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01/19 Strategic Lateral Offset Procedures (SLOPs) Mogadishu FIR (HCSM)

Authorization

WEF from 18th August, 2016 SLOPs will be introduced in Mogadishu FIR between FL290 and FL410 Inclusive on all en-route ATS routes

General

The use of SLOPs shall not affect the application of prescribed separation standards. SLOPs may only be applied by aircraft with automatic offset tracking capability. The decision to apply SLOPs is the responsibility of the flight crew and no ATC clearance is required. Position reports shall not be the coordinates of the offset position however the waypoints or navigational facility. The offset shall be applied from top of climb to top of decent. Pilots may contact other aircraft on the inter-pilot air-to-air frequency 123.45 MHz to co-ordinate offsets.

Application

The lateral separation minima or spacing between route center lines is 30NM or more, therefore offsets to the right of the center line relative to the direction of the flight should be applied in tenths of a nautical mile up to a maximum of 2NM.

On maximum of 2NM offset is approved therefore crew should, if the aircraft is equipped with a capability, to offset in tenths of a nautical mile then randomly choose an offset position of 0.1NM or more up to 2NM right of track.

If the aircraft is only equipped with capability to offset in whole nautical miles, then randomly choose an offset position of 1NM or 2NM right of track.

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