

Colleagues

The following NOTAM has been issued, Ref: B0379/09.

'On 12th March there will be changes made to Central and Southern airspace in order to address congestion at CPT/WOD and to ensure that the airspace better fits the climb profiles of most aircraft.

There will be a new frequency of 134.460 MHz.

Aircraft from EGBB/BE/NX/FF/GD/TG/SS/SC/BJ/VN/DL/VA will now be included in the Upper Sector, enabling them to potentially reach their cruising levels earlier.

Aircraft from EGCC/GP/CD/NR may experience some periods of levelling off until they are clear of the congestion point at CPT/WOD. While every attempt will be made to get aircraft to their cruising levels as quickly as possible, it is requested that Pilots refrain from asking for higher in order to reduce RT workload.

Fast climbing aircraft from the LTMA (EGLL/GW/KK particularly) may find themselves level at FL290 for longer than they would have previously due to changes in the airspace DFL. Released for Climb procedures have been negotiated with Brest ACC to ensure that time spent levelled off will be a minimum. It is again requested that Pilots refrain from asking for higher in order to reduce RT workload.'

If you have any queries on this, please contact David.Simpson@nats.co.uk

Regards

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