; planning and regulating all UK airspace; and regulating airports, air traffic services and airlines and providing advice on aviation policy from an economic standpoint.

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